


Hickory Elementary School
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October 6, 2011

Date		Upcoming Activities
Thurs	Oct 6	Room Representative Orientation Science Kits Delivery - 5 th Grade
Mon	Oct 10	<i>No School</i> - Student Free Day
Tue - Fri	Oct 11-14	Fire Prevention Week
Thurs	Oct 13	6:30pm -PTA Board Meeting
Fri	Oct 14	Scholastic Book Fair Opens Family Movie Night
Mon	Oct 17	Science Kits Turn In - 5 th Grade
Mon - Fri	Oct 17-21	Book Fair
Thurs	Oct 20	Islands Restaurant Fundraiser
Fri	Oct 21	Picture Day & PTA Pictures
Sat	Oct 22	School Beautification Day
Mon - Fri	Oct 24-28	Red Ribbon Week
Thurs	Oct 27	Science Kits Delivery - 4th Grade
Mon	Oct 31	Halloween Parade at 9:00 am at the Amphitheater
		
Fri	Nov 4	Volunteer Pictures
Mon	Nov 7	Science Kits Turn-In - 4 th Grade

Dear Hickory Parents,

October finds us well into our school year and all the excitement that goes along with a new school year. Students and teachers are getting used to their new schedules, classmates, and textbooks. We have a record 877 students enrolled this year! Our primary grades are at capacity with some of the rooms slightly over enrolled. We have a few combination classes; a 2-3 with Ms. Barteau, and a 3-4 with Mrs. Davis and a 4-5 with Mrs. Benedetti. Class assignments for teachers and students are dependent on many factors, one being the number of students enrolled at each grade level. Let me re-emphasize that each student in a combo class receives and is held accountable for their grade specific curriculum. This is always a difficult situation, and I want to thank the students, teachers, and parents for their understanding and support.

I am pleased that our attendance so far has been exceptional and our tardies kept to a minimum. Remember, it is important to be at school everyday and to be on time. The playground opens at 8:30 so that students can arrive on time, have time to socialize with their friends and prepare for the transition to their school day. While we always welcome parents to our campus, we ask you to allow your children to take advantage of this time in the spirit that it was intended. If you remain outside your child's classroom, or near the playground, they will be reluctant to leave your side. **Our school day begins at 8:50 for many students and all parents are to leave campus at that time, the park gate will be locked at 8:50.** Again, we do this so that your children will be safe and ready to start their day when their bell rings.

Speaking about the importance of school attendance, Hickory was awarded with the district's "Best in Class" award for student attendance! Compared to student attendance at the other 16 elementary schools in the district, Hickory had the best record. We were rewarded with over \$1000.00, deposited to our general account. Go Hounds! A very interesting fact, if every student in TUSD was absent one less day in 2011-2012, compared to the previous year, TUSD would earn approximately \$800,000.00 from ADA (Average daily attendance). Keep it up Hickory. We are doing our part!

Thank you for supporting our PTA! The membership drive is going strong and our fabulous parents have filled many of the PTA Volunteer positions. The students are looking forward to visiting the library, Adventures in Art and the Family Movie Night/Book Fair on Oct. 14. The entire school enjoyed the Jazz performance by Mr. Sollecito and a group of professional musicians on Sept. 30 thanks to the PTA.

October 10 will be a student free day; teachers will meet to focus on our district wide goal of developing and fostering "Universal Writing Assessments" to align with our writing standards. Teachers will be discussing our test scores and other data to design our academic goals for the year. In the afternoon, Hickory teachers will have the opportunity to share their experiences with Cognitively Guided Instruction in Math, Daily Five Literacy Practices, and Leveled Literacy Intervention.

I am looking forward to an awesome October!
Mrs. Schumacher, Principal

Principal's Newsletter

Hickory Elementary
October 6, 2011

Mrs. Edna Schumacher
"An Adventure In Learning-A Place in
the Sun for Everyone."



Free Family Fun Night~Book Fair! Oct. 14

On Friday, October 14, beginning at 5:00pm the Hickory PTA will sponsor their annual "Book Fair" and free family "Movie Night" for all Hickory families. It is their way of welcoming everyone back to school and thanking families for their support of the PTA and its many sponsored school events. Families are invited to bring chairs, blankets and a picnic dinner. There will also be food for sale. The Hickory teachers will be selling delicious pizza and drinks. Come have fun and support Hickory's PTA and Teachers!

Homework Guidelines

- ◆ K-1 20-40 min./wk
- ◆ 2-3 1-2 hrs./wk
- ◆ 4-5 3-4 hrs./wk

Remember! Read
Every Night.

Great Beginnings...

Opening of school was again a great success! We opened with a record number of students, 877! Thanks to our wonderful parent support all went well.

Back to School Night was widely attended by parents at all grade levels, teachers were very happy with the positive support they received.

