



# HIDDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOME OF THE HAWKS



## HAWK NEWS ALERT November 19, 2021

### Important Dates

Nov 22 - 26	Thanksgiving Break ( <b>No School</b> )
Dec 3	Fitness Friday on Blacktop @ 7:15a
Dec 6-10	Assessment Days (1st-3rd grade)
Dec 17	Fitness Friday on Blacktop @ 7:15a
Dec 23 - Jan 07	Winter Holiday Break ( <b>No School</b> )
Jan 10	Staff Work Day ( <b>No School</b> )
Jan 11	School Reopens

**December Assessment Days**  
6th through 10th - 1st to 3rd Grades only  
8am to 1:50pm (No Slip AM/PM Schedule)

### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS No School Days

**Dec 23 - Jan 7th - Winter Holiday Break**

**Jan 10th - Staff Work Day**

### Congratulations, Soaring Hawks!

**TK** - Emin

**Kinder** - Liana, Olivia, Samik

**First** - Eva, Allison, Brian, Madison

**Second** - Atharv, Akira, Jordan, Ananya

**Third** - Markus, Leela, Utkarsh

**Fourth** - Mateen, Hope, Jeffrey, Raiden, Keerthana

**Fifth** - Viggo, Giselle, Myrah, Yash, Usman

Soaring Hawks are caught being good for:  
**Citizenship, Empathy, Fairness, Respect,  
Responsibility, Trustworthiness**



### **Instructional Calendar Update**

The following was approved at the Board meeting on 11/16/2021 -

\***Monday, January 10th** will now be a floating workday for staff, which means there is no school for students on this day.

\***Friday, March 11th** will now be a regular school day for all students and staff.

[Updated 2021-2022 Instructional Calendar](#)

## TK/Kinder Enrollment 2022-2023

November 15th 2021  
to  
December 17th 2021

[Link to flyer](#)

**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.

## 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 are 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.

## Coming up PTA Events

1. Toy Drive coming up after  
Thanksgiving Break.



2. Dos Coyotes Fundraiser  
12/13-12/19 (Coupons Below)

3. Warriors Night being planned for  
Jan 23rd @ 5:30pm. More info to  
follow.

## 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.”



## PICTURES NEEDED!

Keep those pictures coming in! Pages  
are being completed as events happen  
so the sooner they get in, the better  
the chances of making them into the  
yearbook! Please put them in your  
child's class folder and tag them so we  
know who's in the the picture.

See the adjusted dates below.

*Please only share school related photos. All  
others will be removed.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 1st** - Halloween pictures due
- Dec. 15th** - 5th grade baby pictures due  
(see flyer)
- Jan. 15th** - 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](#)

The music service club at Dougherty Valley High School is made up of musicians in the band or orchestra that offer individual tutoring for elementary instrumental music students. Please see the message below from the club president, and fill out the interest form if interested.

- Mr. Ehling. [ahling@srvusd.net](mailto:ahling@srvusd.net)

## **FITNESS FRIDAY**

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

Dec 3rd and 17th @ 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. Please upload a picture of your vaccine card to Be A Mentor.

Please contact HH Office for more details.

"DVHS Music Service is a club that allows high school students to tutor younger students about different musical skills. Our purpose is to create a virtual foundation where both tutors and tutees can improve their skills in music while spreading a profound passion for music. Tutoring will be one-to-one, and it will be through Zoom. Each weekly session is 30-60 min long, depending on the tutor's availability. If you have any questions, feel free to email [dvhsmusicser@gmail.com](mailto:dvhsmusicser@gmail.com)!"

Link to [interest form](#)

## Vaccination Status Update

**Upload your vaccination status to Be A Mentor in order to volunteer on campus.**

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

## [The Crayon Initiative](#)

The Crayon Initiative is a 501(c)3 non-profit that brings the joy of bright new crayons to kids in children's hospitals across the US. We do this by recycling and remanufacturing old crayons that would otherwise go to landfills. Our hospital partners tell us kids often take our crayons home—as a happy memory of an otherwise uncertain time. There is a yellow bucket in the front office of Hidden Hills where you can donate your crayons.



