



HIDDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOME OF THE HAWKS



HAWK NEWS ALERT December 17, 2021

Important Dates

Dec 23 - Jan 07	Winter Holiday Break (No School)
Jan 10	Staff Work Day (No School)
Jan 11	School Reopens
Jan 14	Fitness Friday @ 7:15am on Blacktop
Jan 17	Martin Luther King Jr Holiday (No school)
Jan 25	Staff Development Day (Minimum Day - School ends @ 12pm)

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

No School Days

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

Jan 10th - Staff Work Day

Jan 17th - MLK Jr Day

Congratulations, Soaring Hawks!

TK - Mrs. Li

Kinder - Mrs. Belding, Mrs. Chacon, Mrs. Jaire

First - Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Rubin

Second - Mrs. Ackermann, Mrs. Dickerson,
Mrs. Shah

Third - Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Erlick, Mrs. Koch,
Mrs. Phillips

Fourth - Mrs. Braga, Ms. Fredrickson, Ms.
Gallegos, Mrs. Haase, Mrs. Vela

Fifth - Ms. Coquia, Ms. Hinck, Mrs. Lachman,
Mrs. Montag, Ms. Ocampo

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



We have wrapped up our Sister
School Toy Drive and just wanted to
say **THANK YOU** for helping us
collect some amazing toys for kids!

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 \$68.
More info to follow!!



LOST AND FOUND

Please Check the lost and found for your kid's jackets, lunch boxes, water bottles, umbrellas. Items will be laid out on tables next week. Items will be donated before December break.



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!*



Important Information and Resources

[SRVUSD Instructional Calendar 2021-2022](#)

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



STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS WANTED!

Who: Responsible, hard-working and interested members in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade

What: Information meeting about Student Council Election Process.

When: Friday, Jan 14th, 2022

Time: 2:35pm to 3:35pm

Where: Amphitheater



Take a leadership role in our school!

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.



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 picture.

See the adjusted dates below.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

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](#)

**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.**

**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.



Update

Instrumental Music It's almost time for Winter Vacation! I hope everyone has a chance to rest and relax and enjoy time with family. It's great if students are able to keep up with playing their instruments over Winter Break, but if circumstances make that difficult, try finding some musical performances to watch, attend or listen to. As students learn more and more how to play their instruments and play in a band or orchestra, their appreciation as listeners and observers grows. It is often very inspiring for them to see a professional or more experienced person playing their instrument. There are usually many opportunities to hear music at this time of year, so take a moment and look for what may be around.

Mr. Ehling. Aehling@srvusd.net

Instructional Calendar Update

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

***Monday, January 10th** will now be a floating work day 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](#)

FITNESS FRIDAY

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

Jan 14th and 28th @ 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.



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://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 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.

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.

Save the Date!

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



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](#)

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.”

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

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



Counselor's CORNER

DECEMBER 2021

Ms. Hassay

Coping with Stress:

There are days we may forget an assignment is due, lose our favorite toy, or take a tumble on the playground. **Bad things happen sometimes, but it is important that we learn how to move forward!** Because we all cope in various ways, engaging in a family discussion when these things happen is always a good idea. Children learn from observing the adults in their life!

For Parents:

- ☐ Recommended books:
- ☐ • *Spin*
- ☐ • *What Do You Do with an Idea?*
- ☐ • *Maybe*
- ☐ • *The Book of Mistakes*
- ☐ • *The Dot*

Happy, Healthy Kids TIP:

Children thrive on consistency, structure, and predictability. Develop a morning routine that looks the same each day to help get you and your kids out the door with a smile! It will pay off!

Let's CONNECT!



