



# HIDDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOME OF THE HAWKS



## HAWK NEWS ALERT October 22, 2021

### Important Dates

|                 |                                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Oct 25 - Oct 29 | Red Ribbon Week                   |
| Oct 29          | Halloween Parade @ 10:30 am       |
| Nov 1           | School Recess (No School)         |
| Nov 2           | Staff Development Day (No School) |
| Nov 3           | Diwali                            |
| Nov 4           | Picture Retake/Make up            |
| Nov 11          | Veterans Day (No School)          |
| Nov 12          | Staff Work Day (No School)        |

## READ-A-THON



Hidden Hills Elementary School Parents,

We are holding a Read-a-thon and we really need everyone to participate. If you have not already done so, please click on this link to activate your reader's personal page:

<https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/eujPMk>

You can do it all in a minute or two and help us meet our financial needs!

Thanks so much,  
Hidden Hills Elementary School

## HALLOWEEN PARADE

Friday, Oct 29th @10:30am  
On The Blacktop

Parents are welcome and can enter the blacktop at 10:25am through the gate by the bike racks.

Costumes should not include blood, gore or weapons.

## RED RIBBON WEEK

OCT 25th -OCT 29th

- Monday** - Follow Your Dreams (Wear Pajamas to Class)
- Tuesday** - We are United:Clone Day! (Dress like a Friend or Your Entire Class!)
- Wednesday** - Use Your Head to Outsmart Drugs (Hat Day)
- Thursday** - Team up to Make Healthy Choices (Wear clothes from your Favorite Team)
- Friday** - Drugs are Scary (Wear your Halloween Costume!)



**Thursday, November 4th, 2021**

Make up Picture Day is for:

New Students

Students who were Absent  
Students who want a Retake  
Please check the flyer below on how to request a retake.

Please Notify APVISIONS by

Nov 1st

if you wish to retake.

## CogAT Testing on Jan 29th, 2022

SRVUSD will be offering the CogAT exam for all students new to the district who have never taken it and for 3rd and 4th grade students who have taken it once previously and would like another try. The CogAT exam is used for Gate identification and ATP eligibility. Register from **October 19 to November 12** on the [Gate Testing page](#) of the district website. *Late registrations will not be accepted.* All families in grades 3-7 should have also received [this email](#) from the District with additional information.

## Vaccination Status Update

The deadline to upload your vaccination status to Be A Mentor was **Friday, October 15th.**

If you haven't uploaded your proof of vaccination, you will not be able to volunteer at school.

**TK and Kinder Parent Information Nights:**  
tentatively scheduled for January

**TK- January 13, 2022**  
**Kinder- January 20, 2022**

They will be held virtually via webinar.

## Independent Study Request for Pre-Determined Absences

An Independent study request can be made for minimum of 5 days and a maximum of 14 days. Students requesting 5 to 10 days of planned absence shall give 3 to 5 days notice prior to absence. Students requesting more than 10 days of planned absence shall contact the principal 5 to 10 days before the leave request initiates.

Please contact your teacher or the school office to initiate a Independent Study Request.

“No student is entitled to a short-term independent study contract in excess of fourteen (14) instructional school days in a school year.”

## COVID Testing

COVID testing is available at the SRVUSD Education Center **Monday to Friday 11:30am to 5:30pm and Saturday 8am to 12pm.**

➤ [SRVUSD Education Center, 699 Old Orchard Drive, Danville](#)  
(outside on the grass)

To sign up, please follow the instructions posted on the district [website](#).  
(Pre-registration is required)

- There is no cost for this test.
- Tests area PCR nasal swab.
- Test samples are sent overnight to the lab.
- Results are available within 24 to 48 hours.
- Results will be sent via email or you can check the status via the GVP app or website.



**YEARBOOK DISCOUNT!!!**  
**Last chance for a discount -**  
**Save 5% till Oct. 31st**

## PRE-ORDERED THROUGH REGISTRATION?

Sign in to Treering and update your child's teacher (login -> My Kids -> Kid Settings -> Edit the 2021-2022 info)

## UPLOAD PICTURES

Upload pictures of 1st Day of School, school friends, and Hidden Hills siblings!  
*Please only share school related photos. All others will be removed.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 31th** - save 5% off till then
- Nov. 1st** - 1st Day of School and Run for Ed pictures due
- Dec. 15th** - 5th grade baby pictures due (see flyer)
- Jan. 15th** - Halloween and Winter Celebration pictures due
- Apr. 15th** - Personalized pages due

## Additional COVID Testing Options

For an additional testing option, Contra Costa County is providing testing without an appointment at their drive thru location in Bishop Ranch.

