



Quail Tales



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February 2009

Upcoming Events:

- Feb 2-6
Heart Gram Sale
- Feb 6
Afterschool Snack
- Feb 9
Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins
- Feb 13
Valentine's Day Class Parties
Heart Gram Delivery
Minimum Day
- Feb 16
President's Day Holiday
No School
- Feb 17
School Site Council @ 3:00pm
- Feb 19
Visiting Author's Day- Carolyn
Arnold
- Feb 20
Community Club Meeting @
8:30am
Afterschool Snack \$1
- Feb 23
Spirit Day Assembly & Cookie
Dough Orders Due
- Feb 26
Talent Show
- Feb 27
Afterschool Snack \$1

Scrip News...

Scrip for the holidays was on many Quail Summit minds. In just the two and a half weeks of December our sales were \$31,000; netting us a profit of about a \$1000. **Thank you to the QS staff who ordered just over \$9,000. Thank you to the families who ordered out of habit and those who tried the program for the first time.** These gift cards were given as gifts and used to buy the actual gift. Please consider participating in this program. The amount raised was from only 5% of the student body, imagine the amount with 50% or 75%. We dream big here at Quail Summit!! Let's bring in the funds without spending any extra, a \$25 gift, gas or grocery card cost you \$25 but brings the school anywhere from \$.50 to \$2.50. Contact me at gssscrip@yahoo.com or at the school with any questions.

December Spirit Assembly Winners

Kinder	Keili Ishitani	\$10 Barnes & Noble
1st	Kayla Teng	\$10 Barnes & Noble
2nd	Cheyenne Tucker	\$10 Cold Stone
3rd	Ryenne Ramos-Johns	\$6 Baskin Robbins
4th	Daniel Velasquez	\$10 Borders
5th	Philip Lacey	\$10 Barnes & Noble

January Spirit Assembly Winners

Kinder	Keili Ishitani	\$10 Barnes & Noble
1st	Liam McCabe	\$10 Cold Stone
2nd	Abigail Nakaishi	Free Book
3rd	Ingrid Chan	\$10 Cold Stone
4th	Matthew Matsumoto	\$10 Cold Stone
5th	Sabrina Lin	Front of Line Pass & Free Lunch

Remember each order gets you entered into the drawing to spin the wheel to win a prize.

Albertsons and Ralphs Grocery Cards

If you have a frequent customer card for either or both of these stores, please renew your linkage to our school. This can be done in the store or online. Ralphs customers have always had to renew each year but for Albertsons it is a new process. The numbers for each are listed below. Ralphs only shows that five families from Quail Summit are signed up. Let's not turn away the money these stores want to give our school.

Albertsons	#49000114070	Ralphs	#83138
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If you have any questions please call the school or email gssscrip@yahoo.com.

Student Council News...

The Heart Gram Sale is coming! Heart Grams will be sold before school and at both lunches during the week of February 2-6. Heart Grams sell for \$1.00, and they will be delivered to classrooms on Friday, February 13. Join in the fun, and surprise a friend with a

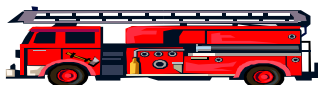


A Special Thanks !!!

Quail Summit students signed a banner to thank the firefighters during the recent fires that threatened our school. The banner was delivered to the fire station on Grand Avenue along with notes of thanks written by Fifth Grade students. Also pictured are Student Council leaders with Ms.Hobbs showing our appreciation.



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Quail Summit Classroom



Kindergarten News



December was full of festive activities. We rang in the holiday season by reading different versions of The Gingerbread Man. We had a really wonderful time making gingerbread cookies. We went searching for the gingerbread men when they ran away and found them hiding. During the sing-along, we sang songs such as "Must Be Santa" and "Up on the Housetop." We decorated gingerbread houses, played pin the nose on Rudolph, and exchanged books during the holiday celebration. We started off January by learning about the different types of weather. We made and played with the snow and made snowmen. We also learned about civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On Chinese New Years, we paraded around the school underneath a dragon costume as we played Chinese music and instruments. We learned how to use chopsticks and made Chinese hats, lanterns and fans. We would like to thank the parents for volunteering and making all our activities and events special.

