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## Upcoming Events

- April 3**  
Meet the Masters Matisse
- April 4**  
Kindergarten Meet the Masters Matisse
- April 7-11**  
Spring Break (No School)
- April 10**  
JoJo's Fundraiser (Chino Hills) 
- April 18**  
Beautification Day
- April 21**  
Practice Testing Week
- April 24**  
Kindergarten Evening Performance
- April 28**  
STAR Testing Week
- April 28**  
Spirit Day Assembly

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## WE NEED YOU!

Do you want to make a difference in your child's future? Do you have a few hours a month? Or maybe even a few hours a year? We are currently looking for volunteers for Community Club Committees for the 2008-2009 school year. Please contact Monica Slater (951) 255-3117 or [slater333@verizon.net](mailto:slater333@verizon.net) for more information.

## Think SCRIP...Think SCRIP...Think SCRIP

The country, state, school district and probably your own house is going through budget cuts. We have a full proof plan to raise funds for the school all year round that doesn't cost you anything. If you plan on spending \$100 for groceries at Albertsons, Vons, Stater Bros, MarketWorld, 99 Ranch Market or Wal-Mart, order \$100 of that store in scrip, it gives the school anywhere from \$4 to \$6 pure profit. Another example is that of a staff member who was going to renew her family's Disney Annual Pass, we ordered her a \$1000 card and the school made \$20 from something she was going to buy anyways. If just a fraction of the student body participated on a regular basis we could fund those school programs we cherish so much without selling anything. Scrip is easy. There are moms who volunteer their time each week to ensure that your order is processed and delivered to you the same day. Thank you to all of those families and staff members who think scrip first. Please contact me with any questions about scrip and how we can make it work for you and your family. Phone # 909-628-2115 or email [qsscrip@yahoo.com](mailto:qsscrip@yahoo.com)

Pure Profit Examples:

\$100 home improvement project	= \$3-\$4 profit
\$50 dinner at Red Robin	= \$4.50 profit
\$50 wedding gift from Linen n Things	= \$5.00 profit
\$25 trip to the movies	= \$1.75-\$2 profit
<b>= \$15.50 x 1/2 student body = \$4,533.75 pure profit</b>	



Thank you,  
Amber Butler  
QS Scrip Coordinator

## PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR COMPUTER LAB!

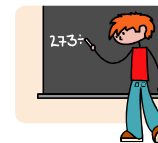


The Move "IT" Campaign is coming soon! All money raised will go toward technology needs at Quail Summit. Our goal is to raise enough money to purchase new computers for the schools computer lab. We would also like to upgrade the labs existing computers and move them into our classrooms. As you can imagine this will take well over \$26,000. This is no small task, but with your support our students will succeed! Children are our future and technology is the key to open endless possibilities in the future. All students at Quail Summit thrive and learn while using the computers; let's raise enough money to make it the state-of-the-art place they deserve! The kids will be collecting money between April 14 and April 25. Look for more information in your child's backpack on April 14, 2008. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Quail Summit's current computer lab

# Quail Summit Classroom News



## Kindergarten News



We "sprunged" into March as we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading classic books such as The Cat in the Hat and making Dr. Seuss inspired hats. The class learned about community helpers and the tools needed to help them do their job. We were fortunate for the opportunity to interview our favorite helper. We enjoyed our "City Walk" to Albertsons, the fire station, Cold Stone's Creamery, and the post office to mail our letters. We were pleased to have special guest speakers, Mrs. Veloso the nurse, Mrs. Sherratt the firefighter, and Mr. Vasquez the policeman, who were kind enough to inform us about their jobs.

In our hopes of catching a leprechaun, we relied on our creativity to construct and set up traps; and to our surprise on St. Patrick's Day they were empty, but the leprechauns left each of us a present in their wake – a gold coin. Afterwards, we embarked on a leprechaun hunt to see if we could find the tricky little creatures, but we came back empty-handed. We had a field trip to Fullerton Arboretum to learn more about plants. We would like to thank the parents who volunteered on the field trips. It meant a lot to have you along for the ride.

We are currently practicing for the BUGZ performance that will commence on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to see you there!

## First Grade News

Celebrating the accomplishments of Dr. Seuss was a definite highlight for first graders. Each student donned a red and white striped hat much like that of the Cat and the Hat, probably the most famous of all the Dr. Seuss characters. The children enjoyed being read to by a different Quail Summit teacher. St. Patrick's Day was yet another hat wearing day. We had some of the greenest kids

in the entire school in our first grade classrooms! We've been diving down deep to study the ocean and to learn about some of the amazing creatures that live in the sea. This unit of study included our trip to The Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. The displays replicate the exact ocean habitats that we study. One of the most exciting things to see is the giant kelp forest and the incredible octopus. The many jellyfish were pretty exciting too. The math unit on measurement and geometry is drawing to a close and introduced the concepts of fractions and volume, while reinforcing balancing, using measuring tools and practicing the ideas of comparing and contrasting. The children have been writing, and writing, and writing. They have so much to say about so many topics. Stop by and take a peak at all that is going on in first grade.

