

Tom Hawkins Elementary School

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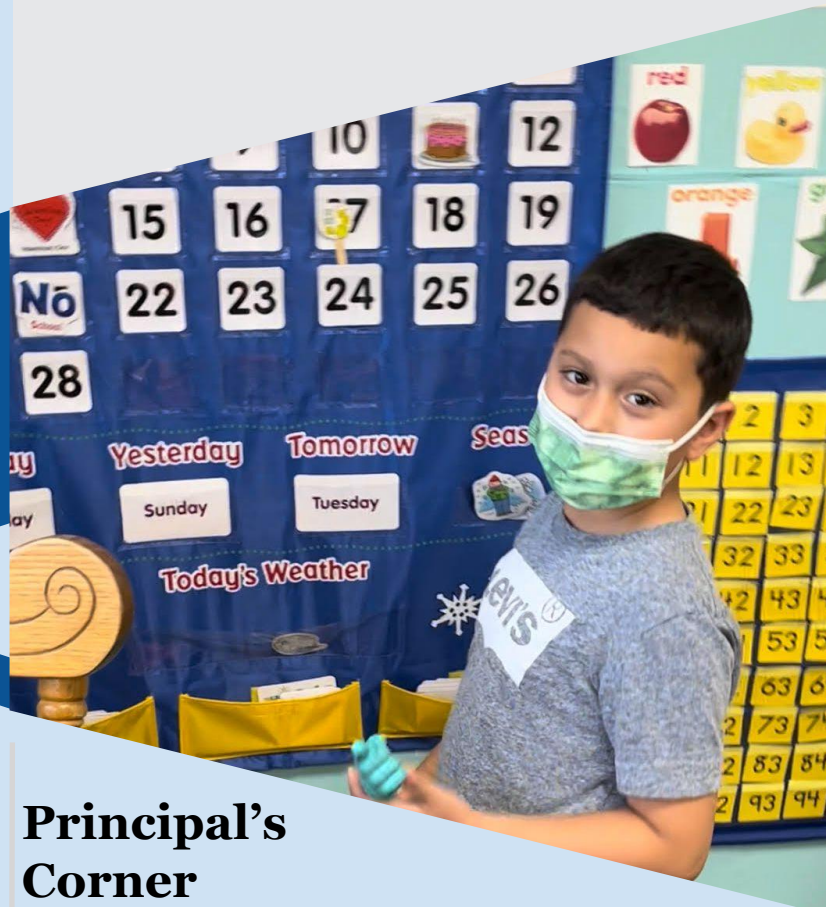


March 14, 2022



Upcoming Events

- Mar 14 - Wearing masks at school becomes optional
- Mar 15 - ASB Meeting at 3:00PM
- Mar 15 - 8th Grade Graduation Meeting in Library @6:00PM
- Mar 16 - Virtual Coffee with the Principal via [Zoom](#) @8:30am
- Mar 16 - [GATE Testing Applications Due](#)
- Mar 16 - School Site Council Meeting via [Zoom](#) @3:30PM
- Mar 17 - [St. Patrick's Day](#)
- Mar 18 - 6th Grade Science Camp payment due (\$250)
- Mar 18 - Trimester 2 Awards Ceremony (4th-8th Grade Students Only)
- Mar 24 - Spring Picture Day
- Mar 24 - LCAP Parent Advisory Meeting via [Zoom](#) at 6:00PM
- Mar 25 - [Jump Rope for Heart - Wear EXTREME BLUE](#)
- Mar 28 - Apr 8 - Spring See's Candy Sale
- Mar 29 - ASB Meeting at 3:00PM
- Mar 29 - 8th Grade Graduation Meeting in Library @6:00PM
- Apr 1 - CJSF Deadline for Trimester 2
- Apr 5 - 8th Grade Graduation Meeting in Library @6:00PM
- Apr 5-14 - 5th and 8th Graders take CAST Science Test
- Apr 11-13 - 6th Grade Science Camp
- Apr 14 - 3rd Grade Adventure Fieldtrip
- Apr 15-24 - Spring Break
- Apr 26 - 8th Grade Graduation Meeting in Library @6:00PM
- Apr 26-May 20 - CAASPP Testing Window (3rd-8th Grade)
- May 2-6 - Staff Appreciation Week
- May 3 - 8th Grade Graduation Meeting in Library @6:00PM
- May 6 - Madams and Muffins
- May 10 - 8th Grade Graduation Meeting in Library @6:00PM
- May 19 - Ice Cream Social



Principal's Corner

Good morning Mr. Mendoza! Shown above is Giovanni Mendoza using his pointer to teach me and his classmates about the calendar. Just another way we try to infuse the character trait of Leadership into everyday instruction.

