

Hickman Newsette

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The WIZ is coming!

Hickman students will be performing a stage play that is a mix between the WIZ and the Wizard of Oz.

The cast features Dr. Ricks in the role of the evil witch, Mr. Ebert as the cowardly Lion, Mr Goodyear and Mrs. Damron as Auntie EM and Uncle Henry. Hina Ahmad as Dorothy, and a wonderful cast of Hickman students.

This will be a fundraiser and tickets we will be asking for a \$5:00 donation. The student who sells the most tickets will receive an IPOD. The next prize winner receives a Mini Car Detail for his or her parents. Please support this fundraiser so that we can continue to bring theatre to you and our students. Parent performances will be held on March 25th and March 26th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Hickman T-Shirts

Short sleeves, now available for purchase; cost: \$8.00. Youth Long Sleeves and Sweatshirts are also available; cost: \$9.00 and \$11.00, respectfully. Limit quantities and sizes available.

From the Principal...

Our nation is experiencing an economic recession. This is a difficult time for families and for our schools as well. The San Diego Unified School District has a stated \$33 Million Dollar mid- year short fall which leaves us uncertain as to what our school budget will look like next year. Be assured, that as a family we will face the challenges that lay ahead and all decisions will be made in the best interest of our children.

We want to thank you for your unwavering support. Special thanks goes to our PTA and Friends of Hickman Foundation for their outstanding fundraising efforts. Please continue to support them as they support our school and the education of our children.

Writing and Vocabulary

Our instructional focus continues to be on writing and vocabulary development. The ability to coherently communicate both verbally and through the written word are skills that students will need throughout their lives. You can help us to build a stronger vocabulary for your children by using, talking about and modeling sophisticated, "Work Place" language.

Attendance

We are working on improving our school attendance. While attendance is high, it could be better. When children miss school, they miss out on the learning that took place that day. Please make sure that children are in school everyday unless they are ill.

Dr. Doni Mitchell-Ricks

PTA

The PTA will be looking for people to serve on next year's Board. If you are interested in a position and are not yet a PTA member, there is still time to join. Membership applications are in the front office. Please consider giving some time to this worthy organization.

Amending Bylaws Standing Rules

Hickman PTA board has recommended the following changes to the Standing Rules to be voted at the March 19, 2009 Unit Meeting. Questions? Joyce Gonzales at (858) 336-9798

- Remove "Yearbook" from standing committees

Joyce Gonzales, PTA President

Hickman Students Wow History Day Judges

Congratulations to the San Diego City Schools History Day Sweepstakes winners! Amara, Thomas, Tony, Roxanne, Maggie, Joemax, Crystal, Diana, Wanfei, Omar, and Cara from B7 will all now advance to the countywide competition on March 14th at the Country Office of Education. Way to go!

Principal: Dr. Doni Mitchell-Ricks

Friends of Hickman

Friends of Hickman is NOT ALL about fundraising, but as the "make-a-wish" foundation for our school WE ARE ABOUT providing educational services and support to our students -- such as, the Accelerated Reader Program, Mountain Math and Language Programs, we also absorb student fees that would typically be the expenditure of our Hickman parents. We are strong on Student Recognition and are responsible for many of the fun awards and valuable prizes that students have earned through their fundraising efforts and other fun activities. We fund the Computer Lab, we provide a multitude of Library services and materials, we supplement copy supplies and equipment repair contracts as well as fund teacher requested educational materials and programs to name only a few "wishes" that Friends of Hickman has been able to grant this school year. Without your support, fulfilling these "wishes" would not have been possible.

This year we have plans for continued Friday, after-school Smencil & Smarker scented pencil and highlighter sales, monthly Family Restaurant Nights (El Pollo Loco 2/26/09 (12-8pm); Pat & Oscars 3/25/09 (12-8pm) and Panda Express 4/22 (all day); Kids Art Gallery Extravaganza (3/19/09 5-7pm); a Spring Catalog sale as well as some other fun plans. We hope that you will be able to join us for these exciting activities.

As the school year progresses, Friends of Hickman will be looking for new and replacement Board Members for the 2009-2010 school year. We are looking for dedicated, caring individuals who will help take Friends of Hickman to the next level of support for our students. Hickman needs serious individuals who plan to be around for a few years and want to make a real difference in the lives our students. Most of our current Board will be here next year and are eager to train for our future replacements. If you are interested or know someone who would like to learn more about Friends of Hickman, please contact us at (858) 271-5210. We hold regular monthly meetings on the second Thursday at 12:30 pm in the Counseling Center with exception in April, which will be on the third Thursday due to Spring Break. We hope that you visit and take a moment to see what we are all about.

We look forward to 2009 being a great year for all of us! Sincere thanks for all that you do at school and at home to cultivate the best educational environment for our precious Hickman Hawk students!

*Mari Koudi, President
Friends of Hickman*

Friends of Hickman Board:

Tracee Denby, Vice-President
Scott Pence, Secretary
Sheila Trader, Treasurer

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
15	16 George Washington's Birthday	17 -Spirit Week -The WIZ Rehearsal	18 -Spirit Week -Carl's Jr Fund Raiser 4:00-8:00 pm	19 -Spirit Week -Jog-a-Thon -1:00 pm SSC/SGT -The WIZ Rehearsal	20 -Spirit Week	21
22	23 -Cookie Dough Pick up	24 -Classroom Assembly: SD Ballet-Dr Seuss	25 -Child ID Program	26 -Awards Assembly -The WIZ Rehearsal -FOH El Pollo Loco Fundraiser	27	28

Observances:
Feb. 2-6: National School Counseling Week
Feb. 9: National African American Parent Involvement Day
Black History Month



Keep collecting the BoxTops. Each one supports our Library. To count for this year, please drop off by February 25, 2009

Volunteers

Volunteers play a key role at our school. We all know that labor is expensive and that there is no budget to pay for additional help. Many thanks to all the numerous tiers of volunteers (parents, students, teachers, staff, community members, local business partners, and school organizations, particularly Hickman P.T.A.) that have devoted their personal time to make "it all happen" for our Hickman students. We are all pieces of the same puzzle that truly make a difference in the educational experience at Hickman Elementary. The puzzle is incomplete without the involvement of each entity. Their value to this school is immeasurable and we thank each and every one of them.

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1	2 -Read Across America -Gate Testing	3 -Gate Testing	4 -Gate Testing	5 -Gate Testing -The WIZ rehearsal -PTA Board Mtg - 6:00 pm	6 -2nd Cup of Coffee	7
8 2 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begins	9	10 -The WIZ rehearsal	11	12 -FOH Mtg - 12:30 pm -The WIZ rehearsal	13	14
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Observances:
Mar. 2: Read Across America
March 2 - 6: Week of the School Administrator
Mar. 31: Cesar Chavez Day
National Women's History Month
Youth Arts Education Month

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5	6 Spring Vacation Traditional	7 Spring Vacation Traditional	8 Spring Vacation Traditional	9 Spring Vacation Traditional	10 Spring Vacation Traditional	11

Observances:
Apr. 22: Administrative Professional's Day
Apr. 22: Law Enforcement Memorial Day
Apr. 19-25: Administrative Professional's Week
National Child Abuse Prevention Month
Alcohol Awareness Month

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are still available to order for \$25. For an additional \$3, send a message to your son or daughter with a personalized Loveline message.