



# Quail Tales

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## Upcoming Events

- December 4**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Caroling
- December 7**  
Meet the Masters - Remington
- December 13**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Penguin Play
- December 17**  
Spirit Day Assembly  
First Renaissance Assembly
- December 21**  
Santa Visits  
Class Parties  
Minimum Day
- December 24-January 4**  
Winter Break
- January 7**  
Return to School
- January 10**  
Talent Show Kick-Off
- January 11**  
Community Club Meeting 8:30
- January 18**  
Pupil Free Day - No School
- January 21**  
Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday
- January 22**  
School Site Council Meeting 3:30  
Siblings New Enrollment
- January 24**  
Meet the Masters - Monet
- January 25**  
Kindergarten Meet the Masters - Monet
- January 28**  
Spirit Day Assembly
- January 31**  
Global Celebration



## Celebrate with Scrip!

Our scrip program offers many vendors for you to choose from, including a new addition, Wal-Mart/Sam's Club. If you haven't finished your shopping or need a card as a gift we will be happy to fill your request. We can order some cards in larger denominations just call or email me for information. Our scrip gift certificates are also a nice choice when you don't know exactly what they would like. They come in any denomination and allow the recipient to choose the vendor. Remember each order is an entry into our Spirit Assembly drawing where there is a winner from each grade. We are also running a class participation contest. The class with the most participation will receive a gift card of \$30. Our winners from November's Spirit Assembly are as follows:

- Kindergarten: Liam McCabe - \$10 to spend in Santa's Secret Shop
- 1<sup>st</sup>: Nathan Tengbunroong - \$5 to spend in Santa's Secret Shop
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ryenne Ramos-Johns - \$10 to spend in Santa's Secret Shop
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Shane Chang - \$10 Barnes and Noble gift card
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Kayley Butler - \$10 Borders gift card
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Maddie Giovanniello - \$10 Cold Stone gift card



Please remember the students receive all profits raised from the Scrip program and *if every Quail Summit family participated in the Scrip program, we could do less of the other fundraisers!!!* Thank you for all your support!!



## Blue Ribbon Kids...





# Quail Summit Classroom News

## Kindergarten News



November was a “leafy” month filled with fall festive activities. The students read books about leaves and went on a colorful leaf hunt searching for leaves dressed up in autumn hues. We did leaf rubbing with crayons. We had leaf math investigations where the students sorted leaves, made patterns, and counted how many pennies it took to cover and sink their leaves. It has been a leaf-tastic month!!!

In social studies, the students learned about the first Thanksgiving. We had a Thanksgiving feast where some of the students were dressed as Pilgrims and others as Native Americans. We exchanged gifts and enjoyed pumpkin pudding, fruit salad, popcorn, and cornbread. A special thanks goes to Kris Rote for creating fun Thanksgiving games for the students to play at our feast. We would also like to thank the parents who made our celebration memorable. Have a wonderful Winter Holiday!

## First Grade News

Do you know the difference between now and long ago...perhaps sometime in the 1700-1800's? Our first graders learned about the many differences that existed, but also realized that many things that they experience each day are similar to the experiences of children long ago. The first grade spent Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> trying their best to experience life as it was long ago. This concept, which is identified in the content standards, was more easily under-

stood by the children as they dressed in period clothing, made a quilt, wrote with quills, made cornhusk dolls and made and played with a variety of toys and games. We must thank all of the family members that helped out with our day. We couldn't have done it without you!!!!

We are also looking forward to our field trip to The Santa Ana Zoo on November 27<sup>th</sup>. We'll definitely let you know all the exciting details next month, so stay tuned. However, thanks to the Community Club for providing the funding for our trip. Their support helps to give our kids great opportunities and experiences.