Address: 2600 Camino Ramon, San Ramon  
Testing hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Walk-ins without appointment accepted until 11:30 a.m. You can also schedule [online](#).

[More County Testing Centers](#)



## Update

**Instrumental Music** Next week instrumental music classes will meet on Thursday, but not on Friday, due to special activities that are happening in the classrooms as well as the parade on Friday. Students will only need to bring instruments on Thursday. Also, we will have a few more holidays and days off coming up, so it's a good idea for the students to get into a good practice routine. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have received folders with possible concert music, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students have several songs assigned to practice. Thank you and feel free to contact me. – Mr. Ehling. [ahling@srvusd.net](mailto:ahling@srvusd.net)

## FITNESS FRIDAY

Join us for Fitness Friday! Start your day with exercises and fun!

Oct 29th @ 7:15 AM-7:45 AM.

We will meet on the blacktop every other Friday.

Please Register and fill out the Student Waiver in the flyer below.



**Please DO NOT send your child to school if they present the following symptoms**

*Fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue/weakness, headache, body/muscle aches, sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, new loss of taste and smell, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. [Symptom Infographic](#)*

If your child is sick and stays home or is sent home due to illness from school, please do one of the following in order [to return back to school.](#)

**Parent Volunteers needed during lunch time to help supervise students and to distribute lunch.**

(must be approved and registered with

[Be A Mentor](#)

[Volunteer Management System](#))

[Signup Genius Link](#)

Vaccine Status is MANDATORY by October 15th. Please upload a picture of your vaccine card to Be A Mentor.

Please contact HH Office for more details.

## HH Library Volunteers Needed

Our school librarian, Mrs. Czerwinski, is looking for parent volunteers to shelve books! All volunteers must be cleared through [Be A Mentor](#) and have proof of vaccination uploaded. **When you arrive on campus, please wear a mask and check in at the school office before heading to the library.** Please feel free to [sign up](#) for the entire day if you are available. Mondays have shorter time slots than Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you for your help!

## Attendance News

*Please call the attendance line @ 925-479-3898*

Please do all you can to minimize absences and reduce being tardy. Plan around school holidays and breaks to reduce missing school days.

Research shows that tardiness and school attendance are a major factor for school success. It is important to be in school on time and ready to learn!

[SRVUSD Attendance Awareness](#)



October is National Walk/Bike Month, and Street Smarts is having a Poster Contest! Street Smarts is inviting all elementary school age students to enter the "Walk and Roll with Street Smarts" Poster Contest to win great prizes! The two top winning posters in each grade level (K-2 nd ) (3 rd -5 th ) will be displayed on Street Smarts Banners throughout the community and marking materials.

Visit: [street-smarts.com](http://street-smarts.com) "2021/2022 Contests" for more information. PLEASE FOLLOW CONTEST GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS LISTED AT [Street Smarts Poster Contest](#).

Please like and follow  
**PTA Facebook Page**  
for updates and current events in school.  
[https://www.facebook.com/  
HHElementaryPTA](https://www.facebook.com/HHElementaryPTA)



**Making an Amazon Purchase?**  
Log into [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and make your purchase. A small portion of purchase will be donated back to Hidden Hills Education Fund.  
Every small amount counts.  
Don't forget to choose Hidden Hills Hawks Education Fund at checkout.  
Remember to always start at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to support our school every time you shop!



### **FORGOTTEN LUNCHES!**

If you have a forgotten lunch, please drop it in the office NO LATER than 10:45am. Please clearly identify the lunch with **first & last name, grade, and teacher** before dropping it off.

Please remember this is only for the occasional emergency forgotten lunch and this courtesy is not meant for regular delivery. Students should bring their lunch with them each morning unless they plan to take the district lunch being offered in the MPR. Thank you.

Please follow the Law and all posted signs when turning into our parking lot.



**There is NO left turn into the Hidden Hills Loop from Harcourt Way**

### **School Parking Lot Reminder**

Only Hidden Hills staff members and auction winners may park in the front parking lot at arrival and dismissal times. Please allow enough time to park on the street during pick up and drop off. There are only two areas for pick up/drop off for Grades 1 - 5: carpool and blacktop. Only Kinder and TK students are allowed to be dropped off and picked up in the back parking lot along the curb. **Back lot parking spaces are for parents heading to the Growing Room only.** Thank you in advance for complying with our school rules.

