



HAWK TALK

THE HICKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November/December 2023

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2023–2024 Hickman N.E.S.T.

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We're thrilled to welcome back our beloved school newsletter, Hawk Talk!!!

We've had some amazing events already this year, from the magical Hickman Hallows to our impactful Beautification Day and captivating Science Night.

Inside the newsletter, we delve into the details of these events and many more, offering a glimpse of the fantastic moments that have filled our days so far this school year. We eagerly anticipate more incredible moments to come!

Let's continue to make this school year unforgettable and keep our community spirit alive through the pages of our newsletter. Whether you have a heartfelt poem, a vibrant drawing, or any exciting news to share, we're eager to hear from you! Together, let's showcase the incredible talent and enthusiasm within our school.

This newsletter is your stage to shine, and we invite each one of you to be a part of it, so please reach out to us at hickmannewsletter@gmail.com if you'd like to contribute.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we want to extend warm wishes to everyone for a wonderful celebration. May your Thanksgiving be filled with joy, gratitude, and cherished moments with family and friends!

Here's to more adventures, more discoveries, and more memorable moments ahead.

-The Hawk Talk Newsletter Committee



Message from the Principal



Hello Hickman Families,

I hope this message finds you well and that your children have settled into the school year with enthusiasm and curiosity. So far this year, we have focused on several important aspects of education and personal development:

1. **Academic Excellence:** Our teachers are dedicated to providing a challenging and engaging curriculum that aligns with state standards and promotes critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity.
2. **Social and Emotional Learning:** We recognize the importance of not only academic success but also emotional well-being. Our school will continue to support the social and emotional development of our students to help them thrive in all aspects of life.
3. **Community and Engagement:** We value the partnership between the school and our families. We encourage you to get involved in school activities and events, and our parent organization, The NEST, is always looking for volunteers.
4. **Communication:** We believe that open and effective communication between school and home is essential. Please stay connected through class dojo, Sunday all calls, our school website, and teacher-parent conferences.

Remember, we are here to work together in the best interests of our students. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your partnership in your child's education is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education.

Christi Martelli
Principal, Hickman Elementary



HICKMAN HALLOWS SPOOKTACULAR SUCCESS!

We are thrilled to announce the triumphant return of our beloved Halloween Carnival, now reimagined as "Hickman Hallows"! The event was a spooktacular hit, filled with endless excitement.

Thank you to everyone who joined in the festivities, making Hickman Hallows an unforgettable celebration of Halloween and community spirit!



A special shout-out to the incredible volunteers from Challenger Middle School and Mira Mesa High School. Your dedication and support were instrumental in making Hickman Hallows an unforgettable celebration of Halloween and community spirit!

HICKMAN'S GARDENS GET A FRESH START



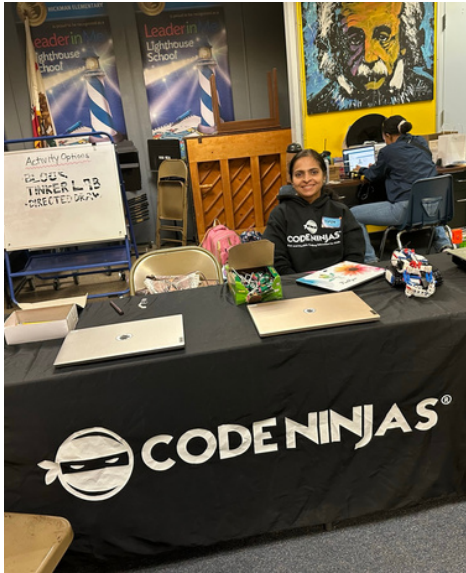
Hickman volunteers dusted off their gardening tools and put their green thumbs to work on our first Beautification Day of the year on Saturday, November 4th.

Volunteers cleared out neglected planters and pruned overgrown hedges and trees. They also removed large weeds/tripping hazards growing through cracks around the courtyard and playground.

Thank you to all our volunteers, especially our students for bringing out the fun and bugs; Scott Eisold for contributing his landscaping expertise; and Matt Glandon from the office for coming in on his day off to provide access to the school.

Stay tuned for our upcoming beautification events. We will work on planting, continued cleanup, painting, and much more. Anyone interested in volunteering, or suggesting other ideas to beautify our school, can contact Garden & Beautification committee chair Liezel Labios at liezel.labios@gmail.com.

Sparking Curiosity, Igniting Discoveries: Dive into the Wonders of Science Night!