## Second Grade News

The Second Grade would like to thank all of you who helped in making our "Friendship Thanksgiving Feast" a success. We couldn't do it without the support of our wonderful parent volunteers. The second graders have been working really hard this month practicing for their performance of "How the Penguins Saved Christmas". The students have been memorizing their parts and practicing the songs to this fun musical. The students will be performing Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in our school's amphitheater. There will be three performances (two during school hours and one in the evening for parents and relatives). Second grade students will also be caroling again this year at Vineyard Bank here in Diamond Bar. The students will be making ornaments to help decorate the bank's Christmas tree. Parents are invited to attend. The day and time is yet to be determined. Thank you for your continued support



## Third Grade News

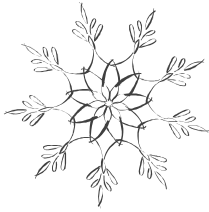
Third graders are busy bees! We have been enjoying our new Fine Arts class. Every other week, we get the opportunity to dance and learn movement activities. We have been learning Native American dance steps, and we are having a great time learning! We are looking forward to our study of animals and habitats. Research skills will be used as we gain more knowledge of one of our favorite subjects. Multiplication is the math emphasis, and it is soooo important that our multiplication facts are mastered. Practice, practice, practice! All third graders are working on developing higher level thinking skills in reading. Remember, readers are thinkers! The third grade team wishes each family a wonderful holiday season.

## Fourth Grade News

This past month, fourth graders tackled multiplication and division! Many of them have put in tremendous effort and made noticeable progress. A big thank-you to all those parents that are helping at home! In Social Studies, the students started the chapter on Spanish Exploration which leads into the California Missions. The students are having a great time learning about this eventful period in California's history. To add to our exciting month, fourth graders conducted a science experiment on decomposers. Each class made observations on how yeast reacts on bananas. Students recorded the decomposition for one week and made some interesting observations.

As the holiday season approaches, the fourth grade team wants to wish everyone a safe and relaxing winter break.





# NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

The Holidays are here! The QS school office would like to wish each of our families a happy and healthy holiday season. A couple of reminders for everyone:

## Fifth Grade News

The fifth grade students have been studying Native Americans and their importance in the making of our nation. One aspect of their culture is the artistic craft of basket weaving. Some fifth grade students recently became researchers and discovered many interesting facts. They found that basket weaving played an important role in the Native American life. Baskets were used for gathering, trapping animals, carrying infants, and sharing gifts. Some tribes even used the same basket techniques to make hats, belts and sandals. Baskets were also used to carry household supplies, food, and even water. The student researchers continued to share that the basket-making techniques were passed on from generation to generation. Women made strong, colorful baskets from plants, reeds, and herbs that grew on the plains, deserts, and mountains. The Indians painted the baskets beautiful colors with dyes made from flowers. Different tribes used various materials, weaving techniques, basket shapes, and characteristic patterns. There were actually two methods to make baskets: twining and coiling. The fifth graders will soon be weaving away throughout the next few months. We are now asking that those students who have access to long pine needles start collecting and cleaning their donations. The needles must have at least three prongs, but the Tory Pine needles are the best with five prongs. We all can't wait to get started creating this beautiful art of the Native American.



- Our Lost and Found is growing! If your child has lost a jacket, sweater, lunch box, or anything else, please take a look to see if you can find it. Lost and Found items are donated to charities periodically.
- Thank you to all families that work together to make pick ups and drop offs run smoothly. We appreciate your kindness and consideration for other students and drivers during this rushed time of day. Please continue to have patience and to work with the teachers on duty at this time.
- Please remember to keep all emergency cards updated. You can change the information on your student's emergency card in the school office. It is important for the school office to have updated contact information. Thank you!

Here's to a wonderful holiday season!

Sylvia Vasquez  
School Office Manager



## SAFETY CORNER

We are in the process of checking our supplies at Quail Summit for any emergency. We thought it would be a good idea to remind you to keep your emergency supplies up to date. Here is a list of recommended items to include in a "Basic" emergency supply kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps



# PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents and Friends,

Warm holiday greetings! As families look forward to a wonderful holiday break together, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Quail Summit. Your presence and participation truly make Quail Summit *The School with a Heart!*



On behalf of the faculty and staff, I wish you a truly peaceful and safe holiday season. Don't forget to add a little fun! I wanted to suggest some fun activities and games to play with your reindeer over the holidays to continue to refine their skills.