## Second Grade News

The Second Grade has been working hard on getting ready for the CST test. We have been practicing test taking skills and strategies. The students have been working really hard on gearing up for the test! Please remember to have you child get plenty of sleep the night before testing begins (at least 10hours). Also, remember to have a nutritious breakfast and snack for break time.



The students have been learning about fractions in math and continuing with triple digit addition and subtraction with regrouping. We are currently reading the book Flat Stanley. Please look for your "Flat Student" when it comes home and send it off to a reliable participant. We'd like to get all our "Flat Students" back to Quail Summit. The "Flat Students" will be displayed on a bulletin board for Open House. If you need more information, please look to the flyer explaining about our Flat Stanley project or ask your child's teacher. We will also be beginning our unit on People Who Make a Difference. Students will be writing a brief report about a

famous American. The second grade team would like to thank our parents in advance for their support in completing these projects.

## Third Grade News

Third graders have been studying about the Gabrielino Indians, the tribe that is native to our local region. We had a great time creating Native American crafts that were a part of the lives of these people. Gourds, that were used as musical instruments were painted as well as masks that were used for various ceremonies and celebrations. Dream catchers and clay necklaces were also created by each third grader. What a great day we had!

A trip to Shipley Nature Center for "The Gabrielino Walk" was a highlight of our study. Students had a chance to become a Gabrielino child for the day, learning about their culture through hands-on experiences. We had a chance to make string, play instruments, "hunt" using nets and spears, and sit in the hut-like home of the Gabrielinos while listening to a legend. Third graders had a great learning day - having fun at the same time. **Many thanks to our wonderful Quail Summit Community Club for providing these trips for us!**

## Fourth Grade News

Fourth graders say "Thanks, Community Club!" for a fun, hands-on field trip to the Pilgrim Ship in Dana Harbor. The "greenhands" (inexperienced sailors) learned how to coil a rope and climb out on the rigging to furl a sail. Can you imagine doing that in an icy blizzard? We experienced team work using a rope and pulley to move a barrel on deck. Back at Quail Summit, the salts (experienced now) are writing a diary of their adventures and singing songs of the sea. We are studying about rocks and minerals and the routes people took to California to find gold.

## SAFETY CORNER

We are putting two brochures in the parent organizer from the American Red Cross. One is about being prepared for earthquakes and the other is about rolling blackouts. Please be sure to take a look.



## Fifth Grade News

Deputy Wright was our STAR Deputy last year. He used a lot of techniques to persuade us not to use drugs. Usually, at the end of a lesson, he would tell us a funny story or two, usually about what happened during his career. At the end of the school year, he retired from teaching. Recently, however, he was involved in a car accident where a drunk driver collided with him. He was hurt badly; his shoulder hit the roof of his car and he had to get his lower right leg amputated. So, in order to cheer him up, the entire fifth grade and a fellow deputy worked together to make a video.

Included in the video, we sang two songs: "Send a Card" and "DARE". In between, various people put together some acts. There was a quarter trick, piano talents involving a song called "Morning Mist", jokes, a weather forecast skit, a card trick, and a recitation of a poem about Paul Revere's ride.

All in all, the fifth graders think they did an outstanding job cheering up Deputy Wright. We will always remember him in our hearts.

A big "Thank you" to fifth graders Grace Chen and Simran Patel for supporting the lunch program. We all appreciate the extra time they spend assisting our lunch staff.



## CHARACTER CREW

Character Crew celebrated good character in March as they helped those who are less fortunate. The "Crew" made over two hundred sandwiches and packed them into lunches for the Tent City of Ontario. The homeless people were touched by the Quail Kids' kindness.

# PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents and Friends of Quail Summit:

What a wonderfully busy March! Thank you to all who attended our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Tile Night. It was a wonderful success due to the support of our Community Club and the hard work of dedicated parent Barbara Giovannello. We are anxiously awaiting the delivery of the tiles so carefully decorated by our students and community. Look for the posting of our tile wall soon!

I would like to take this chance to make you aware of an upcoming important fundraising campaign. As you may know, the Walnut Valley Unified School District did not hold its annual IT Campaign to support technology. We are in need of funds to update our computer lab. Students have the opportunity during library visits to work on lessons in the computer lab. These lessons are designed to support the core curriculum while building skills in technology.

Families will have the opportunity to contribute in raising money toward this cause. Students will be collecting pledges in April to participate in a Move A Thon on May 16. We intend to get out and Move IT! Students will enjoy games to celebrate the success of this fundraiser with a minimum donation. Please participate and support this important cause.

We have decided to alternate years for the Spelling Bee and Global Celebration. Our teachers and students are still enjoying that learning from our top-notch Global Celebration. We are indeed fortunate that our parents support students' education, and the value of embracing our differences. Next year, we are looking forward to hosting the Spelling Bee for our third through fifth graders.

