



# Quail Tales

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## April 2009

### Upcoming Events:

- April 3- After School Snack \$1
- April 6-10-Spring Break-No School
- April 13-17-CST/CAT-6 Practice Testing
- April 17-Community Club Meeting @ 8:30 am & After School Snack \$1
- April 20-May 1-CST/CAT-6 Testing
- April 24-Afterschool Snack \$1

### Scrip...Scrip...Scrip...Scrip...

As most of you have heard, **Super H Mart** has joined our scrip gift card program. They are giving us a 5% discount off the face value. In the first week, we sold \$2000 meaning Quail Summit made \$100. Let's get the word out about this vendor and some of the 80 others. The school has the potential to fund our entire Community Club budget of \$60,000 through this program.

For questions about the program or anything related to the budget, please attend the next Community Club meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. You can contact me at the school or email at [gsscrip@yahoo.com](mailto:gsscrip@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support of all the various programs that help make our school #1!!

#### March Spirit Assembly Winners:

Kinder	Megan Lee	Free Book from our Spring Book Fair
1 <sup>st</sup>	Alonzo Fuller	\$10 Borders
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brandon Tran	\$10 Borders
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eliana Kim	Special Monthly Prize
4 <sup>th</sup>	Shane Chang	Special Monthly Prize
5 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher Guan	Special Monthly Prize

\*Remember each new scrip order is another entry into the raffle for a chance to spin the prize wheel during the monthly Spirit Assembly.\*



### Community Club News...

Happy Spring Quail Summit families! The month of April holds many fulfilling things for our students. Our spring break begins on April 4<sup>th</sup> and ends on April 12<sup>th</sup>. This break will give our students the chance to relax, regroup and get ready to take the California State Star Test. Testing begins on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. In the midst of it all, on April 17<sup>th</sup>, our students and teachers will participate in our annual school Beautification Day. Our school will come alive with colorful flowers and perennials planted by our students.

- Thank you to Susan Swartout and Esther Ishitani for coordinating our IT fundraiser. A final tally of how much money was raised has yet to be determined. All money raised will be used specifically for our school technology needs.
- Cookie dough was delivered and distributed on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to those that were able to help with the distribution. This fundraiser raised approximately \$5,000.

Monica Slater, our QSCC parliamentarian, is busy looking to fill positions for next years' committees. If you currently chair a position that you want to continue overseeing, please let her know. If you are interested in becoming more involved and would like to see what positions are open, Monica or any of our current board members are available to provide you with more information.

I thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you at our next Community Club meeting on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Have an enjoyable and safe spring break!

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Walker  
Community Club Vice President



### Office Notes:

Welcome to Spring, Everyone! This year, Spring Break will be April 6 through April 10. 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.

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.

Testing begins April 21 and make up testing will continue into May. 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.

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School Office Manager

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Spring is here!!!



# Quail Summit Classroom



## Kindergarten News

On Dr. Seuss Day, the kindergarteners read books and wore hats inspired by Dr. Seuss. We enjoyed being read to by a different Quail Summit teacher for this special day. In social studies, we have been learning about community helpers and the tools needed to help them perform their jobs. We read books about them and interviewed our favorite helper, our mom or dad. Our "community walk" to Albertsons, the fire station, Cold Stone's Creamery, and the post office was highly educational and enjoyable. Special guest speakers such as Mrs. Sherratt, the firefighter, came to talk to the students about their wonderful jobs. We want to express our gratitude to the community helpers, speakers, and the parent volunteers for making the learning come alive. Did you know that leprechauns are tricky, fast, and intelligent creatures? We built and set up traps around the classroom in hopes of outsmarting the wee leprechauns on St. Patrick's Day, but they were too smart. Even our leprechaun hunt left us empty-handed. However, these gold loving creatures were kind enough to leave us each a gold coin and evidence of their visit to our classrooms. We have been "beesy" working hard on preparing for our BUGZ performance that will commence on Friday, April 24.<sup>th</sup> We hope to see you there!