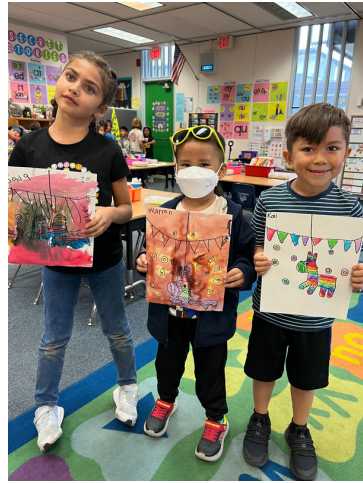
We're excited to share the momentous resurgence of Science Night, held on November 8th (marking its return since 2019). A big thank you to all contributors, attendees, and wonderful volunteers for an amazing turnout filled with engaging activities and informative stations, catering to various scientific interests.



Special thanks to Hickman Family members and the broader Mira Mesa community for their invaluable support. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated Hickman staff for their instrumental guidance. Thank you for making Science Night a memorable success!



CLASSROOM CHRONICLES



Hello from the First Graders in Room 22



Dive into the vibrant world of achievements and creative endeavors of our Hickman stars! From captivating projects to inspiring collaborations, our classrooms are buzzing with excitement and learning. Stay tuned for a glimpse into the wonderful journey of education happening within our school walls.

Hawk Highlight



JR. GULLS 8U A1

JACKSON NGUYEN
#87

POSITION
LEFT WING

FAVORITE PLAYER
NIKITA KUCHEROV

FAVORITE TEAM
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING

HYPE SONG
FINISH LINE

OFF ICE ACTIVITY
PLAY WITH CATS

HOMETOWN
SAN DIEGO, CA

CREATIVE CORNER:

WHERE IMAGINATION MEETS INK

5 paragraph Informational Essay Color Codes:

Based on responding to the prompt:
“How do state governments protect the lives and liberties of their citizens?”

Green: way 1

Blue: way 2

Yellow: way 3



Alexander Harina, Rm 41
4th Grade

People may find it interesting to learn that each state government protects the lives and liberties of their citizens. One way the state government protects its citizens is by providing public transportation. Another way state governments help their citizens is by offering assistance during an emergency or natural disaster. Lastly, state governments assist their citizens by providing public health and safety.

One way the state government protects “the lives and liberties” of their citizens is by providing public transportation. For example, the state’s responsibility is to maintain roads, streets, and highways so their citizens can travel safely. In fact, Christopher Dodd, a former Connecticut state senator, said, “America’s highways, roads, bridges, are an indispensable part of our lives. They link one end of our nation to the other. We use them each and every day, for every conceivable purpose.”

Another way the state government protects “the lives and liberties” of their citizens is by offering assistance during emergencies and disasters. In fact, state governments work to protect people from floods by building a sea wall. For example, state governments protect “the lives and liberties” of their citizens by sending state workers to assist people who are hurt or trapped under debris after a disaster.

Lastly, the state government protects “the lives and liberties of their citizens” by providing public health and safety. Evidence of this is by state police patrolling and monitoring public spaces and grounds owned by the state at all times keeping citizens safe. Another way the state government protects “the lives and liberties of their citizens” is by caring for their citizens by controlling hospitals to supervise the sick.

Without a doubt, life as we know it would be extremely different if state governments did not provide for and protect their citizens. If governments did not provide for and protect their citizens. If there were no fire departments, police departments, road repair, public hospitals, or public parks, life as a citizen would be disastrous. In closing, life without a state government that protects the lives and liberties of its citizens would not be much of a life at all.

