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## Upcoming Events

- **March 3**  
• Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- **March 3**  
• Read Across America!
- **March 5**  
• Student Council Meeting  
• Character Crew Meeting  
• 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tile Decorating  
• Night 7:00 p.m.
- **March 6**  
• 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Native American Day
- **March 7**  
• Report Cards go home  
• Community Club Meeting 8:30 a.m.
- **March 13**  
• Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kick-Off  
• Assembly
- **March 18**  
• School Site Council  
• Meeting 3:30 p.m.
- **March 20**  
• April Quail Tales articles due
- **March 21**  
• Holiday - No School
- **March 31**  
• Spirit Day Assembly



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## HELP CELEBRATE Quail Summit's 20th Anniversary!

Community Club invites you to take advantage of permanently displaying your child's full color artwork on the walls of Quail Summit. This is a unique and special opportunity. We will be creating a "Tile Wall" to commemorate the 20th Anniversary. Each child can draw a picture that will be transferred to a ceramic tile that will be professionally hung on the wall outside the library.

Join us Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm  
in the Multi-Purpose Room.

There will be two tile sizes available:

4 1/2" X 4 1/4 ".....\$10.00

6" X 8".....\$18.00

All Materials will be provided.

Photos can be added. All alumni invited as well.

Refreshments will be served.

If you are unable to attend, you may make arrangements to bring in artwork.

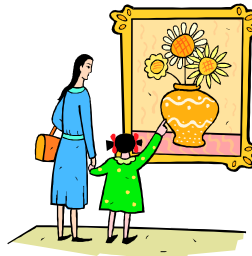
Any questions? Please contact Barbara Giovannello (909) 396-0204

Make checks payable to QSCC



## ART Extravaganza!!

Some exciting news on the art front! Your child has been creating their very own Monet masterpiece in class as part of our Meet the Masters art program. We have teamed up with a company called Original Works which will make a large magnet from your child's artwork. In a few weeks, the magnet will be sent home for you to review. You may purchase the magnet, return it without obligation, and/or purchase a variety of other products featuring your child's own artwork. We are excited to participate in this unique and innovative fundraiser. Look for complete program, product and pricing information coming soon. Additional information, including customer testimonials, can be found at [www.originalworks.com](http://www.originalworks.com). If you have any questions, please contact Ann Germain at 861-3004 ext 53118.



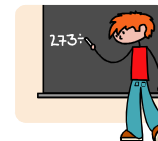
## PARENT ORGANIZER UPDATE...

**Thank YOU** to all that have signed up on Parent Organizer!! To be sure you are receiving ALL school information, update your "existing profile" for the adult registered on Parent Organizer to include "PTSA/Parent Group Information." Just log on to Parent Organizer and look under your "Existing Profiles" on the top right hand side of the page, and click on "edit" next to the adult registered. If you have any questions, please contact: Susan Kirwin at [sek1130@verizon.net](mailto:sek1130@verizon.net).

## 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.

# Quail Summit Classroom News



## Kindergarten News



February was filled with fun learning. We celebrated the hundredth day of school by reading Miss Bindergarten's 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School and other 100<sup>th</sup> day of school books. We also made glasses in the shape of 100 to wear and a snack filled with 100 pieces of nutritious and yummy food.

In science, we learned about the earth. We sang songs about the different bodies of water and landforms. We had a fabulous time making a representation of land, air and water using water bottles and play dough.

For Chinese New Years, we made Chinese hats, lanterns, and enjoyed eating delicious Chinese dishes. We ended the day with a dragon parade. We enjoyed walking through the entire school underneath the dragon as we played Chinese music and instruments. For Valentine's Day, we made Clifford headbands, made Clifford out of JELLO jigglers, played a game, and opened Valentine cards. We would like to thank all the parents who made the Chinese New Year Celebration and Valentine's party a success by their generosity and support.

## First Grade News

Although February has been a short month, first grade has not been short on learning activities and opportunities. We spent the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school counting to 100 in different ways and completing graphs and celebrating with poetry. Soon after, was a first grade favorite, Valentine's Day. The students shared their special notes and treats with their classmates and enjoyed a small treat. Watching the children open their valentine cards is definitely a highlight for the first grade teachers. The Global Celebration brought enthusiasm and excitement to the students. They traveled the world and couldn't wait to talk

about their experience. Sharing their adventures was a great way to culminate a fabulous day. All of first grade would like to thank the Global Celebration committee for a job well done!