## First Grade News

Last month we mentioned about beginning a study of the ocean. Well, the students never sank, but instead kept afloat and loved every part. They made a pattern unit octopus, drew and labeled the parts of a fish, designed a pattern using beads on a starfish, read about coral reefs, kelp, otters and even created a story about their own ocean adventure. Our study of the ocean also included a field trip to the Aquarium of the Pacific thanks to all of the parent support. The students were able to truly dive in and touch a sting ray, see a live shark, and learn even more facts about the ocean sea life. It was a wonderful, educational experience for all. To all of the first grade parents, thank you for allowing us to provide such a splashing, enlightening fun time for your kids. The pace is picking up in first grade and the kids are working hard. Please remember to use encouraging words with your kids everyday and remind them to tell you the best part of their school day!



## Second Grade News

Happy Spring to all! We would like to thank all of our wonderful parents who helped with our Spring Musical, "Friends". We truly appreciate all of your support. Didn't the children do a fabulous job? We are so proud of each and every one of them for being exceptional friends! We would also like to thank everyone who participated in the IT Campaign. Your support helps to equip our classrooms with the technologies needed to provide your students with an exemplary education. We are excited to announce our Second Grade published book is now available for purchase at the following link - <http://www.lulu.com/content/6040094>. Your child is now a published author, happy reading! Our CST (California State Test) is right around the corner. We will be testing April 20-23. Our school office has provided an order form to purchase books for test practice. If you are interested, please stop by the school office to pick up your order form today! Enjoy this beautiful season with your family!

## Third Grade News

March has been a month devoted to Native Americans. We have been learning about some of the different Native American tribes in class and then we all participated in a craft day. On March 25<sup>th</sup> we had the opportunity to go on a Gabrielino Walk featuring the tools, trade and customs of the Tongva (Gabrielino) and Acjachemen (Juaneño) people of Orange County. Along the trail students had the ability to see, touch and smell the plants used centuries ago by Native Americans for food, medicine, shelter and more. The program gives students the opportunity to make string out of palm leaves, use rabbit sticks to hunt, perform music using authentic Native American instruments, make money using pump drills, and play authentic Native American games. The field trip was a great learning experience, and we had a great time.

## Fourth Grade News



"Avast!...Heave!...Ho!..." These commands rang across the ship, as Fourth Grade greenhands worked aboard the Brig Pilgrim and Spirit of Dana Point.

After reading Two Years Before The Mast, students were familiar with Richard Henry Dana's voyage from Boston to California in 1834, and quickly became a part this re-enactment. Student mates led their crew through the hard work of lifting barrels, raising square sails, and coiling line. They climbed down a ladder and toured the dark, cramped sailors' bunks and cargo hold. Once permission was granted to step foot on the Captain's quarterdeck, they saw early navigational devices and learned how the ship caught currents and winds to sail around Cape Horn. These "greenhands" soon found out that the Captain needed his crew to work as a team to make it to land safely. Student mate, "Mr. Gamboa" (Juliana) remembers how her crew raced to raise the sails after she stepped up her commands saying, "Faster, faster, boys!" After three hours aboard the tall ships, our Fourth Graders were "old salts" and got their jobs done in record time. This field trip brought to life the hardships of travel to California and enlightened students to the opportunities that an education can bring. We want to thank the Community Club for providing this worthwhile trip!

## Fifth Grade News

Spring break is right around the corner and that means state testing is upon us. In an effort to make sure the students are as prepared as possible, we are doubling up math classes. This means that while students are continuing their regular math studies, they are also receiving additional instruction with their home-room class. Right now, the focus of the added math time is geometry. Angles, triangles, and their measurements are a big part of this 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. Science continues with a unit on body systems. The kids just finished the circulatory system and now have an understanding of how the heart, veins and arteries all work together to bring oxygen to their cells and rid their body of carbon dioxide. They will continue working on other body systems for the next few weeks. Social studies is concentrating on the formation of our middle colonies and how these colonies were different than their northern and southern counterparts. Students recently finished creating wonderful ads encouraging Europeans to join them in the New World. As always, we ask that you continue to have your child read each night at home. It is a well known fact that "good readers, read." We want each of your children to become the best they possibly can. As we head into this very busy time of year, we thank-you for your continued support.