Schedules are set and students are adjusting to their new grade level. Please remember that every Wednesday is "Early Out" at 2:27 p.m. Parents should make pick-up arrangements for their children. We will again offer a study hall for children not able to be picked up at 2:27 UNTIL 3:12. Please be prompt.

We have teachers supervising the valet area in front of school until 3:30p.m. The office staff uses the time from 3:30-4:00 to conclude school business for the day. This cannot happen if they are forced to make phone calls or supervise children left unattended. PLEASE BE PROMPT IN PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN.



Class Assignments

Our school enrollment is at 877! All of our classes are full. This is good for Hickory. Increased class size to 30 and 35 has again resulted in our having to form combos at some grade levels. Most of our primary classes are at capacity or over enrolled, this leaves very little room for movement. Again, teachers take class assignments very seriously and have done a thorough job of placing students in classes where we feel they can succeed. We hope that each child has a successful school year.



Homework and Multi-Tasking?

Look around at homework time. Is your child studying while singing along to music? Are you answering his questions while checking your email? "Multitasking" has become a way of life, but that isn't necessarily good. In fact, while multitasking, the brain doesn't *really* concentrate on several tasks at once. It moves quickly from one to another, not giving *anything* its full attention. To avoid multitasking mistakes:

- **Prevent distractions.** Choose a calm place for your child to study—free of TV, ringing phones and loud music. Ask family members to keep quiet during study time.



October Events...

- 10/3-7 **Student Council Election Process**
- 10/3 **5th Gr. Basic Aid Training- TFD**
- 10/5 **Hickory Chorus Starts**
- 10/6 **Rm. Rep Training**
- 10/7 **Yogurt Sale 2 & 3:12**
- 10/10 **Columbus Day NO SCHOOL**
- 10/11 **Library Opens Fire Prevention Week**
- 10/12 **Fire Drill**
- 10/14 **Book Fair-Movie Night! 5-8:30 Pizza Sale!**
- 10/20 **Great Shake Out**
- 10/21 **Picture Day! Progress Reports**
- 10/22 **School Beautification**
- 10/24 **Red Ribbon Week Night**
- 10/24 **School Adoption Ceremony 9:00 Welcome Farmers and Merchants Bank!**
- 10/31 **HALLOWEEN PARADE 9:15-10:15**

- **Take breaks.** Instead of doing several things at once, schedule tasks consecutively. “From 4 to 4:30 I’ll help James with homework. At 4:30, he can get a snack, and I’ll make some calls.”

- **Do an experiment.** If you and your child doubt that multitasking makes you less effective, test it out. Choose a task that requires some concentration. Then do it with and without distractions.

- **Find solutions.** Your child wants to watch TV, but he has math problems to do. Record the show so he can concentrate on his assignment.

- **Set a good example.** It’s natural to want to accomplish as much as possible, as quickly as possible. But do what really works. When you give your child undivided attention, you show him how to focus—and how important he is to you.

Get Involved...

What does “being involved” with your child’s education really mean? It means you should try to:

- **Always be aware.** If you notice your child is struggling with schoolwork, or if she’s bothered by other students, contact the teacher right away.

- **Attend school events.** Children appreciate having their families participate in school activities.

- **Keep up with class activities.** Read everything the teacher sends home. Also ask your child, “What are you working on now?” Look at your child’s books, and see what topics the class is covering.

Hounds SURPASS Goal of 900 on the CST Reaching 906!!!!

Hickory’s 2nd-5th grade students again showed positive growth and achieved a record score of 906 this year on the CST. We grew by 10 points overall. Our goal is that all students reach “Proficiency” in Language Arts and Math by the year 2014. Our focus in all that we do continues to be that EVERY student score at Proficient or above!!

Noon Aide News...

We have a wonderful group of individuals who work every day during the school lunch hour to assist students with lunch and supervise the playground. We are so fortunate to have a steady, reliable team of moms to do this job. They get to know the students, they are aware of students who may need a little extra time or assistance to get through lunch and they genuinely like children.

They have a very difficult job of supervising 877 students buy lunch, sit down, eat lunch, enjoy lunch, clean the lunch tables, and play safely on the playground, all this in 1.5 hours! We are very fortunate to have such an efficient, dedicated group of moms. If you have any questions or concerns about lunch time please contact me and I will be happy to talk to you.



Hickory Student Council News...

Ms. Poling and Ms. Evans will serve as advisors for our Hickory Student Council. The Student Council is designed to give students in grades 3-5 the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. It also gives all students at Hickory the opportunity to learn about the election process. Students who were interested in running for office, had the chance to turn in applications and

petitions during the week of September 26. Campaign and election week will be the week of October 3, with speeches and elections taking place on Oct. 7. The Student Council is responsible for organizing and planning student events on campus as well as sponsoring several community outreach projects. Please support the Student Council by participating in their fun events.

More News....