John Archambault visited and shared his many books with us, including a favorite, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. In addition to all of the fun-filled events, the first graders have continued working on the needs of different plants and animals by studying the desert. We've reviewed the concepts of time, money and geometry. First grade is one busy place at Quail Summit!

## Second Grade News

The Second Grade has been really busy this past month. Students celebrated Chinese New Years and had a lesson in measuring by making paper lanterns. Students have been learning about measurement (inches, feet, centimeters, meters, etc.) and were able to apply part of this skill to constructing lanterns. They also learned about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln as we celebrated President's Day with a quick write on "If I were President of the United States". We'd also like to thank all the parents who helped make our Valentine's Party a memorable event. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you.

## Third Grade News

Third graders had great fun learning about the scientific method while exploring with bubbles! Teachers and students had a great day working together and sharing their learning. We are beginning our study of Native Americans, learning about tribes from different geographic regions of California. We will emphasize the Gabriellino Tribe, which is native to our area, and we are looking forward to Native American Craft Day on March 6! Many thanks to all the parents whom made Global Celebration such a meaningful learning experience for us all!



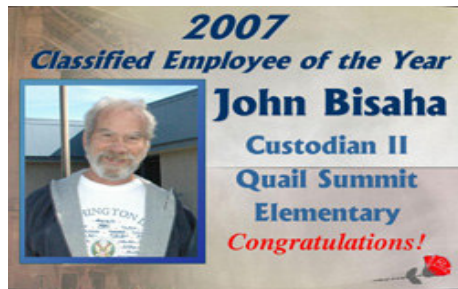
## Fourth Grade News

Fourth grade is writing! In preparation for the California Standards Test given only to fourth graders, we have practiced narrative stories, summaries, and response to literature. We recently learned about animals currently on the endangered list from reports written by classmates. Graphing coordinate pairs makes math fun. Sea chanteys are being sung in preparation for our field trip. Our "Sailor's Life" trip to Dana Harbor will be the highlight of the month of March.

## Fifth Grade News

The fifth grade has been very busy this month. In math, we learned how to multiply and divide fractions. In social studies, we are making baskets like the Native Americans using pine needles and raffia. In science, we learned the structure of an atom and how to use the Periodic Table. Finally, in language arts, we wrote friendly letters and /or business letters to a person of our choice. For example, Mrs. Hayes's class wrote to an explorer who lived centuries ago. We also practiced subject-verb agreement and are preparing for our Theme 3 test.

On Tuesday, February 19, we went to the Honda Center to watch the Anaheim Ducks practice. Our field trip connected math skills with hockey. For example, they talked about how the hockey players used angles to pass the puck to teammates. We also graphed the number of goals made by scoring team members and calculated the team standings. With all these activities, the month blew us by!



Quail Summit Elementary School Custodian **John Bisaha** was named the 2007 Classified Employee of the Year. John has worked in the District for 22 years; he joined the staff at Quail Summit in 1987. John was nominated for the award by Principal Alysia Hobbs.

# PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents and Friends of Quail Summit Elementary:

As we enter into March, our fourth graders will take the California Standards Test in Writing. Our students are well-prepared to take this examination, which is administered in essay form.

All states under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act/No Child Left Behind use proficiency testing to determine if students and schools are making adequate yearly progress. Most tests are organized around curricular areas. In elementary school, these are language arts and mathematics for all students in second through fifth grades and an additional science test for our fifth graders.

We appreciate your support in advance for the successful administration of these assessments by scheduling any necessary doctor's appointments after school. As any assessment, your child's results will help us to refine our instructional program. I have included some suggested activities for your family.