First Grade News

Time sure does fly when you're having fun! First grade has had a busy, exciting, and productive past couple of months. We have started a new Walk to Read program. The students are rotating to a different teacher for their reading group according to his or her reading level. We are excited to be able to provide instruction at the level that best meets each child's needs. In addition, the first graders learned all about the Arctic in December, which was a perfect time to make and read about caribou and discuss the North Pole. We have also learned about Antarctica and the South Pole. Although, the fun does not stop there, we have just started learning about money in math. Ask your child to count the change in your wallet or the change in his or her penny bank. Have a blast playing coin games at home. Unfortunately, we had to say good-bye to three of our fellow students as they moved to different districts. However, we are glad to welcome Michael Jones and Logan Canji to our first grade Quail Summit family. The first graders are off to a great start this year and will continue to work hard and strive to do their best in 2009.

Second Grade News

Happy New Year to all! We are so appreciative to all of our wonderful parent volunteers who helped to make our holiday party fabulous, thank you! We appreciate your hard work and the kids had a great time! Thank you for sharing your time with us! With the beginning of a new year there is much to be done. We have already begun preparing for the upcoming state test to be administered in the spring. The kids have been working in their reading groups to practice language arts skills as well as learning how to take a standardized test. We have been using, Measuring Up!, a program designed by People's Education. Ms. Hobbs generously provided funds to enable our children to be prepared and ready to "Do their BEST on the test!" Thank you, Ms. Hobbs! We have an upcoming play in the spring as well! The children will be performing a play entitled, 'Friends'. Our play will be on March 19, 2009. The time will be in the afternoon, TBA. Anyone hungry? Join your second grade teachers at JoJo's in Chino Hills for our family fundraiser night on February 12th, 6:00p.m. Come and enjoy some good food and fun with your teachers! Here's to a happy and healthy 2009!

Third Grade News



January held a lot of excitement for third grade. The hallways were filled with the sound of third graders chanting their multiplication facts over and over and over again! We reflected on how we were a part of history in the making as we watched our 44th President come into office the day after our nation celebrated the accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr. and the effect his Civil Rights movement had on our nation. We had a grand time in the Wild Wetlands in Newport. We learned first hand how different this habitat was from any other. Opportunities like this field trip wouldn't be possible without parental support. Thank you so much for your help in making 3rd grade a memorable year for our students. We look forward to our very own third graders taking center stage to show their artistic abilities in the Quail Summit Talent Show. February will be here before we know it and we look forward to all the fun that it holds!

Fourth Grade News

Fourth Graders are ready to welcome in a new year with much enthusiasm and sharpened skills. In math we are learning about fractions, and how these facts relate to decimals and things in our everyday lives. You would want to know that a larger denominator could mean a smaller piece of that pizza! Comparing and naming place values of decimals is fun and so much a part of the real world experience. Many students are also using our links to websites at home to test their fluency in Math skills. It's a challenging time at school as we also learn to write in many genres getting ready for the writing test in March that Fourth Graders across the state will be taking. In January we have read the poem, "A Candle," and enjoyed learning about its meaning. Ask a Fourth Grader to recite it for you!

Fifth Grade News

These past several weeks, fifth graders have been working hard in all subject areas. Math has found them exploring exponents, fractions, decimals and percents. Learning how quickly a number grows when using exponents was extremely helpful as they investigated our sun and planets during science. They are now continuing their science studies with the states of matter and the periodic table. It is easy to see how the very small numbers found in decimals will relate to their studies of an atom and its subatomic particles. Social Studies has progressed from Native Americans and early explorations to our nation's first settlements and colonies. You may consider asking your child to name the 13 original colonies and their locations. Reading in social studies has focused on understanding the main idea and supporting detail, a skill they will use their entire life. In language arts the focus has been on appropriate use of verb tense and subject/verb agreement. Writing a summary was also a key element in our studies. During reading they have worked hard on the highest level of comprehension which is evaluating. They have look closely at what the author has written, examining point of view and reason for the writing. We encourage you to ask your child to share one or two specific skills or ideas they have learned each day. This not only creates good conversation but is an excellent way to support your child's learning. The fifth grade teachers thank you ahead of time for all of your continued support!