Statewide Public Earthquake Drill—Oct. 20

Hickory students will again participate in the Statewide “drop, cover, and hold on” earthquake drill on Oct. 20 at 10:20 am. The purpose is to be prepared! This drill gives us the opportunity to practice our drill and to test the

safeguards we have put in place to assure student safety.



Support our Hickory PTA!
Join the PTA!

Health Room News

These first weeks of school are very important in regards to the health and safety of your children. The first order of business is to complete the GREEN emergency cards and turn them in to your classroom teacher. The information on this card is vital. Please make sure it is always correct and up to date. Second, if your child needs medication to be kept at school please work with the school nurse Maria Fitzgerald or our school health clerk, Mrs. Shelly Contreras. There are certain

protocols and guidelines that we must follow. Thirdly, in regards to keeping students home from school, the general rule is that students who vomit, or have a fever should not return to school for 24 hours after the occurrence. We do not want illnesses to spread at school, please keep students home who have flu-like symptoms and remind students to wash hands often. Fourthly, students who are injured and come to school with a cast, brace, splint, etc. are not allowed on the school playground during recess without a release from their Doctor. Students are to sit in the school office or on the benches in front of the office.

The health room is always looking for extra clothes for those messy accidents at school. We need pants (sweat pants) and shorts with elastic waists in all sizes.

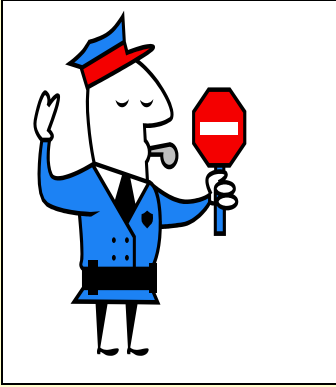
Thank you!



Hickory Family Portraits!!! Coming Nov. 5th!!

Back by Popular Demand... Hickory will be participating in a “**Family Portrait Fundraiser**”. We will be using Treasured Moments Photography. TMP will offer three locations for outdoor photo shoots; at our local beach, Malaga Cove Library, and St Francis Church in PVE. The shoot can include the entire family! This is a great way to help support our school and get ready for those holiday cards and gifts. Look for more information to follow! Can we count on you?

***we may add a weekend to accommodate all, so please call or go on-line to book your appointment.



Neighborhood Traffic

We have always asked our parents to be respectful of our neighbors. We are fortunate to have a school located in a lovely, safe neighborhood. The neighborhood has always been one of the positive things about our school and we certainly want to keep it that way. As we all know, Hickory has grown and that means more traffic, and more reason to be vigilant about safety. We have a city provided crossing guard to help direct traffic, we have a valet system to help with traffic flow, we have teacher supervision in place. It is now up to you parents. Such conduct as blocking neighbors' driveways, speeding, parking in red zones and blocking the valet line does not show respect for the neighborhood. We should all have respect for our school, our school children and our neighbors. Thank you.



Farmers and Merchant Bank Adopts Hickory

Thanks to the efforts of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Hickory will be forming a new business partnership with Farmers and Merchants Bank located at the corner of Sepulveda and Hawthorne. Ned Stromme, the general manager of the bank is very interested in Torrance as a community and the Torrance schools. Mr. Stromme is a graduate of Torrance High School! We have already started talking about ways that FMB and Hickory can interact as partners. We are planning an Adoption Ceremony at our Monday assembly on Oct. 24, please join us in welcoming Farmers as our new business partner.

Time to sign up for Hickory Chorus!

There is still time to sign up to sing in the Hickory Chorus!

This year, Mrs. Laura Savitz, will be the director. She has been the director at Riviera Elementary for the last few years and she is excited to be at Hickory this year as well. Mrs. Savitz introduced herself to the students at our Monday assembly and shared some of the holiday songs she will be teaching this session. The chorus will meet on Wednesday mornings 8:00-8:45 in the cafeteria. We hope to be ready to perform for our new business partner, Farmers and Merchants Bank, at the December PTA meeting, a Monday assembly and one other community performance.

This is a great opportunity for all students grades 3-5. Please see the flyer in this week's Communicator and SIGN UP now!

October 6, 2011

Hello Hickory Families,

I hope you have all settled into the routine of being back at school by now. We got the year off to a great start thanks to so many wonderful Hickory volunteers. As much as I would like to acknowledge everyone individually here, there are just too many to do that. (That's how wonderful our parents are! You call for help and they show up even in the middle of the summer.)