## *Attendance News*

Please call the attendance line @  
925-479-3898



School success starts  
with attendance

SRVUSD Attendance Awareness

## 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 between 7:30 and 3:00

## 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.

## 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.

## Important Information and Resources

[SRVUSD Instructional Calendar 2021-2022](#)

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



## News from the Library

Lightbox is a new subscription, with digital books and great resources! No username or password needed to have access to the AV2/Lightbox subscription.

[AV2/LIGHTBOX eBOOKS  
SUBSCRIPTION](#)

## Dining Out at Dos Coyotes Border Cafe

Eat at Dos Coyotes at  
Crow Canyon Commons  
3191 Crow Canyon Pl, San Ramon  
from 11am -8pm, Dec 13th to Dec 19th, 2021

25% of your bill will be donated  
to Hidden Hills Elementary.

Please present the coupon below  
while picking up the order  
- Thank You!



## Sister School Toy Drive

Beginning November 29th, we will begin a three week campaign to collect items for our sister school. There will be a **box outside the office** where you can drop them off.

Thank you for support!

Keep your eyes out for the  
donation drive and further details.  
Thank you!

Sister School Program  
Connecting Communities



PTA is planning a "Warriors Night" on  
Jan 23rd, 2022. Game starts @ 5:30pm.  
Tickets will be sold at a discounted rate of  
\$65 (Tickets through Ticketmaster for 2  
tickets for this game are over \$160)

More info to follow.



## Save the Date!

Hidden Hills SPAGHETTI FEED and  
AUCTION will be held on April 22nd.



Please like and follow  
**PTA Facebook Page**  
for updates and current events in school.

[https://www.facebook.com/  
HHElementaryPTA](https://www.facebook.com/HHElementaryPTA)



## 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!

# Counselor's CORNER

## NOVEMBER 2021

Ms. Hassay

### Counseling Monthly Focus:

This month we are focusing on our *Superhero Strengths!*

Recognizing we all have strengths is crucial, but recognizing our weaknesses are important as well! We will work on using our strengths to overcome our weaknesses...just like Superheroes!

### For Parents:

- Recommended books for identifying strengths:
- *Even Superheroes Have Bad Days*
- *Giraffes Can't Dance*
- *Mia Mayhem is a Superhero*
- *Wonder*

### Let's CONNECT!



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



### Happy, Healthy Kids TIP:

How does your child cope with BIG emotions? Taking a walk, [breathing exercises](#), a hug from a loved one, and talking it out are all ways to help your child get to Green Zone. The Green Zone is feeling happy, calm, and ready to learn!



# SO MANY PLACES TO GET COVID-19 VACCINES



COVID-19 vaccines are **free, safe, effective** and available throughout Contra Costa County

## HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Patients at these health systems can schedule vaccine appointments

- Contra Costa Regional Medical Center & Health Centers (<https://bit.ly/312dbcR>)
- John Muir Health (<https://bit.ly/2ZFo1VQ>)
- Kaiser Permanente (<https://k-p.li/3pKatTS>)
- Sutter Health (<https://bit.ly/3GsRDGy>)

## PHARMACIES

- Costco (<https://bit.ly/3Gwsl4U>)
- CVS (<https://bit.ly/3pYxUsP>)
- Rite Aid (<https://bit.ly/3Ekorji>)
- Sam's Club (<https://bit.ly/3GtZi7B>)
- Safeway (<https://bit.ly/3nCOv4g>)
- Walgreens (<https://bit.ly/3nzVBEN>)
- Walmart (<https://bit.ly/312drIR>)