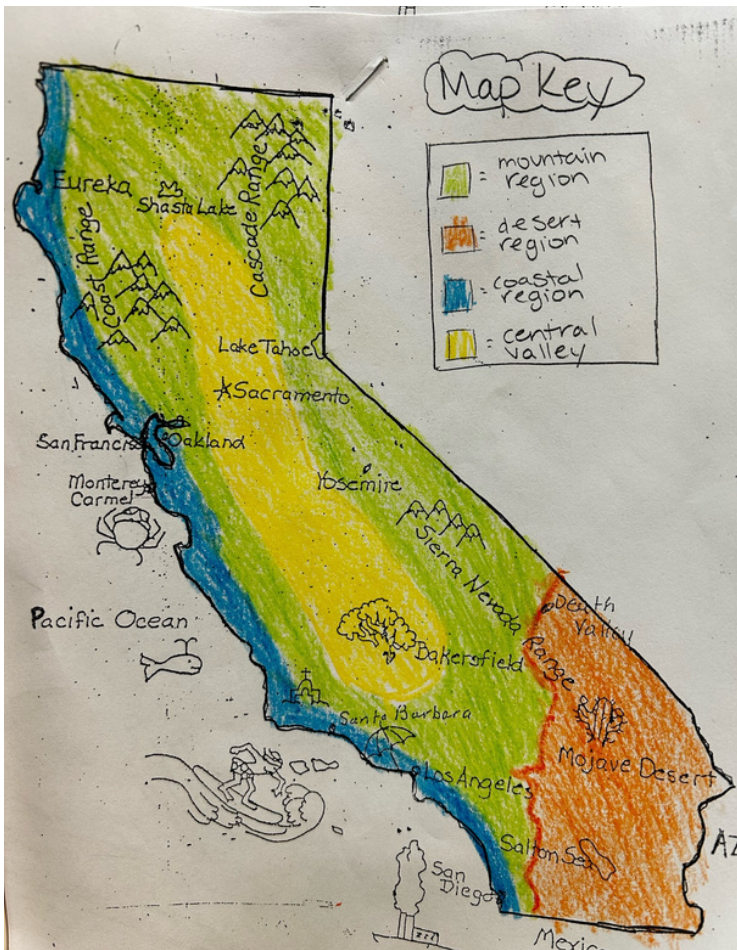
Tony T., Rm 41
4th Grade



Advith, Rm 24
Kindergarten

CREATIVE CORNER:

WHERE IMAGINATION MEETS INK



Maddy C., Rm 41
4th Grade

Persuasive Paragraph

Color Codes:

Yellow: topic/concluding sentences

Blue: reasons

Green: evidence/explanation



Nora, Rm 26
Kindergarten

I believe that my parents should buy me a puppy. One reason why my parents should buy me a puppy is because I can play with the puppy when I'm bored. For example, when my siblings don't want to play with me I have the puppy to play with. Another reason my parents should get me a puppy is because I can walk the puppy and it's healthy for me and the puppy. In support of this reason, if I don't get enough sunlight and if I don't walk the puppy the puppy will not get enough exercise and I could be lazy and I could get sick. Finally, when I'm sad I could play with the puppy, then I would be happy. In fact, when someone hurts my feelings the puppy could cheer me up by letting me hug it. My parents should clearly buy me a puppy.

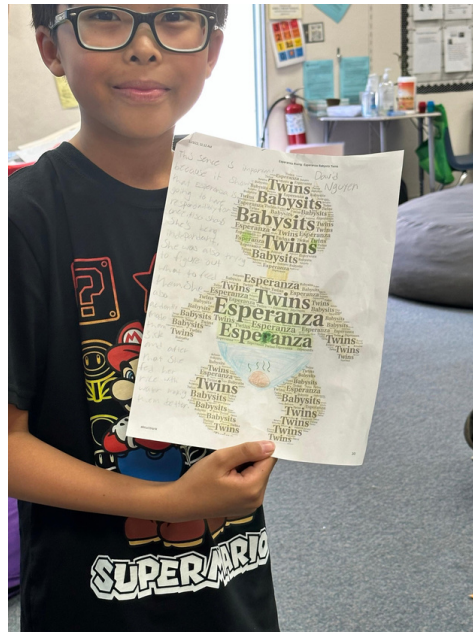
Zymon, Rm 41
4th Grade

5TH GRADE SPOTLIGHT:

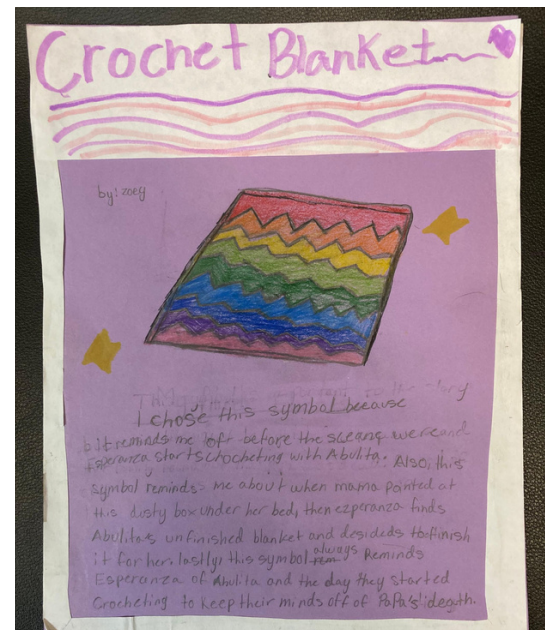
ESPERANZA RISING GALLERY



Makenna, Ms. Perkins



David, Mr. Ebert



Zoey, Ms. Perkins

All students had the choice of creating an art piece, writing a poem, or an essay.



Valeriia, Ms. Summers

One of the most important scenes in the book "Esperanza Rising" is probably when Mama got sick and got better from her illness. Also when the whole family was reunited. I am going to be talking about those scenes throughout the few paragraphs.

