



Quail Tales



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of
EXCELLENCE

May 2009

Upcoming Events:

- May 1: After School Snack \$1
- May 6: Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 8: After School Snack \$1
- May 11-15: Book Fair
- May 13: Minimum Day
- May 14: Open House
- May 15: After School Snack \$1
- May 18: Imagination Machine
- May 22: After School Snack \$1
- May 25: Memorial Day-No School
- May 29: After School Snack \$1
- June 4: Last Day of School-Minimum Day

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Stock up and spend scrip this summer. It's around the corner and many of the trips and activities you'll be participating in can help support the school. A trip to the beach might have a stop at McDonald's or Jack in the Box for lunch. A hot summer night might need an El Pollo Loco chicken dinner (no need to cook) or maybe a trip to Cold Stone or Baskin Robbins. An invitation to a birthday party might require a Claire's card, I-tunes or Gap gift card. There are so many scenarios where Quail Summit students can benefit from our busy lives, with no extra money. Please contact me with any questions or concerns about the program, I am happy to help you. Call the school or email at gsscrip@yahoo.com.

Kinder	Daniel Milik	\$10 Barnes and Noble
1st	Christopher Chala	Special Monthly Prize
2nd	Abigail Nakaishi	\$10 Barnes and Noble
3rd	Elisha Eide	\$10 Borders
4th	Austin De Cambra	Free Lunch & Front of the Line Pass
5th	Radu Firtat	Free Book from our Spring Book Fair

Office Notes...

Well, we are rapidly approaching the end of another great year at Quail Summit! Several grade levels have end of year field trips coming up. Parents, please make sure students dress appropriately for the trips – tennis shoes, bag lunches (no glass) and permission slips turned in on time. These are fun days; we want the students to enjoy and be safe!

If you are moving or changing your address, please let the office know before school is out so the office will have updated information. Also, please be sure to contact the office if your child is absent. You can call the QS Absence Line 24 hours. Please be sure to give the reason for the absence. Thanks!

Just as a reminder, if your student is coming to school early for events such as music or student council, their sibling(s) should not come early. There is no supervision for students until regular drop off time at 8:00 am. We want to make sure all of our students are safe at all times. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

With warmer weather coming, we ask that students dress appropriately. Please use the following as a guideline:

- No sandals
- Shorts not too short
- No spaghetti strap tops for girls
- No navels showing
- No baggy pants

Our new lunch program is going well. If students have credit in their lunch accounts at the end of the year, this will automatically roll over to next school year, so students will have a balance in their accounts already on the first day of school. Any questions regarding the lunch program and/or accounts should be directed to **Food Services: (909) 595-1261 ext. 31322**.

Have a great month!

Ms. Vasquez
School Office Manager



Safety 1st

Just a reminder to parents not to park your car unattended in the morning or the afternoon in the "drop off zone" at the upper parking lot. If you wish to park your car, you can park on the street. Also, for the safety of our children, **please follow all posted signs**. These signs apply to all of us, so help us keep our children safe.

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Quail Summit Classroom



Kindergarten News

April was a month filled with learning about living things such as plants and animals. The kindergartners studied the similarities and differences between plants and animals as well as their basic needs for survival. We will experience this first hand as we eagerly wait for our chicks to hatch. We also did an animal report where we shared with our class interesting information about the animal we studied. In writing, we created "powerful sentences." These sentences included character, setting, and action. The kindergartners' hard work and dedication in preparing for the "Bugz" performance paid off. They did an amazing job singing, dancing, and reciting their lines. We want to thank the parents who donated their time to make the beautiful set and the refreshments. We hope you enjoyed the musical as much as we enjoyed performing it. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Open House in May. We are extremely proud to showcase all of our hard work from the year to our loved ones.

First Grade News



Spring break has come and gone and it is hard to believe we are approaching the last month of school. The first graders at Quail Summit have been working so hard all year long. This is an amazing time as we watch these first graders gradually grow into second graders. However, the work and fun do not stop now. From the Arctic to the ocean, the first graders headed to the sizzling and sweltering desert. The students discussed and made cacti as well as many different desert animals this month. They learned about the adaptations the animals have to survive in the desert and even browsed through some interesting websites. The first graders were able to find their way out of the desert and into the African Savanna. They have water colored a sunset, researched an animal in the savannah and wrote a report on it as well as created a story about an adventure in the Savannah. Though the journey does not end in the savannah, look for the first graders jumping into the rain forest habitat next. In math, the students are adding two-digit numbers and will soon be learning how to subtract two-digit numbers. In addition, the patriotism has not left first grade. The students

have learned all about the Liberty Bell. They have read books, looked at many pictures and "realia", constructed their own Liberty Bell and wrote about many facts they learned. The next patriotic symbol the students will be learning about is the lady that stands in the New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty.