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A TO Z OF COPING SKILLS

A ASK
for help

B BREATHE
deeply
and slowly

C COUNT
forwards
or
backwards

D DRINK
some cold
water

E EXERCISE
run, jump,
skip, kick a ball
or walk fast

F FIND a
safe place

G GO
to your
happy place

H HUG a
friend or
family
member

I IGNORE
people who
are annoying
you

J JOKES
to help
you laugh

K KIND
hands. Keep
them to
yourself

L LISTEN
to calming
music

M MEDITATE
use yoga or
mindfulness

N NAME
the emotion
you are
feeling

O OBSERVE
Use
mindfulness
techniques

P PAINT
your
feelings

Q QUESTION
your
thoughts

R RUN as
fast as
you can

S SEPARATE
yourself
from the
situation

T THOUGHTS
negative to
positive

U USE
your safe
place

V VOICE
your
concerns

W WRITE
down your
feelings

X EXHALE
breathe
out your
feelings

Y YELL
as loud as
you can into
a pillow

Z ZONE
out and
relax
yourself



2021-2022 PTA REFLECTIONS



2023-2024 NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS THEME SEARCH

TANYA SARDANA (2).

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT PTA: "FRIENDSHIP IS..."



AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

TANYA SARDANA (PRIMARY-2), LITERATURE: "CHANGE OUR FUTURE"

AWARD OF MERIT

SAMHITHA BHOOPALAM (PRIMARY-2), FILM: "HOW TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE"

AARNA TANWAR (PRIMARY-2), MUSIC: "LYRICS"



**HHS
AWARDS**

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SAMHITHA BHOOPALAM (PRIMARY-2), FILM: "HOW TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE"

EVA DHUNGANA (INTERMEDIATE-5), FILM: "EARTH"

TANYA SARDANA (PRIMARY-2), LITERATURE: "CHANGE OUR FUTURE"

TARHIB RAHID (INTERMEDIATE-4), LITERATURE: "NO MORE HATE"

AARNA TANWAR (PRIMARY-2), MUSIC: "LYRICS"

SHANAYA SHAH (INTERMEDIATE-3), MUSIC: "I CAN CHANGE THIS WORLD"

ELI ORGANISTA (PRIMARY-2), PHOTOGRAPHY: "BETTER WORLD"

BRYCE KAPLENKO (INTERMEDIATE-4), PHOTOGRAPHY: "HALLOWEEN SMILE"

PRAMITI PRAGASH (PRIMARY-2), VISUAL ARTS: "BE KIND TO EARTH AND PEOPLE"

MYRAH AUJLA (INTERMEDIATE-5), VISUAL ARTS: "INNER AWARENESS"

AWARD OF MERIT

ADEEB OSMANI (PRIMARY-K), FILM: "COOKING"

DHWANI SONI (INTERMEDIATE-3), FILM: "CHANGE THE WORLD-PLANT MORE TREES"

MAYA YASHVANT (PRIMARY-1), LITERATURE: "HOW I CAN CHANGE THE WORLD"

ANEESH MURTHY (INTERMEDIATE-4), LITERATURE: "SOLVING THE HUNGER PROBLEM"

SHANAYA PALAI (PRIMARY-K), MUSIC: "SONG BY SHANAYA"

SIYA GUPTA (INTERMEDIATE-5), MUSIC: "WHISTLING"

CARSON KAPLENKO (PRIMARY-2), PHOTOGRAPHY: "SUNFLOWERS"

TANYA SARDANA (PRIMARY-2), VISUAL ARTS: "TREES ARE LIFE"

VANNA SARDANA (INTERMEDIATE-5), VISUAL ARTS: "LINKED INFLUENCES"

HONORABLE MENTION

ARNIT SONI (PRIMARY-K), FILM: "CHANGE THE WORLD - KEEP WATER CLEAN"

SHREYA AMAN (INTERMEDIATE-4), LITERATURE: "UNITY FOR THE WORLD"

FELICIA CAD (PRIMARY-2), VISUAL ARTS: "THE SUNRISE TRASH PICKER"

ADITYA VERMA (INTERMEDIATE-4), VISUAL ARTS: "A BROTHER FUTURE"

CONGRATULATIONS HAWKS !!!



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/2ZtINYN>)
- [MyTurn.Ca.Gov](https://myturn.ca.gov)

Don't see what you're looking for?