## PUBLIC & COMMUNITY CLINICS

- Contra Costa Health Services (<https://bit.ly/3tx2vvG>)
- La Clínica (<https://bit.ly/3GueDF5>)
- LifeLong Medical (<https://bit.ly/2ZtlNYN>)
- [MyTurn.Ca.Gov](https://MyTurn.Ca.Gov)

### *Don't see what you're looking for?*

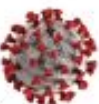
Find more vaccination sites near you at [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) or call Contra Costa Health Services: 1-833-829-2626

### *Questions about the vaccines?*

Talk to your healthcare provider for more information

**RESPONSE**  
Coronavirus (COVID-19)

CONTRA COSTA  
HEALTH SERVICES





# TK & Kindergarten Enrollment

We look forward to enrolling your child in our Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten program for the 2022-23 school year.

## = Registration Dates =

**Enrollment Window Opens**  
Mon., November 15, 2021

**Enrollment Window Closes\***  
Fri., December 17, 2021

\* Completed online enrollment applications must be submitted by December 17 to be included in the first round of confirmation of space at the resident school site. Online enrollment applications submitted after December 17 are received on a first come-first served basis for space.

## = Age Guidelines =

**To be eligible for TK for 2022-23**  
Your child must turn 5 years of age  
on or between

September 2, 2022 to February 2, 2023

**To be eligible for KINDERGARTEN for 2022-23**  
Your child must turn 5 years of age  
on or before

September 1, 2022

**First day of instruction: August 9, 2022**

## 2022-23 information

### TK and Kindergarten Information Videos

Will be posted  
**Wednesday, Nov. 10**  
on the TK/Kinder  
Webpage

[Transitional  
Kindergarten FAQ](#)

[TK/Kinder  
Webpage](#)

[Kindergarten  
Readiness  
Information](#)

[TK/Kinder  
Enrollment Process  
Quick Reference](#)



## Dos Coyotes Border Café



Eat at Dos Coyotes Crow  
Canyon Commons  
3191 Crow Canyon Pl,  
San Ramon  
from **11:30 am – 8 pm**  
**December 13 - 19, 2021**

**25% of your bill will be donated to:  
Hidden Hills Elementary**

Please present this  
coupon to the cashier  
when ordering.

**Thank you!**



*Not valid with any other offer*

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# 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.

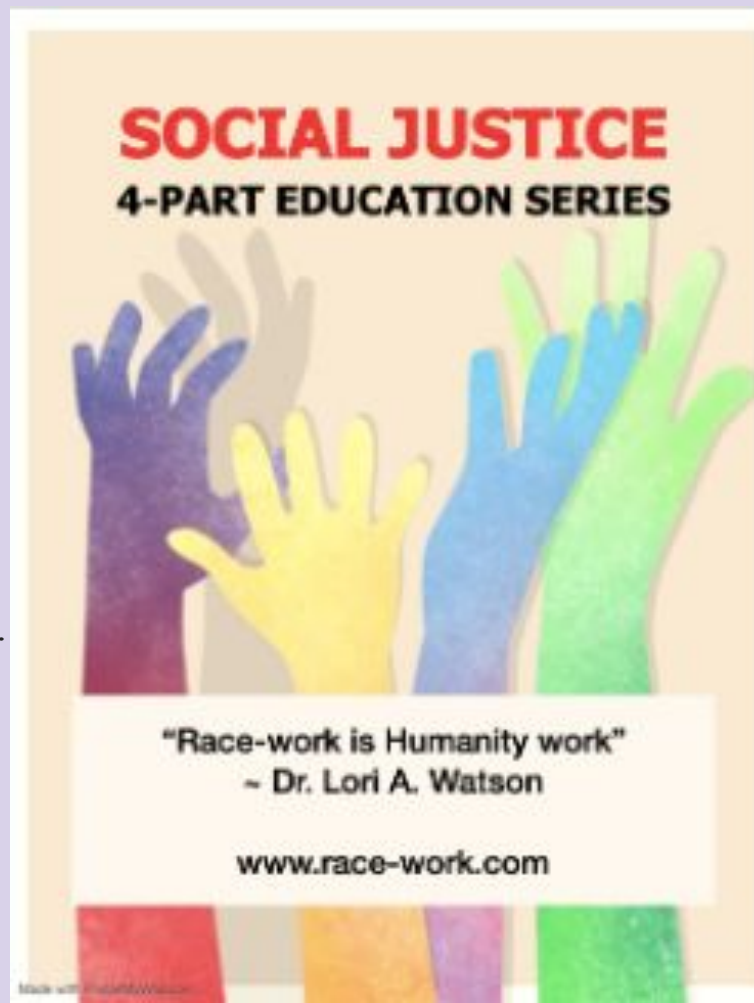
Join us for the impactful and in-depth 4-part educational series facilitated by Dr. Lori Watson.