Second Grade News

April's showers have definitely brought May's flowers! Thank you all for donating the beautiful variety of flowers for our school's Beautification Day! What a difference spring colors add to our Quail Summit campus. We thought this time would be an excellent time to continue with plants and flowers and learn about the life cycle process for both plants and animals. We will also be learning about rocks and fossils. As a culminating activity, we will be venturing out to Crystal Cove State Beach on May 19th. We will need lots of helpful parents to join us on this wonderful field trip. Be looking for sign-ups to be coming home soon. Don't forget, we have Open House on May 14th. The children have been working very hard all year and are so excited to share with you all they have learned! We look forward to seeing you there! The children have also been preparing for a Spring Musical Showcase with our music instructor, Mrs. Fujiyoka. The showcase will be on May 15th, TBA. More information to follow. Again, we would like to thank all of our wonderful parent volunteers who are so diligent in helping our program to be such a success! You are such a gift to us, thank you!

Third Grade News

These past several weeks we have been buckling down as we prepared for STAR Testing. Whew! We made it just in time to blast off into Outer Space. Don't miss our third graders as they tell us all about Space in 'Interplanetary Jammin'. There will be a performance for parents at 2:00 on May 22nd. We look forward to seeing families visiting their child's classroom on Thursday May 14th at our Annual Open House. Come and share in your child's progress as they share their wealth of knowledge of third grade. We will be going on our last field trip to Santiago Oaks. We were very fortunate to receive a grant this year which allowed our third graders to have many field trips this year. As the school year comes to a close we encourage everyone to come and celebrate with your child at the upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Fourth Grade News

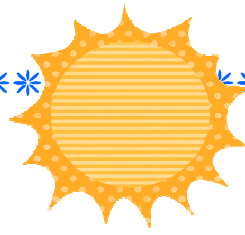
This month we are pulling together many of the skills we have learned in reading, writing, and math, as we review for the state tests and begin class projects. We are continuing to study events in California's history as we learn about the mission period and exploration of our coastline. We are seeing the connection to familiar words we see and hear in Spanish, and the beautiful influences upon the architecture of our local area. In science, we are studying about endangered animals, and our role in the preservation of habitats and species. Learning about the threats of habitat destruction, pollution, and consumerism have given students a chance to stand up for endangered animals before they become extinct forever. We are proud to see the growth of our Fourth Graders as they become effective communicators about their desires to protect the earth. Our culminating event for the year will be our musical, "Gold Dust or Bust." Everyone is excited about performing and reliving the tale of California's Gold Rush.

Fifth Grade News

One would think that with state testing behind us things would start to slow down. In fact, they continue to speed up! As your fifth grader knows, getting ready for middle school is a big job! Not only will learning continue in all subject areas, but there are *several* special events coming up as well. (Details on each will be sent home at later dates.) The students will be making their day visit to Chaparral, while parents will have the opportunity to attend parent information night. The continental soldier will be visiting 5th grade with open house shortly after. Later in the month you will find us bowling at Oak Tree Lanes. We are also looking forward to the end of the year Renaissance Awards and the "Good-Bye" celebration held especially for the 5th graders. Of course, yearbook signing is always exciting and fun, as is our big exit party. As your student heads into middle school, we know they have learned the tools needed to be successful. We wish them all our best and look forward to their returning and sharing the news of their middle school days. Thank-you for a wonderful year! As June quickly approaches we wish you and your child a relaxed and stress-free summer! Sit down, put your feet up and enjoy a great book!

Most Sincerely,
Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Burke, and Mrs. Hayes





Principal News...

Dear Parents and Friends of Quail Summit:

How time flies when you're busy and having fun! April breezed pass, with so many wonderful events! Heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to make our School Beautification Day an amazing success. Students brought lots of beautiful flowers and planted them throughout the grounds, making Quail Summit look loved and well cared for. And it was fun, too! Thank you to all our volunteers and students who participated.

May is bursting with activities to celebrate our students' growth! Charmaine Fujioka, our wonderful performing arts teacher, will host the **Performing Arts Showcase** throughout May. Dates vary by grade level, so check with your children to see which dates you might attend. Don't forget about **Open House**. We can't wait to watch our students shine for you, so join us on Thursday, May 14! Mark your calendars as well for our **Chorus Program** on May 26; the 5th grade Chorus has worked hard to prepare with our Music Teacher Judy Brunelle. Third Grade Parents, you won't want to miss the **Third Grade Play**, "Inter-Planetary Jammin'" on May 22! And finally, First Grade Parents, come on down to watch the First Grade Play, "Get Up and Grow!" on May 27.

Then May 18 we will have our **Imagination Machine!** Students will have the chance to share their written stories in small groups together. Then selected stories will be acted out by the Imagination Machine performers.

As we wind up toward the end of the school year, I wanted to pass along some tips I've found on assisting your child to develop self-discipline. The aspirations and dreams we have for our children, and that they have for themselves, are largely dependent upon their self-discipline. Will he behave well? Will she be able to work with others? Will he be responsible? Will she overcome challenges? If you have asked questions like these, then these tips are for you!