- Thanks to a huge team of parents AND kids (too many to name, indeed) who came in the summer to put together the summer mailing you received at home with all sorts of important information from the school and the PTA
- Thanks to Maiko Watanabe and her Communicator team for putting together the packets of important paperwork you received on the first day of school
- Thanks to Karen Bunuan for putting together a delicious and fun lunch to welcome back our teachers and staff on their first day back at work
- Thanks to Sharyl Yamada-Oda for launching a successful PTA Membership/Direct Donation campaign
- Thanks to those who came to greet and answer questions for new parents on the First Day School
- Thanks to Mylee Tynen for scheduling all those wonderful programs and assemblies for our children
- Thanks to Alissa Materman and Traci Sell for coordinating the Spiritwear sales
- Thanks to Liz Saunders who moved to Northern California during the summer with her family but continued to provide support to Hickory even after her move! She is the one who created our awesome website. We will miss you!!!
- Thanks to Dave Eguchi for picking up where Liz left...I can't even imagine what we would have done without him.
- Lastly, so many more volunteers I can't even name all here...like many, many volunteers quietly working to get Hickory Library up and running, Science Kits ready to be delivered, Scrip sales ringing, Adventures in Art started, Copy Center opened, among others.

Don't forget to join us at the Family Movie Night to watch Gnomeo and Juliet and the Book Fair Kickoff on October 14th. The Book Fair will continue through the following week. Then come out with your family and help us clean and fix the campus on School Beautification Day on October 22nd.

Grace Gee
Hickory PTA President

Hickory PTA

2011 Fall Fundraiser/Membership Campaign

Support Your Child's Education

Hickory PTA sponsors various programs such as *the library, field trips, copy center for teachers, art lessons (Adventures in Art), science kits, assemblies* to name a few. We need your financial support for the PTA to continue providing many programs and services to our children.

1. Make a Direct Donation to Hickory PTA.

100% of your donation goes directly to Hickory PTA sponsored programs that will enrich your child's education. Select your donation level. All donations are tax deductible.

Level		Number of prize tickets entered for prize drawing*	
Bronze	\$25 to \$49	1	*Prizes include movie tickets, gift cards to restaurants and more.
Silver	\$50 to \$99	2	
Gold	\$100 to \$149	3	
Diamond	\$150 to \$199	5	
Platinum	\$200 and over	10	

Rules for Prizes:

1. Your donation must be received by **Friday, October 14, 2011.**
2. You must purchase at least one Hickory PTA membership.
3. You do not need to be present to win. (other rules may apply)

Does your employer have Gift Matching Program? Some of the participating employers are...

AT&T	DirecTV	Mattel	SBC Global	Time Warner
Boeing	ExxonMobil	Nissan	SC Edison	Toyota
BP	Home Depot	Northrop	Sony Pictures	UPS
Capital	Honda	Oracle	Southland Enterprises	Wells Fargo
Chevron	Macy's	Raytheon	Starbucks	Western Asset Mgmt. Co.

2. Join the PTA at \$5 per member.

Parents, grandparents, and any adults may join Hickory PTA. Become a PTA member and make a difference in your child's education. PTA members are involved at school in many ways, including voting on PTA issues and budgets. They also have the opportunity to voice their opinions and suggestions on programs and issues concerning the education, health and welfare of our children. *JOIN TODAY!* Membership benefits include a discount coupon to Legoland and participation in the Office Depot Discount Program (Please see the flyer on the Hickory Website).

3. Fill out the form on the back.



Early Bird Prize: Donate by **September 23, 2011** and receive one **FAST-LUNCH-PASS** for every \$50 donation which will allow your child to move to the front of the lunch buying line. The FAST-LUNCH-PASS will be delivered to your child in October 2011 and will designate the month in which it may be used.

Thank you for your support!

Questions about Fundraising? Contact Sharyl Yamada-Oda hickorypta.fundraiser@yahoo.com

Questions about Membership? Contact Janis Sakasegawa hickorypta.membership@yahoo.com

Hickory PTA

2011 Fall Fundraiser/Membership

Parents Names: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Please list employer if they participate in matching gift program: _____

Children at Hickory Elementary:

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room # _____ Teacher _____

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Select donation level:

- _____ Bronze \$25 to \$49
- _____ Silver \$50 to \$99
- _____ Gold \$100 to \$149
- _____ Diamond \$150 to \$199
- _____ Platinum \$200 and over

PTA Membership:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

of PTA membership(s) _____ X \$5.00 each = \$ _____

Direct Donation Amount: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

*Please write one check for membership and donation **payable to Hickory PTA**.
Return this form with your check to your child's teacher or the PTA box in the office.*

Some of the Programs Sponsored by Hickory PTA

- Reflections Blue Ribbon Week School Beautification Library
- Adventures in Art Science Kits Field Trips Assemblies
- Bike Rodeo Fire Safety Week Emergency Preparedness Family Fun Night
- Computer Lab Student Talent Show Hickory Website Red Ribbon Week

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Check # _____ Amount: _____

Lunch Fast Pass Issued _____ Card & Legoland coupon sent _____



Hickory Spirit Wear Order Form

ORDER YOUR SPIRIT WEAR FEATURING THE LOGO SHOWN HERE.

PRE-ORDERS ONLY! SAMPLE SIZES IN ROOM 31

LOOK! NEW ITEMS!!