On March 13, 2020, we had a Pizza with the Principal lunch, I went to my daughter's swim meet, and at around 5:00PM that afternoon, it was announced that our school would be closing temporarily due to COVID. It was a day I will never forget. This Monday, two years and a day from that original closure, students and staff will be able to attend school without a mask. This will be a big change for all of us. I encourage families to discuss their plan and expectations for their students about continuing to mask. There will be a variety of approaches. Some students will stop masking all together. Some families may choose to have students continue wearing their mask. Others may decide to strategically wear them during specific school activities. Besides masking, our other safety and quarantine protocols have not changed. We ask that you continue to be diligent about daily screening of symptoms. Over the last 2 years, I have been so grateful to our students, staff and families for their tireless support in helping keep our students safe and getting the educational supports they need. We appreciate everybody's cooperation as we go through this next milestone.

Join us this week for Virtual Coffee with the Principal, 8th Grade graduation meeting and the Virtual Family Science Event.



Bring your heart and jump rope it out in celebration of Jump Rope for Heart!

It is extremely important to practice heart health to maintain a healthy heart. Jump Roping is one of the BEST ways to do that!

There will be... Music, Jump Rope Challenges, Prizes, and of course...Jump Ropes for all!

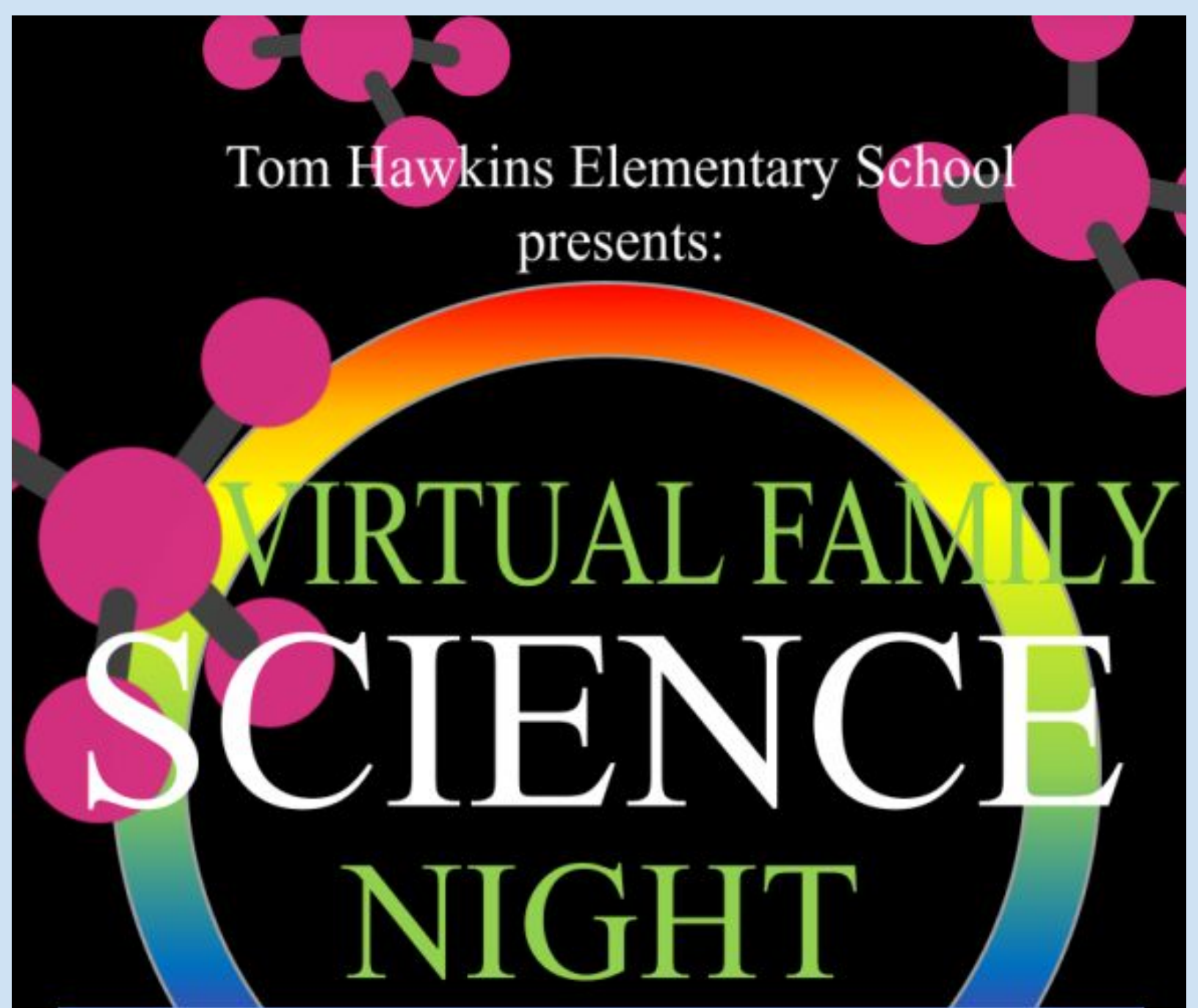
Wear your **EXTREME Blue Spirit Wear!**

WHEN: Friday, March 26th @ 1:20PM

Why Jump Rope for Heart?

- Bringing awareness to child survivors of Heart Disease!
- Supporting all survivors of Heart Disease!
- Coming together to practice heart health in a fun and creative way!





Tom Hawkins Elementary School
presents:

VIRTUAL FAMILY
SCIENCE
NIGHT

GET YOUR FAMILY STEM SUPPLY PACKET

from the school office today!

In order to keep things standardized, the office has premade packets for you to use. We are asking that you only use these provided materials. Directions and FlipGrid link are included in the packet.

IMPORTANT: Make sure to have a great time!!

Supplies available in the office from 3/4-3/14
Submission to Flipgrid due by March 15, 2022

Jefferson School District Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) –

OLSAT Testing 2021-2022

- **Fall GATE Testing 5th – 8th Grade: Week of November 5th**
- **3rd and 4th Grade Testing: In class in December**