In the middle of the book, Mama gets sick because of a sand/dust storm next to their cabin. Hortensia quickly calls a doctor to help Mama. The doctor says that she has Valley Fever because of the dust storm. Ever since Mama got sick, Esperanza has been watching her. She was always at her side. Each day Mama would get more sick. So eventually, they had to get her to the hospital. The hospital told Esperanza that she can't see Mama for a few months. But then she got better and came back home. This scene is important because this affects Esperanza and the rest of the family.

At the end of the book, Miguel and Esperanza get into a fight so Miguel goes to travel somewhere else. Esperanza does not know that Miguel used the money orders to travel. When Mama was back home, Esperanza wanted to show the money orders to her. But when she went to get them, they were gone. Esperanza was so upset when she found out that the money orders were stolen by Miguel. But then Hortensia gets a text from Miguel saying that they are going to meet at Bakersfield at 3:00. When they get there, Esperanza sees a familiar person on the train. It was Abuelita! They were now reunited and happy. Esperanza also brought Abuelita to Mama. This is also an important scene because part of Mama's sickness is depression and with Abuelita around, Mama is more joyful.

In conclusion, the reason why these scenes are important is because Esperanza's family is really important to her. Mama getting better from her illness and Abuelita coming back is important to Esperanza. That is why these scenes are important in the story.

Aniela, Mr. Ebert

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- **1:** Family Friday, Grades 3-5
Coffee with the Principal 8-9a
- **5:** Family Dine Out: Chipotle, 4-8p
- **11-15:** Holiday Shop
- **15:** Leadership Assembly, 8-8:30a
- **15:** Friday Dismissal, 12:25p
(Teacher Development)
- **15:** Family Night Out:
Rockin' Jump, 1-3p
- **Dec. 18 – Jan. 2:** Winter Vacation

January

- **3:** School Resumes
- **5:** Family Friday, UTK - 2
Coffee with the Principal, 8-9a
- **11:** NEST Meeting: Hickman Hall,
6-7p
- **15:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day –
No School
- **17:** Wednesday Dismissal, 12:25p
- **17:** Family Dine Out: Chick-fil-A,
4-8p
- **19:** Leadership Assembly, 8-8:30a
- **20:** Running Club New Years Run
& Community Health Fair
- **22-26:** Kindness Challenge/Shoe
& Food Drive
- **25:** Family Movie Night, 6-8p

SHOP THE HOLIDAY
STORE ONLINE
STARTING NOV. 18
VISIT:
FUNGIFTSSOCAL.COM
LOGIN:
HOLIDAY
PASSWORD:
giftshop23069



KNOWLEDGE HUB

BOOKSHELF FINDS

Engaging reads and teacher-recommended favorites:

ELEPHANT & PIGGIE: MY FRIEND IS SAD

MS. PRATT (UTK)

ELEPHANT & PIGGIES SERIES

MRS. FIDEL (KINDER)

THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT

MRS. DENTON (1ST)

NORMAN: ONE AMAZING GOLDFISH

ONLINE RECOMMENDATION (2ND)

MAGIC TREE HOUSE

MRS. ALVAREZ (3RD)

TIGER RISING

MS. CARROLL (4TH)

WUNDERSMIT: THE CALLING OF MORRIGAN CROW

MR. EBERT & MS. SUMMERS (5TH)



SCHOOL CLUBS

Explore the many on-campus programs available at Hickman! Dive in and join these exciting opportunities:

STUDENT LIGHTHOUSE

MRS. ALVAREZ

MATH & SCIENCE CLUB

MRS. KLINGKAMMER

BOARD GAMES CLUB

MR. EBERT

RUNNING CLUB

NEST

GARDEN CLUB

SAM MEJIA

RECYCLING CLUB

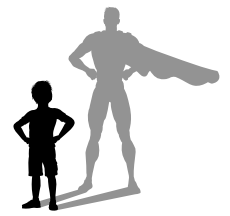
MS. PERKINS

NO PLACE FOR HATE CLUB SAM

MEJIA



HICKMAN HEROES



Recognizing the staff and students who have gone above and beyond in contributing to the school community!



Matt Glandon

Matt, our ESA, consistently goes the extra mile to lend a helping hand, even after hours or on his days off. His welcoming smile and positive attitude always brighten our students' day. He's a true champion of support and a cornerstone of our school community!

 DON'T FORGET! 

**HELP BEAUTIFY
HICKMAN!**

YOUR DONATIONS MAKE OUR
VISION A REALITY!