Orders must be received and paid for by Thursday, October 13, 2011

Student Name _____ Parent/Guardian _____

Teacher Name _____ Phone No. _____

Email Address _____

	S	M	L		Total Qty	Unit Price	Total Due
Children's T-Shirt							
Pink						\$8.50	
Navy						\$8.50	
Children's "Athletic Style" T-Shirt							
Grey						\$8.50	
Children's Long Sleeve T-Shirt							
Pink						\$11.00	
Navy						\$11.00	
Children's Hooded Sweatshirt							
Pink						\$19.00	
Navy						\$19.00	



	S	M	L	XL/XXL (Circle)	Total Qty	Unit Price	Total Due
Adult T-Shirt							
Add \$1.50 for XXL							
Pink						\$10.00	
Navy						\$10.00	
Royal Blue Baseball Cap							
						\$8.50	
PERSONALIZE WITH YOUR NAME!						\$3.00	
NAME TO BE EMBROIDERED: _____							
Adult Zippered Sweatshirt with "HICKORY" embroidered across zipper							
NOTE: We must have a minimum of 24 orders to be able to get this item							
Pink						\$38.00	
Navy						\$38.00	
Ladies' Short Sleeve Scoop Neck Shirt							
Add \$1.50 for XXL							
Pink						\$12.00	
Navy						\$12.00	
TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS:				TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:			



Please make check payable to Hickory PTA

Questions? Traci Sell: ctksell@sbcglobal.net or Alissa Materman: alissaanddan@netscape.net

Office Use Only: Date _____ Amount Rec'd _____ Check No. _____

E SCRIP

<http://www.eScrip.com/>

See what can be achieved:

Roy O Anderson PTA earned \$24,942 Hickory PTA eScrip earned \$500

We can do better. Please help our school by just signing up! It's so easy!

Ralphs

- 1) Go to Ralphs.com and scroll to bottom of page
- 2) Under "Services" click on "Community Contributions"
- 3) Find "participant" toward the bottom and click on "enroll"
- 4) If you already have a Ralphs account, sign in, enter your email and password. Click on "My Account" (in the top right hand corner). View all your information and edit as necessary.

For **new** participants, create an account by entering your email address and a password. Then go back to step 2 above and continue.

- 5) Our Organization number is 81725

Vons/Pavilions/Safeway

Go to www.escrip.com and register your Vons Club card by **November 1, 2011** to continue earning contributions for Hickory.

- 1) Go to escrip.com
- 2) Click on "Yes Renew!" or "1-sign up"
- 3) Enter either your phone number, email or club card number
- 4) For new enrollees, enter sign up information then go to my eScrip
- 5) Press on Change my group selection, type in Hickory Elementary in search section and select our school.

Credit/Debit Cards

Remember to register your credit cards and debit cards at eSCRIP.com. Tell your friends and family to sign up too! This can add LOTS to Hickory's contribution!

**Generate Money
for Hickory!**

ESCRIP

Free!

<http://www.eScrip.com/>

Q) What is eSCRIP?

A) It is a fundraising program that allows participating merchants to contribute a % of your purchases to the organization of your choice. eScrip has generated over 320 million dollars in donations!

Q) How much does it cost?

A) It's FREE!

Q) How do I join?

A) Go on-line and simply register your grocery cards*, credit, and debit cards at www.eScrip.com.

*Ralphs requires you to register your Rewards Card directly at Ralphs.com

Q) How does it work?

A) Shop **in-store** or **on-line**. A complete list of participating merchants is available at eScrip.com. A percentage of your purchases will be donated to Hickory. Most likely there are many stores that you shop frequently ... and, if you register your cards, now Hickory will benefit.

Step by step registration instructions for our popular local grocery stores follow this flyer.

For more information, please refer to www.eScrip.com



Announcing a new benefit!

Spend Less & Get More

with the Torrance Council of PTA's Office Depot Program

Special Copy & Print pricing:

B&W: \$0.019

Color: \$0.19

Visit the Copy & Print center to laminate your PTA Membership Card complimentary

PTA members can save up to 40% annually on their office supplies needs

Special features

- Includes 16,000+ discounted items
- Copy & Print Depot services and ... promotional items
- Green Products
- Technology solutions
- Office furniture ranging from ... basic to designer brand
- Cleaning & break room supplies



Folders
Item # 810-838
Retail Price: \$6.29
Member Price: \$5.08



Cleaning Duster
Item# 911220
Retail Price: \$6.99
Member Price: \$6.29



Sharpies
Item# 203-349
Retail Price: \$7.79
Member Price: \$4.85



Binder
Item# 729-525
Retail Price: \$2.79
Member Price: \$1.31



Sheet Protectors
Item# 498-811
Retail Price: \$12.69
Member Price: \$1.16



Binder Clips
Item# 308-957
Retail Price: \$3.59
Member Price: \$0.65

Effective July 1, 2011, The Office Depot Program is a benefit of your Torrance Council of PTA's membership!