- **Spring GATE Testing 5th – 7th Grade (and new 3rd & 4th grade students who miss in class testing):**
March 30th @ 3:00PM
- **2nd Grade Testing: In class in April**

There are three ways to qualify for GATE in Jefferson Elementary School District: Earn a qualifying score on the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT), meet the district CAASPP Score criteria, or through the teacher recommendation / portfolio process. Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) testing is open to second through eighth graders who have not taken the OLSAT 8 in the past three years.

JSD provides 2nd – 8th grade students the opportunity to participate in an assessment used for identifying Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students. The test used is the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test, Eighth Edition (OLSAT-8) and it is administered two times each school year: Fall and Spring. The district also tests all second grade students in April, to be considered for GATE. This is part of a District-wide plan to address the disproportionate number of underrepresented student populations identified as gifted and capture students who may be overlooked using the past practice. The assessment was not offered in 2019-20 and 2020-21, so this school year we will also test all 3rd and 4th graders in December. School sites will notify parents as we move through the year and the different testing opportunities are made available.

Now is the time to request Spring GATE Testing: Parents are responsible for student transportation if participating in the after school test. If you would like your child to participate in the upcoming GATE testing, please contact the school office and ask for a GATE application or go to the Jefferson School District Website (www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com) for the application.

The application must be completed and returned to the school office by: Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Families who submit applications will be provided additional information after this deadline.

Grad News

- 3-4 school age pictures for slideshow

.jpg should be emailed to gmail account – hawkinsgradpics@gmail.com

Please include your child's name in the file name

(Example: johnsmith1.jpg, johnsmith2.jpg, johnsmith3.jpg)

- 20-25 baby-current pictures for the photo collage

collage pictures are printed and put onto cardstock which will be provided

Graduation Meetings

6:00PM in the School Library

Tuesday, March 15

Tuesday, March 29

Tuesday, April 5

Tuesday, April 26

Tuesday, May 3

Tuesday, May 10

Tuesday, May 24

Can't make the meetings, but want to help out?