**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.



# 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>





## **FITNESS FRIDAY**

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

**Dec 3rd and 17th @ 7:15 AM to 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



**Street Smarts**  
**San Ramon Valley**

Street Smarts invites you to participate in the Street Smarts Monthly Contest to WIN GREAT PRIZES!

The monthly contest offers K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to learn about Traffic Safety Education through short interactive and entertaining online bike and pedestrian themes.

Monthly Contest will include:

- Viewing one or two 60 second bike and/or pedestrian videos created by local middle and high school students
- Completing a puzzle
- Answering safety questions

Students have the whole month to complete the weekly tasks to be eligible to enter to win a **\$30 gift card!** Two students will be randomly selected as the winners for the month and will be notified through email.

Submit an entry every week in that specific month and accumulate a new prize! Prizes will be distributed to the attending school in the spring. (Date and delivery location will be confirmed at a later date.)

Please view more information and guidelines under the *Monthly Contest* tab at [street-smarts.com](http://street-smarts.com).



# SRVUSD

**IS OFFERING 10 DAYS OF  
FREE MEALS FOR KIDS  
DURING WINTER BREAK!**



**YOU MUST  
PRE-ORDER BY  
NOV. 30 AT 5PM**



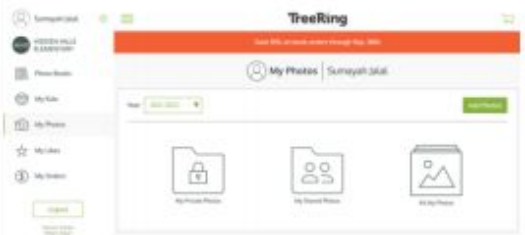
**Form available online at:  
[www.srvusd.net/childnutrition](http://www.srvusd.net/childnutrition)**

**Winter Meal Boxes:** Food boxes containing **10 days of breakfasts and lunches** are available to our students over winter break. We want to ensure all of our families have access to meals during this time away from school. Please let your families know they will need to pre-order boxes by **November 30, 2021**, to receive one this year. Families can access the order form [here](#).

# 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!



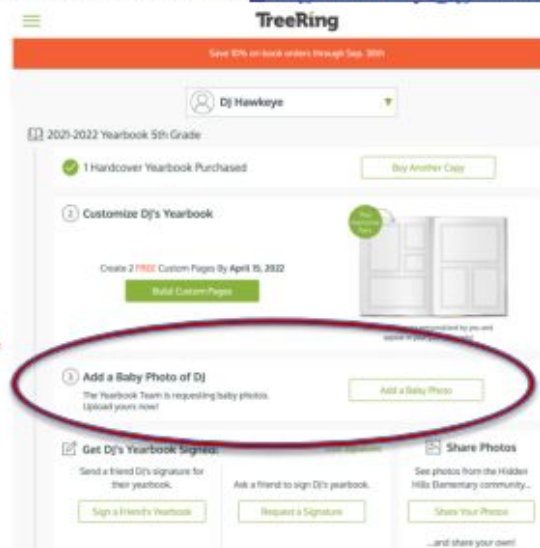
## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Baby Photos Submission

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