### **Parent Compacts**

Parent compacts were emailed a couple weeks back. Please read, sign, have your student sign and return as soon as possible. This is a requirement for schools that receive federal funding.

### *Important Information and Resources*

[SRVUSD Instructional Calendar 2021-2022](#)

[Elementary School Lunch Menu - October 2021](#)



### **ANNUAL PTA Reflections THEME Search**

Each Year, Students are invited to submit themes for the annual Reflections Art Program that will inspire young artists to create original works.

Submit your **THEME SEARCH** entries by  
November 1, 2021

Contact - Hazel -  
[hiddenhillsreflections@gmail.com](mailto:hiddenhillsreflections@gmail.com)



# Counselor's CORNER

## OCTOBER 2021

Ms. Hassay

### Counseling Monthly Focus:

This month we are focusing on the *Zones of Regulation* & respecting *personal space*. Personal space is the imaginary bubble around yourself to represent the comfortable distance between you and other people.

Recommended books about personal space:

- *Clark the Shark*
- *Personal Space Invader*

### For Parents:

- Model personal space and body language.
- Practice personal space.
- Use personal space language. "Too close!"
- Use visual cues – like a hula hoops!
- Make sure to give plenty of reminders!

### Let's CONNECT!



[khassay@srvusd.net](mailto:khassay@srvusd.net)



### Happy, Healthy Kids TIP:

When your child is experiencing BIG, upset feelings, their brain cannot listen or learn in that moment. Rather than negotiating with or punishing them, help the child name their feelings. Then, practice a coping skill.





**Hidden Hills  
Red Ribbon Week  
Oct. 25- 29, 2021**

**Join us as we commit to  
staying healthy and drug  
free!**

- MON. "Follow Your Dreams"  
Wear Pajamas to Class**
- TUES. "We are United: Clone Day!"  
Dress like a Friend or Your Entire Class!**
- WED. "Use Your Head to Outsmart Drugs"  
Hat Day**
- THURS. "Team up to Make Healthy Choices"  
Wear clothes from your favorite team!**
- FRI. "Drugs are Scary"  
Wear your Halloween Costume!**

# Social Justice - 4-Part Education Series

For some parents, talking about race to a child can be unnerving. For others, it's a natural and necessary conversation from the beginning. Children begin to notice race as early as 6 months and begin to develop biases as young as 3. Parents must realize that when nothing is said about race, a lot is actually still being communicated. An important first step in teaching our children about how to be "color conscious" rather than "color blind" is to continue to deepen our own personal knowledge about race and to develop the skills to engage with them as well as others, in an effective way.

\*This series is for parents who want to talk about race and are interested in learning tools. This is not for those who want to debate whether racism exists or not.

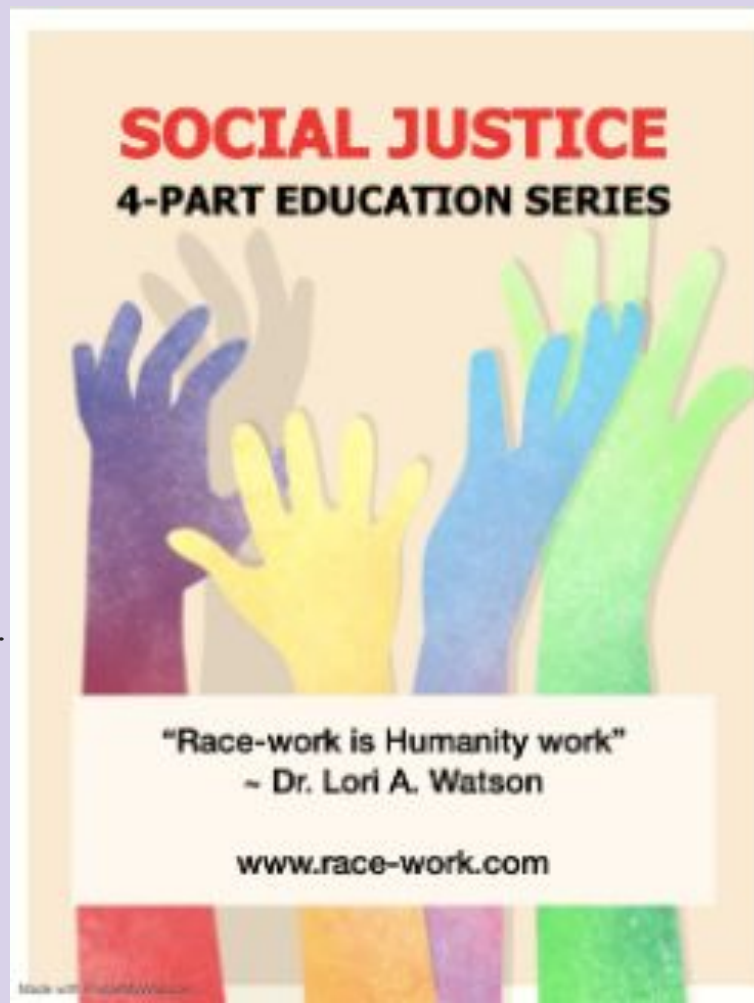
Join us for the impactful and in-depth 4-part educational series facilitated by Dr. Lori Watson.