- **Skip Counting:** Count in groups of 2, 3, 4, 5 or 10 with holiday lights, ornaments, or treats to promote grouping sets for multiplication.
- **Playing Card Games:** Play and create new math card games.
  1. **Basic War:** Each player gets half the deck. Each player puts down one card at a time. The player with the higher valued card wins the set of cards. Begin again. The player with the most cards at the end wins the game.
  2. **Integer War:** Label the red cards POSITIVE and the black cards NEGATIVE. The owner of the higher value card wins set of cards.
  3. **Multiplication War:** Each player plays two cards. Players compete over the product of the two cards.
- **Improve Word Problem Comprehension:** Read the newspaper, an accredited magazine, or a grade-level novel with your child. Identify key vocabulary words that will help to increase math vocabulary (e.g., enlarge, decrease).
- **Find the Difference in Temperature:** Challenge your child to find the difference between yesterday and today's temperature.
- **Grocery Store Estimation:** When buying groceries, have students estimate the total amount of money before reaching the check out stand.
- **Shopping Calculation:** Ask students to calculate the discounts when shopping, such as a toy marked at 50% off or a book marked down 25%.
- **Cooking for Santa:** While cooking, discuss the sequence of the recipe's steps. Compare measurements for greater than and less than.

We are so pleased to cultivate the Quail Summit spirit with you, our community. On December 13, allow our second graders to delight you with a Penguin Play. Please stop by so we can wish you a pleasant holiday season with precious family and friends.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Alysia Hobbs, Principal

## COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS...

Dear Quail Summit Parents:

As we enter our holiday season and end our regular calendar year, we would like to share what's been going on with Community Club thus far. In November, we had our annual school carnival. Even though the carnival was delayed a week due to the fires, all those who attended enjoyed a fun filled evening with family and friends. Our thanks to all of the parent volunteers who gave so freely of their time. We would also like to recognize and thank our teachers for the amazing haunted house they created and for running our ticket booth. We could not have done it without you!

Parent volunteers have been busy coordinating our sponsorship drive, Community Discount Card Fundraiser and gift wrap fundraiser. At this time, we have collected roughly \$7,000 for our sponsorship drive. This fundraiser runs all year long so feel free to send a donation in at any time! As for our discount cards, approximately \$1,800 was raised. It was our goal to eliminate the cookie dough fundraiser; we fell considerably short in that respect. Next year we'll plan better to achieve that goal! Our thanks to Erika Chavarin and Lisa Vasquez for coordinating our gift-wrap fundraiser this year. Thanks to your efforts we're sure it will be a success!

We wish all of our Quail Summit families a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to continuing our success in the coming year.