Thank you, as always, for making this a delightful place to learn and grow for our students.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Alysia Hobbs



## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:



Welcome to Spring, Everyone! This year, Spring Break will be April 7 through April 11. Parents are encouraged to make travel plans accordingly so as not to have students miss any school time. Thank you for your support!!

Quail Summit is taking enrollment for kindergarten. If you or anyone you know needs to enroll your kindergartener, please come into the office for an enrollment package.

Attention, all transportation providers! Quail Summit has had some complaints regarding cars blocking residential driveways during pick up and drop off times. As parents and members of this community, we all have a responsibility to be courteous to our neighbors. Please do not block driveways, and give our local residents a break during heavy traffic periods. We may all be in a hurry, we all have busy and hectic lives, but we should take the time to be kind and considerate.

Thank you to everyone who has checked the Lost and Found. As you know, items not retrieved by the end of the year are donated to charity. This year the deadline for picking up your child's clothing, etc., will be Wednesday, April 16.

Testing takes place during the week of April 28 through May 2. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and has a healthy breakfast (as always!). Also please do not make doctor or dental appointments during this time.

Thanks to all parents for all your help and cooperation!

Sylvia Vasquez  
School Office Manager



# Student of the Month

## Kindergarten: Aicard

Mason Johnson  
Sarah Hijleh  
Keagan Terry

## Giang/Welch

February  
Alexandra Tejada  
Delany Griffith  
Sharon Lee

## March:

Alonzo Fuller  
Jaden Kim  
Timmy Noritake

## Taing

Kenta Yamamoto  
Caitlyn Guntle

## Legind/Yates

Justin Lin  
Briana Clayton  
Kavya Karthi  
Jordan Tsai  
Jacob Leos

## First Grade:

Asato  
Hamza Arif  
Adam Gonzales  
Joshua Zhu

## Morales

Randall Woo  
Shanti Huang

## Penticoff

Linda Beltran  
Jack Rukes  
Nripesh Chaudhari

## Smith

Dua Barlas  
Catherine Kim  
Calvin Tang.

## Second Grade:

Kim  
Jerry Su  
Jonathan Kim

## McCabe

Katelyn Kim  
Kyle Marzette

## Ruhl

Ryan Chavaria  
Tyler Liebe  
Andrew Sun

## Clayton

Kenneth Kwon  
Hannah Elrefaei

## Biederman

Rowland Suliafu  
Ryan Kim

## Third Grade:

McLean  
Andrew Gao  
Esther Hong

## Renner

John Dee  
Phillip Gunadi

## Heusner

Grant Huang  
Brandon Tang

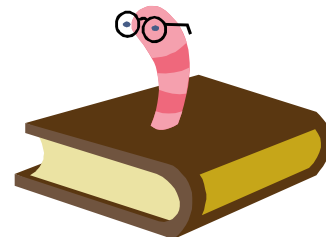
## Chung

Nicole Ho

## Snider

Amanda Revilla  
Mystik Garrigues  
Gary Liu

*The Fourth and Fifth grade classes did not have a student of the month for March due to the Renaissance Academic Program.*



## Community Club News...

Dear Parents,

Family Tile Night was a big success; we had a total of 250 tiles! Thank you to all the families that participated, it was great to see families come together enjoying their time with their kids and friends and making wonderful memories together. A special thank you goes out to Barbara Giovaniello for organizing this event and to Ms. Hobbs and Mrs. Legind for helping out. Look for the tile artwork at open house.

Spring break is right around the corner and right after the break, Community Club will be kicking off a very important campaign. The "Move IT Campaign" helps us raise money to purchase new computers for our computer lab and to modernize the equipment in the classrooms. Technology is the future and our children are our future. Please support us in our mission to give our children the best they deserve.

There are only two Community Club Meetings left and I would like to encourage parents to come join us. Budget cuts are on the horizon and we need your input. Our next meeting will be on Friday, April 25 and we hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Karen Yoshimoto  
Community Club President



## PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT Quail Summit Community Club

**JOJO's**  
Pizza Kitchen

Mark your Calendar to Dine with Jojo's starting April 10th

Pre Order By Phone for Pick-up or Delivery 909-464-2222

Always Homemade

2923 Chino Ave. HI  
Chino Hills, CA 91709  
909-464-2222

Plan the second Thursday of every Month  
4/10, 5/8, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11

Jojo's Pizza Kitchen has designated these dates to help us raise funds. They will donate 50% of Pizzas and loose Pastas to our group. When ordering just mention **Quail Summit Community Club**

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to dine in, take out, or have it delivered.

Open for lunch and dinner

11:00 am to 9:00 pm

Fund-raisers exclude all discounted items and coupons

## Student Council News



Quail Summit Kids care about others! The Student Council recently held a "Heart Gram" sale. From the profits, it was decided to donate to two worthy charities, The Smile Train, and Shoes That Fit. It is great to see Quail Summit kids showing great character!