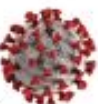
Find more vaccination sites near you at myturn.ca.gov or vaccines.gov or call Contra Costa Health Services: 1-833-829-2626

Questions about the vaccines?

Talk to your healthcare provider for more information

RESPONSE
Coronavirus (COVID-19)

CONTRA COSTA
HEALTH SERVICES



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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GFWC DUBLIN/SAN RAMON WOMEN'S CLUB

P.O. Box 2443 * Dublin, CA 94568

November 1, 2021

Dear Principal, Teachers, Office Managers, Parents, Faculty or PTA President:

The GFWC Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club will sponsor the 2021-2022 STUDENT ART CONTEST. This is the 28th year of our sponsorship. The contest is open to all students in the cities of Dublin and San Ramon. The artwork and photography must be completed **as an individual effort and not a class project.** It should be mounted on stiff poster board. The student art and photography will be exhibited in the community. Art should be no larger than 18" x 24". Photographs should be no larger than 8" x 10".

NO EXCEPTIONS*NO FRAMES***NO ENTRY WITH GLASS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

There is no specific theme for the 2021-2022 Student Art Contest. Any medium: oil, watercolor, chalk, pencil, crayon, etc. can be used. One entry per medium allowed, please!

Categories for this contest are as follows:

STUDENT ART

Grades K-1
Grades 2-3
Grades 4-5
Grades 6-8
Grades 9-11
Graduating Seniors
Special Education K-8
Special Education 9-12

PHOTOGRAPHY

Grades 6-8
Grades 9-12
All photography must be no larger than 8" x 10", mounted on rigid mat
Photo must have been taken during contest year
Back of photo must have arrow drawn indicating the top

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

NO GLASS - NO FRAME

Entries need to be in the School Office **NO LATER than 9:00 AM on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 16, 2022.**

ALL entries must have the following information on the REVERSE SIDE OF THE ART WORK:

STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME, GRADE LEVEL, TEACHER AND SCHOOL NAME

All entries will receive Certificates. Each 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place entry will receive a cash award and a ribbon presented at the Student Art Reception on Sunday, April 24, 2022. Letters with details on the art reception will be delivered to the winners' schools. Each 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place winner will move on to the Mt. Diablo District competition held March 10, 2022.

For more information, call Cindy Chan at 925-551-5399 or Carol Lopez Lucey at 925-785-3395.

Disclaimer: Approved for this flyer distribution does not imply endorsement, but is a courtesy service to the community.

The No Place For Hate® 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®.

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

ADL
Anti-Defamation League®





FITNESS FRIDAY

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

Jan 14th and 28th @ 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



San Ramon Valley

NEXT DEADLINE - DECEMBER 13th, 2021

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

The monthly contest offers K – 8th 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.

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 5th Graders!



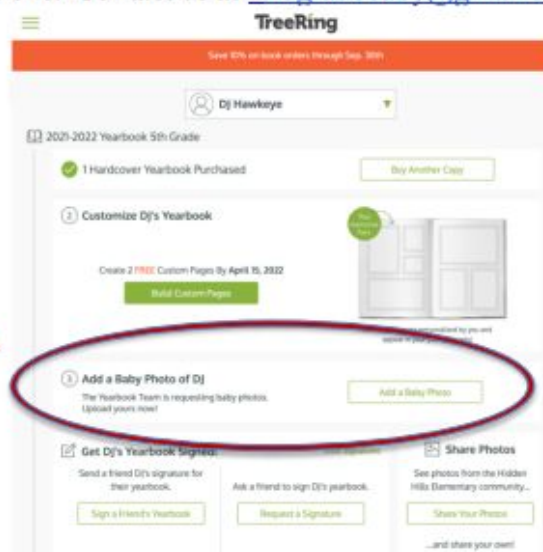
5th Grade Baby Photos Submission

Deadline for submission December 15, 2021

Dear 5th Grade Parents - We would love to feature every 5th grade student at Hidden Hills on our very popular 5th 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 5TH GRADE CHILD.

1. Login to Treering or go to 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



From, Your Yearbook Team