Participating Office Depot Stores:

Store Location	Address	City	Phone	Store Manager Name
TORRANCE CROSSROADS CENTER	24313 CRENSHAW BLVD.	TORRANCE, CA 90505	(310) 326-3291	Mohammad Khan
HAWTHORNE & 190 ST	19800 HAWTHORNE BLVD	TORRANCE, CA 90503	(310) 214-9179	Shahzad Ahmad
BETWEEN NORMANDE & WESTERN	19100 HARBORGATE WAY	TORRANCE, CA 90501	(310) 787-1144	Robb Pierson

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Family Movie Night & Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon!

Save the date:

Friday, October 14th



Book Fair hours 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Our movie under the stars is

Gnomeo & Juliet

starts at 7:00pm

Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and

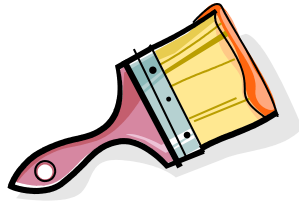
blankets

Hot pizza from the Hickory Teachers
will be for sale! Bring your appetite!

Hickory Hounds join us for an evening of
fun!

HICKORY PTA event

Can you use a hammer? Do you love to garden?
Want to help make Hickory the best-looking school in Torrance?



Then come join us at the annual

Hickory PTA School Beautification Day!

When: Saturday, October 22, 2011- from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

How long: Stay as long or short as you want –
Anyone who stays at least one hour receives a ticket for a prize drawing.

Where: Just walk onto campus – we'll be there

Who may participate: Anyone who wants to help beautify the school –
Parents and kids are welcome - there will be plenty of kid-sized projects.

Refreshments served throughout the day, including
Coffee, pastries, and a pizza lunch

How: Just fill out the attached form and turn in to your child's teacher
or contact coordinator Dan Materman at alissaanddan@netscape.net

Yes, I want to help beautify Hickory Elementary School!

I am willing to:

- Do minor repairs
- Clean windows
- Paint
- Garden

I can't make it, but I can supply:

- Ladders – be sure to mark your property
- Paint prep tools – scrapers, sanders, etc.
- Cleaning supplies – window cleaner, paper towels, etc.
- Gardening supplies – rakes, shovels, etc.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Child's name and Teacher _____



"Protect Your Family from Fire"

Hickory Hounds will recognize Fire Prevention Week during the week of October 11-14.

We are eager for student artwork to help us promote fire safety awareness! Interested students may submit a poster (maximum size 22" x 28") that depicts this year's theme, "Protect Your Family from Fire," to Room 31 by Friday, October 14th after school.

Selected posters will be displayed around campus, and a prize will be given to the student with the most creative poster.

Parents of K-3rd graders, please check your child's backpack for an educational activity booklet called *Let's Learn the ABC's of Fire Safety*, which will be sent home next week.

PTA® Reflections unleashes your artistic talents

Dance Choreography

Photography

Film Production

Musical Composition

Literature

Visual Arts

2011-2012 Theme: **“Diversity Means...”**

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

Deadline for entries: Wednesday, October 28, 2011

For details, contact Ms. Lori Nagaoka
lnagaoka@etusd.org
(310) 533-4672 x3120

Sponsored by Hickory PTA
Information and guidelines for the specific categories
are located on the Hickory Website
(www.hickoryelementary.com) or in Room 31.

National Media Sponsor of PTA Reflections Program

parenting
school years


PTA REFLECTIONS



California State PTA

District PTA # 33 RD

Council TORRANCE COUNCIL OF PTAs

Unit HICKORY PTA 0007851

PTA Reflections Program Consent Form

Important note for Reflections Participants: This completed form must accompany the artwork submission and Student Entry Form if a person's recognizable image or voice is included in the submission. Signatures are required. If individual is under age eighteen, a parent or guardian must sign the form. **This form is required for the 2011-2012 program year.**

For Use of a Student's Image or Voice

I give my permission for my son/daughter, _____ (NAME), to participate in the taping, photographing, or audio recording of an entry in the PTA® ReflectionsSM Program. I give consent for the student's voice and or image to be included in the entry. This entry may be used an unlimited number of times in perpetuity in connection with the PTA Reflections Program or other National PTA purposes. I understand that entries may be judged at the local, regional, state, and national level. Entries may be displayed at a school or at another public area, including the Internet.

Name of student submitting the entry: _____

I have read and understand the rules of the Reflections Program.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

For Use of an Adult's Image or Voice

I am 18 years or older and I consent to participate in the taping, photographing, or audio recording of an entry in the PTA® ReflectionsSM entry.

This entry may be used an unlimited number of times in perpetuity in connection with the PTA Reflections Program or other National PTA purposes. I understand that entries may be judged at the local, regional, state, and national level. Entries may be displayed or at another public area, including the internet.