Respectfully yours,

Karen Yoshimoto and Michelle Walker



# Student of the Month

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| <p><b>Kindergarten:</b><br/> <b>Aicard</b><br/>           Emily Ruhl<br/>           Jesse Ibarra</p> <p><b>Giang</b><br/>           Amanda Vasquez<br/>           Jennifer Nie<br/>           Saarth Trivedi</p> <p><b>Taing</b><br/>           Liam McCabe<br/>           Paul Baek<br/>           Suna Rafique</p> <p><b>Legind/Yates</b><br/>           Ethan Chavarin<br/>           Mia Nitti</p> <p><b>First Grade:</b><br/> <b>Asato</b><br/>           Kristina Shuo<br/>           Kyle Li</p> <p><b>Morales</b><br/>           Ryan Gately<br/>           Lorenzo Corral</p> <p><b>Penticoff</b><br/>           Megumi Yamamoto</p> <p><b>Smith</b><br/>           Philly Lopez<br/>           Shirley Wang</p> | <p><b>Second Grade:</b><br/> <b>Kim</b><br/>           Megan Lee<br/>           Bill Zhang<br/>           Joseph Real</p> <p><b>Mccabe</b><br/>           Mallory Sherratt<br/>           Elisha Eide</p> <p><b>Ruhl</b><br/>           George Chala<br/>           Jasmine Xu</p> <p><b>Clayton</b><br/>           Mark Parent<br/>           Daniela Maldonado</p> | <p><b>Biederman</b><br/>           Brian Gutierrez<br/>           Nathan Tsai</p> <p><b>Third Grade:</b><br/> <b>Mclean</b><br/>           Miranda Tejada<br/>           Nicole Ibarra</p> <p><b>Chung</b><br/>           Katherine Collison<br/>           Justin Mozho<br/>           Calven Kim</p> <p><b>Renner</b><br/>           J.C. Holmes<br/>           Molly Hummel<br/>           Matthew Lee</p> | <p><b>Snider</b><br/>           Allison Tan<br/>           Andrew Louviere</p> <p><b>Heusner</b><br/>           Jacob Garcia<br/>           Rishi Bhuva<br/>           Catherine Chiang</p> <p><b>Fourth Grade</b><br/> <b>Sugita</b><br/>           Kayley Butler</p> <p><b>Chiang</b><br/>           Michael Rodriguez</p> <p><b>Grimes</b><br/>           Lauren Burdsall</p> <p><b>Fifth Grade</b><br/> <b>Burke</b><br/>           Helena Kisor</p> <p><b>Moore</b><br/>           Jesse Medrano</p> <p><b>Leslie</b><br/>           Kimi Taira</p> <p><b>Hayes</b><br/>           Bianca Yugar</p> |
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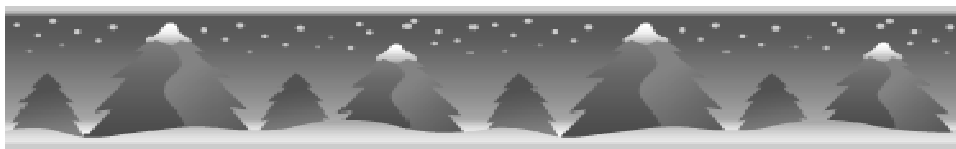


## Quail Summit Community Club Holiday Opportunity Drawing



What can be better than capturing your precious holiday moments with a Cannon EOS 40D Digital SLR Camera with zoom lens? Thanks to a Quail Summit Parent, we are offering this camera as a special opportunity drawing item! The camera has a retail value of \$1,500!! Raffle tickets will be sold for \$10 each and the deadline to turn in tickets is December 14<sup>th</sup>. The drawing will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

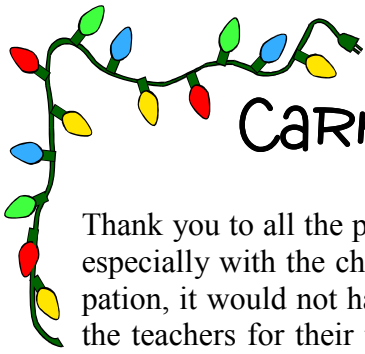
Good luck to all!



## Quail Tales Now Available on Parent Organizer!

We are pleased to announce that this will be the last *printed* issue of Quail Tales. All future issues of Quail Tales will only be available on Parent Organizer. Please make sure you are signed up as soon as possible.





# CARNIVAL UPDATE



Thank you to all the parents that donated and helped out in the carnival, especially with the change of date with the fires. Without your participation, it would not have been a success! I would also like to thank all the teachers for their time and continued support. The Haunted House and raffle baskets were great!!! With all the fun that we had that night, we profited around \$6,500! Hope you all had a great time and we looking forward to seeing you at next year's carnival.



# LET'S HEAR IT FOR Radio Disney!



## SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP



It's a season of giving and Community Club will be opening Santa's Secret Workshop store where kids can purchase holiday gifts for family members, teachers and friends. Most gifts will be priced at \$5. The store will be open December 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> before school and at recess and lunch.

If you can volunteer to work in the store, please contact Susan Swartout at 9 0 9 . 8 6 0 . 2 7 2 1 o r sjswartout@yahoo.com.