- When reading a book or watching a TV program, ask your child to recall the plot, characters, and the setting. Ask the student to retell the main events of the story.
- Help your child increase their vocabulary by using and defining more difficult words in everyday speech. Practice using antonyms, synonyms, and multiple meaning words (words that have more than one meaning).
- When writing for a standardized test, students must respond to a writing prompt, to which students must respond. Writing for any purpose – creating lists for the grocery store, writing letters to family members, etc. – benefits students tremendously.
- Standardized tests in mathematics focus on special skills, patterns, sequencing, and word problems. They do not simply test on computation. Practice reading graphs together in newspapers and create charts based on family activities.
- Make sure your child is ready. It is important your child is well-rested and well-fed on testing days.
- Talking about the test can increase testing anxiety, which can negatively affect his/her results. Instead, going on short walks with your child, playing a short game or soccer to build in physical activity will help.
- Read, read, read! The most important habit you help your child develop is reading. It increases background knowledge, vocabulary, and fluency.
- Set aside time to read every day-and be creative about your choices. Read magazines, newspapers, and poems, too.

Source: "Standardized Test Success", familyeducation.com

Thank you for your generous and continuous support of the Quail Summit community. When on campus, stop by and congratulate Mr. John. He was awarded the Walnut Valley Unified School District's Cornerstone Award for his dedication to our students, staff, and school. He exemplifies the enthusiasm and caring for all members of our community. Congratulations, Mr. John!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Alysia Hobbs

## PICTURES FROM Global CELEbration FEBRUARY 20, 2008



# Student of the Month

**Kindergarten:**  
**Aicard**

Emily Pavasars  
Jordan Ang  
Isabel Cruz

**Taing**

Daniel Lee  
Dominique Williams  
Jonathan Molina

**Legind/Yates**

Cindy Weng  
Peter Hsueh

**First Grade:**

**Asato**

Karyn Real  
Joshua Schlachter  
Cheyenne Tucker

**Morales**

Ramy Shafi  
Myel Park  
Luke Ramirez

**Penticoff**

Brandon Lin  
Emily Mora  
Wesley Ip

**Smith**

Ian Wong  
Virginia Wang  
Jamie Wei

**Second Grade:**

**Kim**

Ryenne Ramos-Johns  
Emily Quach  
Robin Zhou

**Mccabe**

Melanie Zhao  
Dale Sycip

**Ruhl**

Jeremy Kim  
Melissa Licari  
Krystal Mach

**Clayton**

Theresa Guan  
Matthew Rodriquez  
Kelsey Lloyd

**Biederman**

Paul Chang  
Christine Chan

**Third Grade:**

**McLean**

Jyllian Nissen  
Alexander Ramirez

**Chung**

Justin Liu  
Jenny Yun

**Renner**

Cody Chavira  
Justin Lee

**Snider**

Julius Suliafu  
Justin Vasquez

**Heusner**

Bernice Du  
Elaine Chen

**Fourth Grade**

**Sugita**

Madison Walker

**Chiang**

Hersh Gupta

**Grimes**

Angela Hou

**Fifth Grade**

**Burke**

Molly McCabe

**Moore**

Cameron Burton

**Leslie**

Keenan Mach

**Hayes**

Roger Yang



## Community Club News...



## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

Dear Quail Summit Parents,

February has been a month of celebration at Quail Summit! The Global Celebration Day was a success. Thanks to all the teachers and parents who volunteered their time to help prepare and present to the students about different cultures around the world. The kids had a wonderful time going from one country to another and had a great learning experience.

This year is a very special year to Quail Summit. We are celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Community Club has decided to commemorate this occasion by creating a "Tile Wall". Each child can draw a picture that will be then transferred to a ceramic tile and will be hung on the wall outside the library. Photos can be transferred to the tile too! Alumni are welcome. Remember the date; March 5 from 7:00-8:30pm in the MPR, refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Karen Yoshimoto  
Community Club President



The office is now accepting kindergarten registration. Students must be 5 years of age on or before December 2, 2008. If you have or know anyone who has a student eligible for kindergarten next fall, please register them! See the school office for more information.

Lost and Found: We have so many coats, jackets, lunch boxes, and more! If your child has lost anything at school please come take a look! The Student Council will be taking these items for donation mid-March, so please come check it out within the next week or two.

**Parking lots: Courtesy counts every day - and so does setting a good example for your children. We have received an increased number of complaints about poor driving and discourteous behavior when picking up and dropping off students. Please pay attention to the laws (no U-Turns from the Bus Zone!!) and be considerate of students, parents, neighbors and other drivers. Thank you for your cooperation in this.**

Spring Break is not until April 7<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>; however, there will be a District Holiday on Friday, March 21.

Have a great March, everyone!