Principal News...

Dear Parents and Friends of Quail Summit,

Welcome back to school for the 2009 New Year! I hope you made wonderful memories with family and friends to tuck away for a rainy day. We are off and running for our first week back. We anticipate a productive second semester, ensuring our students meet their academic goals while nurturing the ever-important social and emotional sides of our students.

As in past years, registration begins in January. Quail Summit is a great place to be, so our classrooms fill up quickly. Please do not delay signing up. We can't wait to include our newest students into the Quail Summit family!

January 26 – January 30, 2009 *for those with siblings already in the district*

February 2, 2009 and on *for those new to the Walnut Valley U.S.D., at any grade level*

Students must be 5 years of age by December 2, 2009 to enroll in kindergarten for the 2009-10 school year.

At the time of registration, parents will be asked to present a certified copy of the child's birth certificate or passport, and proof of the child's immunizations. For residency verification, parents will also need to provide either final escrow paper, mortgage statement or lease/rental agreement, **along with** a current utility bill (gas, water or electric bill) **and** a driver's license (or California I.D.) with current home address. Enrollment is on-going, and your residence address determines the elementary school where you should enroll your child.

The Walnut Valley Unified School district offers a quality day care program at all elementary and middle school sites, for both before and after school hours. You may contact the Child Care office at (909) 444-3460 for additional information and fees.

Please give a call at extension 31360 if you have any questions or concerns.

As we start the 2009 school year, we will have a strong academic focus on writing. What is good writing? In short, writing is thinking – and good writing clearly articulates the author's thinking. Writing is quite a complex task and I wanted to offer you some strategies to support your child's writing development at home.

1. **Develop Prior Knowledge:** As you know, family time is critical for your children. It provides a wealth of knowledge for students to draw upon when writing.
2. **Find the Main Idea:** Ideas are really the most important part of piece writing. Help your children summarize an entire book or passage into one single sentence. The simplest way to describe the main idea is to think about it as the most important thing the author wants us to know. Writing should be the same; one main idea is the central idea from which all other details flow.
3. **Organize, organize, organize!** Eighty-five percent of all writing should be spent in prewriting. This includes outlines and graphic organizers to arrange thoughts in a sequenced manner. Children should talk about their writing several times before they begin to write. Can they tell you the beginning, middle, and end?
4. **Catchy Beginnings:** Unique beginnings capture attention and make the reader want to read more.
5. **Thoughtful Endings:** An ending that is truly finished; sums up things in a way that satisfies the reader and may invite them to think more after the piece is done.
6. **Memorable Word Choice:** At just 490,000 words in the English language (and still growing!), there are a plethora of choices. Grab a thesaurus or use <http://thesaurus.reference.com/> to select a good one.
7. **Celebrate Good Writing Together:** This is paramount. Children's writing efforts should be enjoyed among family. Turn off the television and have your children act out their writing in the form of an impromptu play. Make sure to celebrate with hugs, too!

Thank you, once again, for making Quail Summit such a great community.

Sincerely,

Ms. Alysia Hobbs
Principal

Community Club News...

As we begin February, it's hard to believe our kids have been in school for 5 months! While our students have been busy, we parents are busy as well! With 4 full months left in the school year, we have much to do.

This month we have a change in plans. Originally our cookie dough fundraiser was going to be held in March. To avoid a conflict with our IT Campaign, our cookie dough fundraiser will begin on February 9th with orders due on February 23rd. Our IT Campaign will kick-off in March and conclude in April. We need your support of these last 2 fundraisers to insure our success for this school year.

Our sponsorship drive for this year has broken a school record! To date we have raised approximately \$23,000! It's not too late to donate. Please feel free to send your donation in at any time.