# Principal News...

Dear Families and Friends of Quail Summit:

As we enter into spring, there are two things I believe you must know what faces our school. Quail Summit is extremely fortunate to have talented teachers, dedicated staff, and extraordinary parents which support our school community. I believe these are the assets that make our school uniquely prepared to face some fairly difficult challenges.

As you may know, the California legislature and Governor Schwarzenegger have finally reached an agreement for the State budget. Signed on February 19, the calls for cuts in public education are dramatic – more than \$8.6 billion for K-14 students. The implications for Walnut Valley schools are serious, and the district has utilized several avenues for gathering suggestions and preparing for budget reductions.

The following information is meant to help make clear potential changes coming to Quail Summit in the future: This year a mid-year cut has been anticipated for \$1,826,000, effective immediately, and a \$10,180,000 cut for the 2009-2010 school year. Further, the District faces a \$23,850,000 cut for the 2010-2011 school year. While we are fortunate that Walnut Valley has maintained a fiscally conservative budget for the past several years and there are some reserves to help us weather this storm, this is not enough. The State budget reductions are too substantial to be resolved without increasing class sizes and scaling back programs.

However, Superintendent Dr. Simms and her team continue to search for out-of-the-box budget cut solutions. Mr. Jack LeBrun, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, joined Quail Summit's Community Club meeting in February to share the proposed cuts to staff and programs for our District. I would be delighted to pass along any additional suggestions as well, so please feel invited to share your comments, suggestions, or concerns with me.

As we march into May, our students will soon be taking the California Standards Test. The federal Elementary and Secondary Act/No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 utilizes standardized testing to determine if students are making Adequate Yearly Progress. Organized around curricular areas, our second through fifth graders will test in language arts and mathematics. The fifth grade will test in science as well.

Standardized tests in mathematics focus on special skills, patterns, sequencing, and word problems. The test does not simply focus on computation, so reading graphs and charts in the newspapers is helpful. Language arts tests require a lot of reading and synthesis of information. Read, read, read! It is the most important habit you can help your child develop is reading – it increases background knowledge, vocabulary, and fluency.

We appreciate your support in advance for scheduling any doctor or dentist appointments after school. Further, ensuring your child is at school on time is absolutely vital to the successful administration of these assessments. Please ensure your child is well-rested and well-fed on testing days; this gives the brain the energy it needs to think clearly.

It is important to know that talking with your child about the California Standards Test can increase testing anxiety, which may negatively affect his/her results. Just make sure to communicate your confidence in your child to “show what you know”.

Our IT Campaign monies have been calculated! Thank you for donating your money (and time!) which allowed us to gather **\$6607.26** in donations! We can't wait to begin to get started!

Finally, many parents have inquired about when the 2009-2010 school year begins. The first day of school will be Monday, August 24. Please make travel plans accordingly and make sure your children are enrolled and present in school on the first day. We want everyone here and ready to start the new school year together!

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are so grateful for you!

