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Special Person Spotlight

Silver Oak holds a special place in many people's hearts. Every month, we'll talk to someone affiliated with Silver Oak.

By Kalin G. & Ayannah M.

For 34 years, Mrs. Hogan has been showing up everyday inspiring her students, cheering on her colleagues, and supporting new teachers while they fall in love with the teaching profession. And after 34 years, Mrs. Hogan has earned a well deserved vacation. She will be retiring this year and no send-off can adequately describe the impact she will leave!

Mrs. Hogan has been teaching for 34 years and 8 months! That's a long time. She has been teaching at Silver Oak since its opening and she is the last of the "original" Silver Oak teachers. Mrs. Hogan has taught every grade, except sixth grade and kindergarten. Her longest tenure was teaching 1st grade for 20 years! Out of all the grades she taught, fourth grade was her favorite because of the curriculum and the field trip to Sacramento. Her favorite thing about teaching is organizing Jump Rope for Heart because she loves to watch the kids jump roping, and they seem so happy and genuinely having fun. Another celebration she likes is celebrating Christmas with her fourth and fifth grade classes. She loved the tradition of sipping hot chocolate and making candy trains.

After being at Silver Oak for 28 years, she is going to miss all the kids and staff she was with over the years. She actually was able to experience her first and last Walden West trip this year, and she really enjoyed it. Mrs. Hogan has a student teacher and is able to provide insight and guidance to new and older teachers. Some advice she would like to share with teachers is to take teaching one step at a time; you don't have to do everything all at once.

After retiring, Mrs. Hogan plans to visit all the National Parks in America. She has most certainly earned a trip to explore the beauty of the United States. We can speak for everyone when we say that we hope she has a nice retirement, and we will all remember what a great teacher she's been at Silver Oak. Enjoy retirement and accomplish your dream of going to all the National Parks in America! We all wish you well, Mrs. Hogan, and hope you visit us when you can!!

Current Events

By Anabelle Q. & Aryan C.

Russian-Ukrainian War

War has broken out in Europe between Russia and Ukraine. Russian leader, Vladimir Putin, is responsible for the attacks on the second largest European country, Ukraine. Ukraine and its resilient people have pushed back a lot on Russian forces. Ukraine's capital city, Kyiv, has become a shell of its former self, but the people haven't given up yet. Many bad things are happening, such as shellings, missiles, gun fights, and other attacks. Meanwhile, NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, strives to help Ukraine. Ukrainian refugees are escaping to Poland to find safety for their families and themselves. Let's all hope that peace is restored soon and world leaders come together for a better future for all.

Silver Oak's Earth Day Celebration

Silver Oak is hosting its first annual Earth Day celebration! Adults and students are working to improve our garden on Saturday, April 9th, from 9:00 to 2:00. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers who will help in painting the flower beds teal and black, shoveling dirt, and placing numbers on the flowering beds. So far, several dozen volunteers have signed up, but they are looking for more. So, if you are not doing anything on Saturday, April 9th, I highly recommend helping with our Earth Day celebration here at Silver Oak. Remember, we should all do our part in helping our local community and the world!

Jokes and Riddles

Laugh and Learn...

We hope these make you smile...or scratch your head!

By, Dara A., Tommy H., Roman K., Aryan C., & Ayannah M.

*What falls during March but never gets hurt?

The rain.

*What March flowers grow on faces?

Tulips (2 lips).

*How does an Easter bunny keep its fur looking so good?

Hare spray!

*What's the Easter bunny's favorite restaurant?

IHOP!

*Why did the Easter Bunny want to learn how to snowboard?

He heard it was an eggstreme sport.

*Why can't the Easter Bunny's ear be twelve inches long?

Because then it would be a foot.

*Why do bees have sticky hair?

They use honeycombs!

*What type of music do rabbits listen to?

Hip hop.

*If a rooster were to lay an egg on a hill, which way would it roll down?

It wouldn't! A rooster doesn't lay eggs!

*What kind of story does the Easter Bunny like?

One with hoppy endings!

*What do you call an Easter bunny that gets kicked out of school?

Egg-spelled!

*Why does the Easter bunny want to win a gold medal?

Because he heard it's 24 carrot!

*Why did the baby chick cross the road?

To meet up with her Peeps!

*What kind of bean can't grow in a garden?

A jelly bean

*How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?

You've never seen a bunny who needs glasses!

*Why shouldn't you tickle an easter egg?

It will crack up.

Q & A

We ask the questions and you give the answers.

By, Ashley S., Ananya K., and Ayannah M.

Kindergarten: What did the Easter Bunny bring you last year?

Answer: Dylan D. said loudly, "Eggs with clues to find the chocolate, and the chocolate eggs had little dinosaurs inside."

1st grade: What is your favorite Easter candy? Why?

Jaijai L. said excitedly, "Chocolate bunnies are my favorite because they look like bunnies and they are chocolate, which is my favorite dessert."

2nd grade: Are you planning to go on an Easter egg hunt this year?

Answer: Aniska P. replied, "Yes, I am going with a friend."

3rd grade: Are you going to do an Easter egg hunt this year?

Answer: Elaine L. said, "I don't know. It is up to my mom."

4th grade: What event do you like more, eating chocolate bunnies or going on an Easter Egg hunt? Why?

Answer: Sydney N. replied, "I think Easter egg hunts are better because I do not like chocolate."

5th grade: What is your favorite thing about Easter? Why?

Amber C. said, "My favorite thing about Easter is chocolate because I like chocolate and food."

6th grade: What do you do on Easter?

Answer: Chelsea G. said, "I normally visit my baby cousins for Easter."