Name of Student Submitting the Entry: _____

Name of consenting adult _____

Date

Signed _____



PTA Reflections] STUDENT ENTRY FORM (Council PTA TORRANCE (LARCH) OF PTA's District PTA 538)

Directions: Please type or print clearly in black or blue ink (do not use pencil). Completely fill out the form down to and including the required signatures, using the boxed area for local PTA information block. If you need more space, use an extra sheet of paper. Be sure to write your full name on any additional pages.

Grade _____	Grade Division (check one)	Art Area (check one)
Age _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary (preschool-grade 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance Choreography
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (grades 3-5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Film Production
Room # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle (grades 6-8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (grades 9-12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Musical Composition
		<input type="checkbox"/> Photography
		<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts

Title of Work (Required): _____

Required Artist Statement:
 Explain how your work relates to the theme. (Maximum 250 words.)
 See attached (Please include your name on any attached sheets.)

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Photography and Visual Arts: Give the dimensions of the work in inches, including mat. L _____ W _____

Photography: Location/date of shot: _____

Describe the type of camera and process used in preparing the piece: _____

Visual Arts: Describe the medium (crayons, oil on canvas, etc.): _____

Dance Choreography: Name(s) of performer(s): _____

Film Production: Name(s) of person(s) assisting in your film: _____

Did you use film editing software? If so, which software? _____

Dance Choreography and Film Production: Credit the background music below (title, composer, and performer): _____

Check one: Traditional instrumentation MIDI instrumentation

Musical Composition:

Name(s) of person(s) who performed your composition: _____

Did you use music composition software? If so, which software? _____

Are lyrics included? If so, how do your lyrics complement your composition? _____

TELEPHONE

Country _____

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Address 1 _____ Address 2 _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I grant to Reflections PTA an irrevocable, non-exclusive license to display, copy, edit, collate, publish, sell, create and sell derivative works from my work submitted for the Reflections Program. I understand that this is my own original work. I understand that the submission of my entry into the Reflections Program constitutes acceptance of the above conditions.

Full Signature of student: _____ Signature of parent/legal guardian (necessary if student under 18 years): _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL PTA Check one: BPTA PISA Total eight-digit PTA ID: 200027851
 Council (check one) LAKE NAGAIKA ORIGIN PTA/PTSA name: HICKORY PTA
 PTA address: 200 WEST 22TH STREET City: TORRANCE State: CA ZIP: 90505
 Email: lnagaika@stusd.org Phone: 310.333-4672
 Local PTA grant standing letter: letter file date paid date 9/5/11 letter paid date 3/1/10 grant approved date 6/1/11



HICKORY PTA SCIENCE KITS (Kids In To Science) Permission/Agreement and Order Form

This must be completed before your child can receive Science KITS.
Please return to your child's teacher or in the KITS box in Room 31.

I give permission for my Child _____ to participate in the
(Please print clearly)

Hickory PTA Science KITS Program. I agree to supervise his/her use of the kit and to be responsible for it while in our care. If there are any damaged parts or a lost kit, I agree to pay for the cost of replacement (up to \$15.00). All kits are checked out for 10 (ten) days and are to be returned by 9:00am on the day they are due (usually Mondays).

Date _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____
(please print clearly)

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

E-mail (optional) _____

Teacher _____ Grade _____ Room # _____

Please rank from 1-5 (1 = first choice), the Science Kits **OR** Microslide Viewers you would like to check out. (Refer to the [Science Kits Program Handbook](#) on our website to help you make your selection and for more details.)

Kits: *Recommended for 3rd grade and up

+ Recommended for K-2 Grade

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather/Wild Weather* | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Circuits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation - A | <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation - B | <input type="checkbox"/> Kaleidoscopes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Osmosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Body Science+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Floating and Sinking+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magnets - A | <input type="checkbox"/> Magnets - B | <input type="checkbox"/> Static Electricity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sound and Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterworks - A | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterworks - B |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch 'Em Grow | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Sleuths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Chemistry - A | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Chemistry - B | <input type="checkbox"/> Superballs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UV Light Beads | <input type="checkbox"/> Wave Tube/Lava Lamp | <input type="checkbox"/> Making "Snow" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Toying" with Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulleys and Legos * | <input type="checkbox"/> Science of Markers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solar Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Hovercraft | |

Games: (Recommend for 3rd grade and up)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Can Do! Matter | <input type="checkbox"/> Can Do! Solar System | <input type="checkbox"/> Can Do! Earth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can Do! Animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Can Do! Human Body | <input type="checkbox"/> Can Do! Force & Motion |

Microslide Viewers: (Recommended for K-2nd grade)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Microscope Mysteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Body |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Biology | <input type="checkbox"/> Space | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bacteria | <input type="checkbox"/> Investigator | <input type="checkbox"/> Frogs & More Fun |



Academic Chess at Hickory Elementary

For beginning and advanced students!
Chess Class starts on Monday, 10/17/11

Scheduling and Information

Day: **Monday**

Time: **3:15 - 4:10 1st - 2nd**
3:15 - 4:35 3rd - 5th

Meeting Place: **Lunch Tables**

Dates: **10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21**

1st - 2nd graders have a 4:10 dismissal time. It is recommended that parents of younger kids pick up their children at this time. However, if the children have older siblings in the class, then parents can pick up their kids at 4:35. The 1st - 2nd graders who stay due to their older siblings will be supervised during this extended period.