**DATES: December 9,  
February 7, April 26**

**TIME: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.**

Either zoom or in-person information will be provided closer to each date. You do not have to attend all sessions.

Here is the [link](#) to sign up.



# San Ramon Valley Science Olympiad Info Night

Are you interested in joining the Spring 2022 SRVSO science competition for 4th and 5th graders?



If so, come to info night, where we will explain the competition in detail!

**When:** Time: Oct 24, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/2234181553?pwd=SnpJT0l3U1c0RHlhQnBMb244TFRYUT09>

Interested in attending? Fill out this form so that we can email you:

<https://forms.gle/MozY6cQTT5Z3x2iG6>



# The No Place For Hate<sup>®</sup> Promise

1

**I PROMISE** to do my best  
to treat everyone fairly.

2

**I PROMISE** to do my best to be kind  
to everyone — even if they are not like me.

3

**IF I SEE** someone being hurt or bullied,  
I will tell a teacher.

4

**EVERYONE** should be able to feel  
safe and happy in school.

5

**I WANT OUR SCHOOL** to be No Place For Hate<sup>®</sup>.

Have You Signed the No Place For Hate<sup>®</sup> Promise Yet?  
Find out how from your school's No Place For Hate<sup>®</sup> committee.

**ADL**  
Anti-Defamation League<sup>®</sup>





# MAKE UP PICTURE DAY



## Thursday, November 4th



Make up Picture Day is for:  
New Students  
Students who were absent  
Students who want a Retake

### What do I need to do for Picture Day?

#### ***New Students & Students who were Absent***

Your child is already on our list to take a photo. Place your order with the QR code slip they come home with within 1 week of picture day for the best pricing.

#### ***Students who want a Retake***

A) If you already received your portrait package, please email us to put your child's name on the retake list to ensure their portrait is captured. Your full portrait package must be returned to the photographer on make up day to receive a new package at no additional cost. If your package is not returned on Picture day additional reprint fees may apply.

B) If you do not have a package to return but would like a retake photo, log into your child's proof link by scanning your QR code or use the link below (online code is the number on the QR code slip that came home on picture day), scroll to the bottom of the package options and select Retake Photo.

*Please note the retake photo REPLACES the original photo.*

**RETAKE REQUESTS MUST BE MADE A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO MAKE UP DAY. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT APVISIONS PRIOR TO THIS TIME FRAME YOUR CHILD'S RETAKE PHOTO WILL NOT BE CAPTURED.**

<https://vando.imagequix.com/g1000872516>



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## **FITNESS FRIDAY**

Join us for Fitness Friday! Start your day with exercises led by our PTA chairperson, Dinesh Kumar!

**Oct 29th @ 7:15 AM-7:45 AM**

We will meet on the blacktop every other Friday.

In order to limit any possible COVID exposure and to assist with contact tracing, we must enforce the following guidelines this year:

- **All students who wish to participate MUST complete the registration form and waiver. Walk-ins will not be accepted.**
- **Parents and non-Hidden Hills siblings may not participate at this time. Please do not enter the blacktop with your student.**
- **Students may join this program at any time throughout the year as long as the registration form and waiver have been signed prior to the participation date (no later than the night before).**

\*All other students who will not be joining Fitness Friday must wait outside of the gate until the staff monitor arrives at 7:45.