Consider doing a project from home!

Email us if you would like to volunteer.

Christina Orsi, Principal

corsi@jsdtracy.com

Terri Goularte, Graduation Chair

terrigoularte@gmail.com

ALL parents are encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings. Please do not bring 8th graders as we keep the theme a surprise!



TOM HAWKINS ELEMNTARY SCHOOL

GRADUATION EVENTS

CLASS OF 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Honors Night

Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00PM

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, May 19 at 2:00PM

Great America Trip

Friday, May 20 All Day

Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, May 26 at 6:15PM

Graduation Dance

Thursday, May 26 at 7:30PM

Hawkins Library News

Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader



I'm the
UltiMUTT
book
reader !

**READ-A-THON
FUNDRAISER**

Ends Mon. 3/14

Current Donation
Amount

\$14,148.75

Current Minutes Read
32,521

GREAT JOB!

Contact Your Librarians

(209) 839-2380 X 3062

Ms.Gentry-Hawkins Librarian

lgentry@jsdtracy.com

Mrs. Phipps- Hawkins Librarian

kphipps@jsdtracy.com

READING STACKS UP

What parents can do to
encourage reading

- Continue to support children's learning and interest by visiting the library and bookstores with them
- Find ways to highlight children's progress in reading and writing
- Stay in regular contact with your child's teachers about activities and progress in reading and writing
- Encourage children to use and enjoy print for many purposes (such as recipes, directions, games, and sports)
- Build a love of language in all its forms and engage children in conversation

Here is a list of the Best Books of 2021 by the School Library Journal. [Best Books of 2021](#)

[Library Home Page](#)

[Library Resource Care Guidelines](#)

[Social and Emotional Learning Resources](#)


[Hawkins Virtual Library Tour](#)

[Hawkins to Go Library Instructions](#)



TOM HAWKINS HPFC NEWSLETTER

The Hawkins Parent Faculty Club

[Click here to join the mailing list](#) and like us on  [@hawkinshuskies](#).

A Note From the Presidents

Dear Hawkins Community,

Each Spring, for many years, the HPFC organized a Parent-Child Dance, complete with food booths and goodie bags. While we can't do that this year, we hope the Movie Night In A Bucket (and add Dinner Night at Chili's!) provides an opportunity for families to pause and enjoy a fun night together! [See below](#).



We can hardly believe that there are only two more HPFC meetings before the end of the year! It's already time for HPFC Board nominations for the next school year. Check out the [flier below](#) for details. And, if you haven't already - fill out the volunteer interest form. You don't have to be a Board member to participate.

All are welcome!

Theresa Soto & Christine Ward

HUSKY PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteers make it happen!
The Hawkins Parent Faculty Club
(HPFC)

is an all volunteer organization.

We can only do **amazing** deeds
for our **school** and **kids** if we do
them **together**.

Take just 2 minutes to
let us know you're
interested.



Even if you aren't sure
exactly how to help -
just signal your
willingness!



OR
[Click here](#)

Calendar of Events

**HPFC Meets
This Wednesday**

@ 6:30 pm

All are welcome



Now - March 25	Spring See's Candy Sale
March 14 - March 25	Movie Night in a Bucket Sales
March 16	HPFC Meeting
March 25	Dinner Night Out - Chili's
April 13	HPFC Meeting Date change due to Spring Break

HPFC Meetings
are held the
3rd Wednesday
of the month.
Next Meeting:
March 16th @
6:30 pm
Click [HERE](#) to
join on Zoom
Meeting ID:
863 1428 9001
Passcode: Hawkins

HPFC PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT IN A BUCKET

Snag your movie night in a bucket! Included is a Redbox gift card, popcorn, candy, and some funny movie night props for only \$20! Purchase at the HPFC Square store and pick up on March 25th. Limited quantities. While supplies last.



[HTTPS://TOM-HAWKINS-PARENT-FACULTY-CLUB-HPFC.SQUARE.SITE/](https://tom-hawkins-parent-faculty-club-hpfc.square.site/)

DINNER AND A MOVIE?