Please make plans to attend our next Community Club meeting on February 20th in the MPR.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Walker
Community Club Vice President



Student of the Month

Kindergarten:

Aicard

Andrew Park
Mandy Asuncion
Dylan Ojeda
Allison Budianto
Daniel Xing

Giang

Hannah Wildon
Thomas Acuna
Priyanka Ghotra
Brandon Gutierrez

Taing

Athan Yang
Katie Fan
Joseph Pang
Ricky Lambert
Angel Lee

Legind/Yates

Hailee Molina
Ryan Real
Jordan Cid
Joshua Cifuentes
Shunta Oyamo

First Grade:

Chaing

Natalie Kim
Christopher Li
Johnny Wang
Jacob Leos
Jaden Kim

Morales

Emily Ruhl
Charles Ceballos
Amanda Vasquez
Kaitlyn Morales
Isaac Vasquez

Penticoff

Justin Zhang
Alonzo Fuller

Smith

Nicole Han
Veronica Lin
Hana Cho
Ariana Ruiz
Jennifer Nie

Welch

Caleb Kou
Jun Soo Park
Sarah Hijleh
Matthew Ro
Kenta Yamamoto

Second Grade:

Kim

Joshua Kou
Sydney Ferris
Tyler Kim
Amanda Liu
Catherine Kim
Garrett Miller

McCabe

Solomia Choi
Hamza Arif
Megumi Yamamoto
Shirley Wang
Virginia Wang

Ruhl

Hannah Zhang
Max Gu
Adam Gonzales
Halia Putra

Clayton

Jeyna Espinoza
Victoria Holcomb
Abigail Nakaishi
Brandon Tran
Kurt Sakata

Biederman

Myel Park
Linda Beltran
Nripesh Chaudhari
Ryan Gately
Zawaar Raza

Third Grade:

McLean

Damian Torres
Daniela Maldonado
Penelope Favela
Meghan Shen

Chung

Jorin Song
Megan Mach
Brayden Smith
Samuel Hsiao
Brian Gutierrez

Renner

Bill Zhang
Rowland Suliafu
Yvonne Ting
Mary K

Snider

Christine Chan
Leonardo Lervoid
Sara Rafique

Heusner

Lucy Zhang
Krystal Mach
Jessica Tran
Amanda Hseih
Mia Yu

Fourth Grade:

Sugita

Lydia Lin

Grimes

Jennifer Woo

Moore

Emily Craine

Fifth Grade:

Burke

Semir Shafi

Leslie

Lina Jung

Hayes

Azaan Barlas

Notes from the Office:

Happy February 2008, Everyone! It's hard to believe we are about ½ done with this school year. As we gear up for the second semester, here are a few announcements from the School Office:

- We need your help! Our front walk-way needs some TLC with new flowers! Donating a few flowers, or perhaps a scrip-gift card from Lowes or someplace that sells flowers would be greatly appreciated! Thank you, as always for helping to keep our school beautiful!
- The QS staff very much appreciates students' efforts to bring musical instruments, lunches, homework, etc. with them to school. Keeping organized really helps, and classes run much more smoothly without interruptions for forgotten homework and lunches. Good job, kids!
- As you know, we are working to have students be in classrooms by 8:20 a.m. Classroom time is invaluable and should be spent in an efficient manner. Students can be dropped off as early as 8:00 am (please do not drop off before 8:00).
- The School Office would like to remind parents to please be courteous and considerate to other drivers! Please treat others as you would like to be treated. DO NOT block neighbors' driveways; if a neighbor needs to leave their house during pick up or drop off time, please allow them to do so. It is very helpful to allow ample time for pick-ups and drop-offs, so as to avoid rushing.

Have a great month!

Sylvia Vasquez

School Office Manager, QS

Meet the Masters and Original Works

In January your child created a beautiful piece of art work based on the famous artist Picasso. This was a switch from our plan to do Miro in January and Picasso in March. The reason for the switch is so we could team up again with Original Works to provide you with the option to purchase one of several beautiful products featuring your child's artwork. We are excited to participate in this unique and innovative fundraiser. If you were here last year you know how truly special these products can be. It's a wonderful way to turn your child art work in Mother's Day gift or gift for any occasion. Look for complete program, product and pricing information coming soon. Additional information, including customer testimonials, can be found at www.originalworks.com. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Thayer or Anne Wong.