Swing by our Lost and Found to reclaim any missing treasures. Who knows, your favorite sweater or that beloved toy might be waiting for you there! Hurry, before they find a new home

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OR VISIT US AT WWW.HICKMANNEST.COM

**Treasurer's Report
November 2023**

Date	Statement Balance
2023/11/01	\$59,096.12

N.E.S.T Major Fundraisers:

Description	Sum of Deposit
Dine Outs	\$333.79
Spirit Wear	\$177.78
Pledge Drive (preliminary)	\$19,644.31
Shoe Drive	\$69.50
Hickman Hallows	\$1,624.30
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$21,849.68</i>

N.E.S.T Budget Approved:

	2023-2024 Approved	2023-2024 Actual	Money Remaining
Administrative	\$1,860	\$1,345.53	\$514.47
Art	\$10,000	\$2,000.00	\$8,000
Assemblies	\$1,000	\$-	\$1,000
Beautification	\$1,000	\$-	\$1,000
Buses for Field trips	\$6,000	\$-	\$6,000
Educational Materials/Software	\$27,000	\$1,029.26	\$25,970.74
Events	\$4,000	\$2,771.70	\$1,228.30
Health and Wellness (Nurse)	\$1,000	\$-	\$1,000
Music	\$10,000	\$-	\$10,000
Professional Development	\$1,000	\$-	\$1,000.00
Running Club	\$1,000	\$175	\$825
Safety	\$1,000	\$495	\$505
Staff Appreciation	\$2,000	\$447.39	\$1552.61
Student Recognition	\$500.00	\$-	\$500.00
		12%	88%
Total	\$67,360.00	\$8,263.88	\$59,096.12

5th Grade Committee Balance

\$6,016.25

Questions? Contact the N.E.S.T. treasurer Cheri Chandler at hickmannest@gmail.com



HOLIDAY FUN



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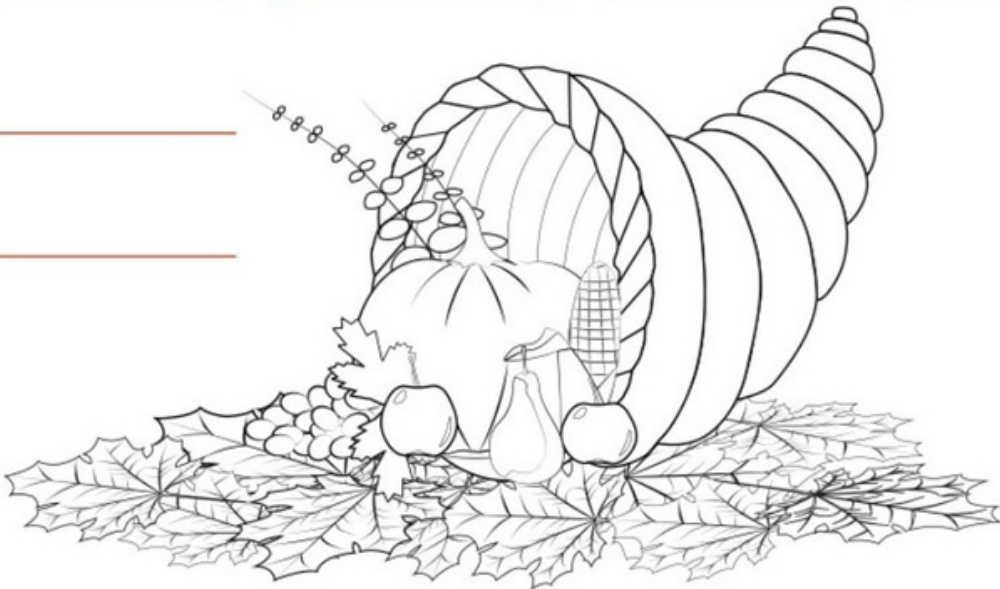
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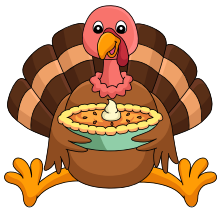
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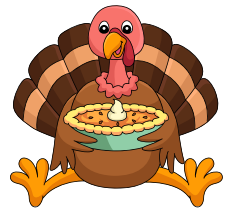
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HOLIDAY FUN



DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

Harvest festival

Word Search

- ANNUAL
- APPLES
- AUTUMN
- CELEBRATION
- CONTESTS
- CORN
- CORNUCOPIA
- CROPS
- FARMER
- FEASTING
- FESTIVAL
- FIELDS
- GAMES
- HARVEST

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- LEAVES
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- MUSIC
- OCTOBER
- PUMPKINS
- REGIONAL
- SCARECROW
- SEPTEMBER
- SQUASH