- **Set limits:** As your child grows, family rules change in response to match your child's age and abilities. Key rules should be enforced consistently to prevent confusion of parental expectations.
 - **Be clear:** Instead of, "Clean your room!" say, "Make your bed and put your toys in the toy box." Explain the possible results in specific language: "When you're finished, we can go to the park" or "Toys left out are taken away for the day."
 - **Use consequences:** Children learn from their successes and mistakes. Adhere to the rules you make, but allow your child to make minor decisions even if you don't always agree with them. For example, while your child may spend his allowance too quickly, he'll learn from this mistake the next time!
 - **Solve problems:** Work through difficulties together without yelling or interrupting. Respectfully focus on solutions. Meanwhile, allow your children the chance to solve problems by themselves with guidance when needed.
- Be a role model: You are your child's most important teacher, and your guidance modeling self-discipline is vital to their growth in this area.

Source: Ann Hamilton, "Raising Tomorrow's Adults: Teaching Children Self-Control and Self-Responsibility." University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension.

Thank you again to all of our dedicated teachers, staff, parents, and volunteers for making this a wonderful year at Quail Summit. You each make this a special place! Have a wonderful summer with those you hold dear. Keep in touch with us over the summer. We'll post updates on our website: www.quailsummitschool.org.

Fondly,
Ms. Alysia Hobbs
Principal



Young Author's Day Volunteers Needed !!

Come and enjoy a morning of student-written books by volunteering as a Young Author's Day facilitator. **The date is Monday, May 18, 8:15-9:30.** All you need is to be a good listener! It is a fun filled morning that supports our students' writing and encourages authors at all grade levels to share their stories. For more information, please see the red flier sent home or drop by the Q.S. office. Hope to see you there!

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BOOK FAIR!!!

Spring Book Fair is here... Featuring the latest titles as well as all your favorite classics. **Make it a Family Event from May 11th-May 15th.** We are also looking for parent volunteers! Visit our School Book Fair page: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/quailsummit>

Student of the Month

Kindergarten: Aicard Tony Tsai Yenah Lee	Penticoff Keagan Terry Kevin Hsiuh Wesley Chu	Clayton Michael Yuan Xu Angel Ramirez Ian Khoo	Heusner William Huang Dale Sycip Nathan Tsai
Giang Jacob Friend Keiren Yu Iris Lee	Smith Joshua Chin Ashley Sim Joshua Lin	Biederman Bernard Wong Dhruv Dang Nathan Tengbumroong	Fourth Grade: Sugita Wendy Liu
Taing Ivy Le Lael Park	Welch Michael Jones Eugene Liang Samantha Lu	Third Grade: McLean Ryan Chavaria Jonathan Kim Jonathan Chiang	Grimes J.C. Holmes
Legind/Yates Ashley Kien Emily Chen	Second Grade: Kim Ryan Pedrini Joshua Kummerman	Chung Rebecca Mitchell Crystal Wu	Moore Juston Luo
First Grade: Chiang Jennifer Yang Juston Chien Nicholas Tengbumroong	McCabe Dante Jenkins, Jr. David Torrecillas Janice Kwon	Renner Jerry Su Ysabelle Olmedo	Fifth Grade: Burke Emily Su
Morales Briana Clayton Mason Johnson Logan Cangi	Ruhl Kristina Shuo Ian Wong	Snider Eden Chung Isaiah Pulu	Leslie Lauren Burdsall
			Hayes Luis Choa

Community Club News...

As we begin our last full month of school, I would like to recap our year.

- Our annual Sponsorship Drive (first big fundraiser of the year) was a huge success! Roughly \$21,000 was raised; this fundraiser was our most profitable for the year.
- Beginning in August through September, we sold Community Discount Cards for a profit of \$1285.
- In October, we had our fall carnival, book fair, harvest night and family portrait night. The combined profit for these events was approximately \$9,700.
- Our gift wrap assembly kicked off on November 5th; profits from this fundraiser were close to \$7,700.
- December brought us a holiday gift store that earned \$1,900 for our Community Club.
- In February, our students sold cookie dough. Their efforts raised \$4,400.
- Our IT fundraiser began and ended in March. This fundraiser, specific to our technology needs, raised \$6,600.
- Our student's artwork was creatively put on various items for purchase thanks to our Original Works fundraiser. Purchases from this fundraiser earned a profit of \$1,200.
- Our scrip program, Albertson's, Ralph's and Target programs are run throughout the year. Thus far, we have earned a combined total of \$5,300.

We thank you for your support of these fundraisers! Without the efforts from our parent volunteers who run these programs and your support, we could not provide our students with the little extras that make our school so special!

Next year's Community Club board is now in place. Our thanks and congratulations to the following:

- Shannon Thayer – President
- Jennifer Nitti and Erika Chavarin – Co Vice Presidents
- Treasurer – Amber Butler
- Secretary – Anne Wong
- Parliamentarian – Susan Swartout

Again, thank you parents for your continued support this school year. Even with the state of our economic climate, we parents have truly stepped up financially to provide our children with the best education possible. We have reason to be proud of our children as well as ourselves!

Have a safe and happy summer!

Respectfully yours,

- Michelle Walker
 Community Club Vice President