Fondly,

Ms. Alysia Hobbs

Principal



# Student of the Month

## Kindergarten:

### Aicard

Brian Collison  
Christopher Woo

### Giang

Robert (RJ) DeLeon  
Chloe Arias  
Adrian Bacani

### Taing

Kelvin Wang  
Jenny Liao  
Oscar Chen

### Legind/Yates

Elizabeth Butler  
Justin Bortis

## First Grade:

### Chang

Lianna Vargas  
Isabel Cruz

## Morales

Alex Moon  
Chase Pedrini  
Ethan Lu

## Penticoff

Victoria Condon  
Justin Lin  
Robert Smith

## Smith

Sierra Sigmon  
Jonathan Molina  
Rick Liu

## Welch

Brandon Rodriguez  
Elaine Lin  
Jordan Tsai

## Second Grade:

### Kim

Eric Quach

## McCabe

Atharva Sathe  
Joshua Zhu

## Ruhl

Ellie Delano  
Wesley Ip  
Minerba Sandoval

## Clayton

Allyson Lee  
Stephanie Yip  
Christopher Kang

## Biederman

Ariel Kim  
Quinn Green  
Shereen Wu

## Third Grade:

### McLean

Joseph Real  
Susie Pan  
Clarissa Ramirez

## Chung

Katherine Cheng  
Paul Kongaika  
Angelina Kim

## Renner

Sunny Blue  
Robin Marzette  
Robin Zhou

## Snider

Jonathan Bacani  
Kelley Sim  
Melanie Zhao

## Heusner

Hurfang Chang  
SungJoo Jeon

## Renaissance Academic Award Winners

Aaron Teh  
Aditya Joshi  
Alea Espinosa  
Alex Zaremba  
Alexander Ramirez  
Alice Lee  
Alison Pang  
Allison Tan  
Amanda Revilla  
Andrew Gao  
Andrew Yang  
Angela Hou  
Annie Chai  
Arman Shah  
Austin Si  
Azaan Barlas  
Bernice Du  
Branden Parent  
Brandon Chen  
Brandon Hung  
Brandon Kwong  
Brandon Tang  
Brenna Harold  
Brian Ho  
Cameron DelRosario  
Catherine Chiang  
Chareen Hsai  
Cheyanne Vizcarrando  
Chris Jung  
Christian Cruz  
Christopher Cruz  
Christopher Guan  
Claire Zbicki  
Cody Chavira  
Cody Siacunco  
Daniel Hsiao  
Darian Johnson  
David Diaz  
Denise Rebaya

Destiny Ramirez  
Devon Shinjo  
Dorothy Lewes  
Drake Mazon  
Dustin Park  
Dylan Tucker  
Elaine Chen  
Elena Zinder  
Elise Lin  
Emily Slater  
Emily Su  
Eric Chen  
Eric Hong  
Eric Liu  
Eric Winchester  
Eric Zhu  
Esther Hong  
Evan Landi  
Felicitas Anijielo  
Fiona Yan  
Frank Jiang  
Grant Huang  
Hersh Gupta  
Isaac Hong  
J.C. Holmes  
Jacil Lockett  
Jack Kim  
Jacquelyn Munet  
Janet Du  
Jasmine Kellogg  
Jeffrey Chang  
Jeffrey Kim  
Jeffrey Lu  
Jenna Lloyd  
Jennifer Woo  
Jenny Wong  
Jenny Yun  
John Dee  
Jonathan Favela

Josh Bortis  
Joshua Lee  
Joshua Noritake  
Joy Lin  
Juliana Gamboa  
Julie Woo  
Julius Suliafu  
JustinLuo  
Kaitlyn Asawesna  
Kammy Lin  
Karen Liu  
Katelyn Rivera  
Kathy Tong  
Kayla Geason  
Kayley Butler  
Kelechi Okwandu  
Kelsey Yim  
Kenji Yoshimoto  
Kenny Chang  
Kevin Han  
Kyle Taira  
Lauren Burdsall  
Lauren Wong  
Leighanna Delano  
Lily Toyama  
Lina Jung  
Luis Choa  
Luke Rodriquez  
Lydia Lin  
Maaz Mohamedy  
Maddy Cervantes  
Madison Landi  
Madison Walker  
Mason Soldridge  
Matthew Lee  
Matthew Matsumoto  
Matthew Sun  
Maya Khalil  
Mckenna Acciani

Meghan Sinn  
Michael Ballesteros  
Michelle Tran  
Miranda Tejada  
Nathan Si  
Neil Tengbumroong  
Nicolas Zhou  
Norman Chung  
Philip Lacey  
Philip Park  
Phillip Gunadi  
Rachel Jones  
Radu Firtat  
Rishi Bhuva  
Rita Chang  
Romil Patil  
Ryan Apolonio  
Ryan Kim  
Sabrina Lin  
Samantha Yang  
Samar Rafique  
Sandra Vigil  
Sean Jew  
Sebastian Molina  
Semir Shafi  
Shane Chang  
Shani Chen  
Stephanie Pan  
Stephen Huang  
Sydney Hu  
Theo Choe  
Thomas Park  
Tiffany Chen  
Ulf Wong  
Winnie Ho