SIGN UP TODAY!

The fee of \$60 for after-school chess includes:

Chess Set or Other Prize

6 weeks of after-school chess

**Exclusive Academic Chess Booklets &/or
Worksheets**

New lesson and chess playing time each week

Advanced lessons for continuing students!!

Opportunities to win: Trophies, certificates, etc.

To sign up: Fill out the permission slip below and return it with your check payable to "Academic Chess" to the school's office, or bring to the first day of class.

For scholarship info.(need based) call: 310-371-8577

Chess increases IQ and teaches children to:

ô **Think Deeply**

ô **Evaluate Positions**

ô **Gain Confidence**

ô **Compete Well**

ô **Solve Problems**

ô **Visualize Results**

ô **Develop Patience**

ô **Strategize and Plan**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: (310) 371-8577

----- remove the form below and return it to the school's office with check payable to Academic Chess -----
I give permission for my child to attend after-school chess classes on Monday at Hickory Elementary.

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent signature: _____ Parent name: _____

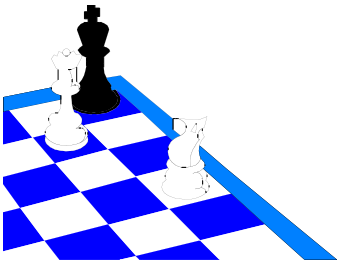
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Alternate Contact/Cell Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

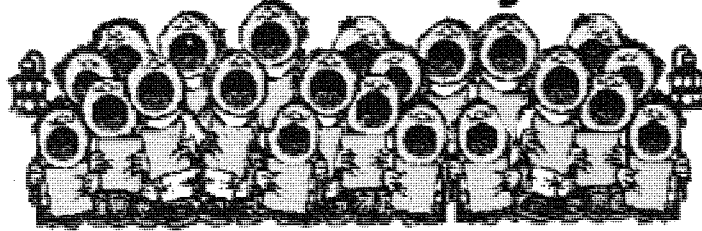
Will your child attend on-campus daycare after chess? (Please circle one) Yes / No

Will your child walk/bike home by him/herself after chess? (Please circle one) Yes / No

Session Start Date: 10/17/11 --Hickory--



Attention 3rd – 5th Graders
It's time to join your
2011/2012 Hickory Chorus



No experience required.

Just come ON TIME to rehearsals with a good attitude and a smile!
Our first rehearsal will begin **Wednesday, October 5**
promptly at **8:00 am** in the **Cafeteria**

Rehearsals will be every Wednesday from 8:00 am – 8:45 am.

Session 1 will be Oct.5-Dec. 14, 2011

We will be using the same t-shirts as last year.

Please include your t-shirt order and a check for \$35 made out to Hickory Academic Alliance . If you have last year's Chorus Shirt you can make your check out for \$25.
(If you want a new Chorus Shirt make your check out for \$35.)

We will communicate with all the families mainly via e-mail with an occasional flyer sent home. Please make sure you give us your e-mail address and **write neatly**. Also, please let us know if you don't have e-mail.

Please feel free to contact Laura Savitz, Laurastoo@aol.com or eschumacher@tUSD.org, if you have any questions.

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet to the office or bring it to the first rehearsal.

I give permission for _____ to participate in Hickory's Chorus for this 2011/2012 school year.

Student's teacher and grade _____

Parent/Guardian Signature
Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian's e-mail address (Please write neatly!) _____

T-shirt: check the appropriate size: (they tend to shrink a bit)

Child Small 6 -8 _____ Child Medium 10-12 _____ Child Large 14-16 _____ Adult Sm _____ Adult Med _____

Don't forget to include the payment: \$35.00 w/Shirt \$25.00 w/o shirt
(checks payable to Hickory Academic Alliance)

Want To Do This?



Cub Scouting is year-round Excitement!

COME JOIN THE FUN!

West Torrance Cub Scout Pack 851 is looking for new members!
Boys going into 1st – 4th grades are encouraged to join us for camping, hiking,
crafts, leadership, Pinewood derby, fishing, fun and more!

Fall Kick-off: Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30 Victor School Cafeteria

If you cannot attend or need more information, please visit:

www.torrancecubscouts.org or call 310/316-3600.



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Hickory Elementary School

For more information, please contact:

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or

Maria Colobong, (310) 783-0218, colobong@sbcglobal.net



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