Fitness Friday student registration and waiver:

<https://forms.gle/vftaMphe2nhCnqHr6>

Thank you for your understanding. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,  
Hillary Wong  
Hidden Hills Elementary PTA President

# 10% Discount when You Purchase the Hidden Hills Elementary Yearbook by September 30th!

**10% OFF**

purchase by  
September 30



## Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

## To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to [www.treering.com/validate](https://www.treering.com/validate)
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:  
**1016019833804511**

Regular Price: **\$29.00**

\*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

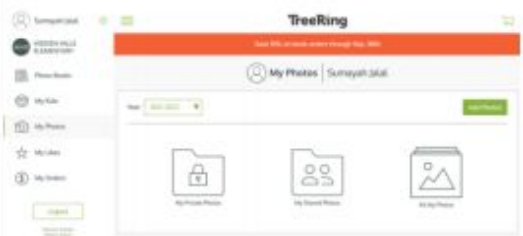
Deadline: **Apr 15**

# TreeRing

# TREERING PICTURE UPLOADING INSTRUCTIONS

## STEP 1: Add Photo

- Click on 'My Photos'
- Click on 'Add Photos'



## STEP 2: To Share or Not to Share

- **Selecting 'Yes – I want to share'** enables them to be considered for the main shared yearbook pages \*
- **Select 'No – Keep 'em private'** to use for your own personalized pages

*\*Only upload school related pictures for sharing. All non-school related pictures will be removed from the shared folder.*



## STEP 3: Add to Class Folder

- Select your class folder
- Select 'Add Photo'



## STEP 4: Add Child's Name & Tag Activity

- Add your child's name by clicking on the people icon
- Tag the activity. (standardized tags are: 1stday, classroom, siblings, halloween, boosterthon, funrun, blockparty, carnival, elac, wordsmatter, fieldtrip, music, pe, art, friends, project, crazyhair)



## STEP 5: Save Click 'Done'

# Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> Graders!



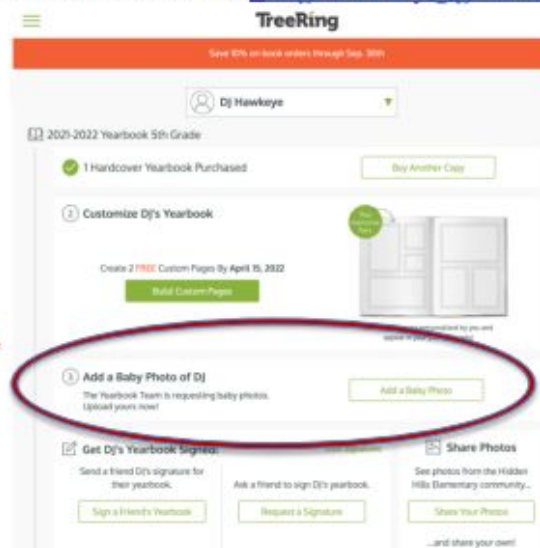
## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Baby Photos Submission

Deadline for submission December 15, 2021

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents - We would love to feature every 5th grade student at Hidden Hills on our very popular 5<sup>th</sup> grade baby photo pages! Also, please consider purchasing a yearbook as a keepsake for their last year at Elementary School. With customization features and personalized pages, it'll be one to remember!

### HOW TO SUBMIT A BABY PHOTO OF YOUR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHILD.

1. Login to Treering or go to [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate) (school code 1016019833804511) to setup an account.
2. Use step 1 to Order your yearbook (not required)
3. Use step 2 to Customize your yearbook (not required)
4. **Use step 3 to upload your child's baby picture**
  - a) Only post **ONE** baby picture
  - b) Use a high resolution jpeg
  - c) The child should preferably be 1 year or younger in the picture
  - d) Digital images should be at least 300 pixels on the shorter dimension, but larger files (1000+ pixels) will print better.
  - e) Deadline for submission is by Wednesday, **December 15, 2021**.
  - f) Any questions? Contact us at [hh5gradebaby@gmail.com](mailto:hh5gradebaby@gmail.com)



From, Your Yearbook Team

# News from CHILD NUTRITION



**Meal Application Form:** For the benefit of the entire district, please complete the annual Meal Application Form by 10/25.

Why is this form needed now that meals are free for all?

More LCFF Funds for SRVUSD - for every qualifying family who submits a form - SRVUSD's LCFF is increased. Further, families receive benefits beyond school meals, such as discounts on SAT testing, internet services, & many other benefits. Please use the graphic here to send/post as well as the links to the online, translated versions below.

The annual form is now available online and in four languages.

- [English Meal \(Income\) Application](#)
- [Español Spanish \(Income\) Application](#)
- [中国人 Chinese Meal \(Income\) Application](#)
- [हिंदी Hindi Meal \(Income\) Application](#)

[Child Nutrition Fall 2021 FAQ's](#)