Join us at Chili's on March 25, 2022 to support the school for dinner night out!





THE HPFC IS LOOKING FOR LEADERS!

Do you have fresh ideas to enhance students' learning experiences and foster community? Do you enjoy engaging with parents and school staff? Consider running!

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS NEED TO BE FILLED FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR:

POSITION	DESCRIPTION Read detailed descriptions of the positions in the HPFC Bylaws.
President	Preside over all general and executive meetings, serve as primary contact for Hawkins faculty and staff, and prepare general meeting agendas in consultation with Board Members.
VP of Committees	Serve as the Board representative on standing and special committees, and as the primary Board contact for sub-committee heads, and coordinate the distribution of materials for HPFC events.
VP of Membership	Recruit new members, disseminate general membership communications, and maintain membership rosters.
Secretary	Take and record meeting minutes, and compile weekly newsletter.
Treasurer	Receive and manage all HPFC funds, prepare and propose an annual budget and keep an accurate record of income, receipts, and expenditures.
Social Media Manager	Manage HPFC social media sites with current, relevant content to include: posting weekly newsletter, event fliers and announcements, and add content that amplifies and is in alignment with the purposes of HPFC.



Who is eligible? Any parent/guardian of a Hawkins student or any Hawkins staff member is considered a member of HPFC and eligible to serve on the Board.

What's the process?

1. All positions will be announced at the March 16th HPFC General Membership Meeting.
2. Nominations will be accepted:
 - a. through [this google form](#) from the close of the March 16th meeting until 6:30 pm on April 13th; **and**
 - b. verbally at the April 13th HPFC General Membership Meeting. Verbal nominations are only accepted at the April meeting.
3. Anyone nominated by someone else must accept the nomination in order to appear on the ballot. Self-nominations are automatically accepted.
4. Voting will open the week of May 9th, and will close at the end of the May 18th HPFC General Membership Meeting.

Spring
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We're Fundraising
with See's Candies!

Spring
Candy
Sale
Ends

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This is an online sale only
Order by March 25th.

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/tomhsh_tom_hawkins_hpfc_spring_fundraiser39/candy?h=JesCon6576&c=ot9915

- Please share the link with at least 5 family and friends to help us hit our goal.
- Buy and have items sent directly to you or have them sent directly as gifts.





JSD Daily Home Screening for Students

Parents: Please complete this short check each morning and if you answer “yes” to any of the questions keep your student home and report the absence to the school office.

SECTION 1: Symptoms

If your child has any of the following symptoms, that indicates a possible illness that may decrease the student’s ability to learn and also put them at risk for spreading illness to others. Please check your child for these symptoms:

Yes	No	Temperature 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
Yes	No	Sore throat
Yes	No	New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/ asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
Yes	No	Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
Yes	No	New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

SECTION 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure

Yes	No	Within the past 14 days, have you had close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
Yes	No	Within the last 10 days, have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 or had a test confirming you have the virus?

Do not send your child to school if he/she has any symptoms or has had any COVID exposure. Call the office to report this and receive guidance.

Telephone: 209-839-2380

Tracy Friends of the Library
is honored to sponsor the

Tracy Poetry Contest



Open for submissions
March 16 - April 13, 2022

Contest open to all Tracy-area residents ages 0 to 110!
Theme is open!

Prizes will be awarded in three age categories:
10 years and younger; 11 to 17 years; 18 years and older.
Prizes include Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Poems can be submitted via email or delivered/mailed
to the Tracy Branch Library.

*Contest is family-friendly, so TFOL reserves the right to exclude poems with explicit content or profanity. One poem per person. To submit: Email typed poem to tracylibraryfriends@gmail.com with the subject: "Poetry Contest Submission." Attach poem as a word document or pdf. In the attachment, include the following: Title of poem, author's name, age of author, best phone number for contact, email address, and physical address.

If you cannot submit via email, submit poem with above information in an envelope (label outside of envelope "Poetry Contest"). Envelope can be dropped in the Book Drop at the Tracy Branch Library or mailed to the library at TFOL, Tracy Branch Library, 20 E. Eaton Avenue, Tracy CA 95376. Must arrive at the library by April 13th.



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