



Quail Tales



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EXCELLENCE

November 2009

Upcoming Events

November 6, 13, 20
Friday After School Snacks \$1

November 5
Gift Wrap Kick-off/Togo's
Fundraiser

November 10
2nd Grade Veteran's Day Cele-
bration/SSC Meeting @3:00

November 11
Veteran's Day Holiday-No
School

November 12
JoJo's Fundraiser

November 13
Community Club Meeting @6:30

November 18
Minimum Day

November 19
Gift Wrap Orders Due/Johnny
Rockets Fundraiser-All Day

November 23
2nd Grade Friendship Feast

November 24
2nd Grade & Kinder. Friendship
Feast

November 25
District Holiday-No School

November 26
Thanksgiving Holiday-No School

November 27
District Holiday-No School

November 30
All School Spirit Day Assembly
@8:45

December 3
Meet the Masters-Lawrence

December 4
Report Cards Go Home

SHOP with SCRIP!!!

Quail Summit's Scrip gift card program offers many vendors for you to choose from, including a new addition, **Visa** gift cards available in \$25 or \$100 denominations. Visa is accepted almost everywhere and with no activation fee it makes a great gift. This "no-cost" fundraiser provided the school with over **\$8,000** in profit last year. Thank you to all the families and staff that support this program. The funds raised are directly returned to the classroom in the form of supplies, field trip expenses and student awards.

Remember each order is an entry into our Spirit Assembly drawing where there is a winner from each grade.

Our winners from September's Spirit Assembly are as follows:

Kindergarten: Justin Kim
1st: Keili Ishitani
2nd: Christopher Li
3rd: Abigail Nakasihi
4th: Jacob Asawesna
5th: Daniel Velasquez



Each of these students received \$5 in Food and Game tickets at our Harvest Carnival.

October's Spirit Assembly Winners:

Kindergarten: Hillary Nakaishi
1st: Ryan Real
2nd: Stephanie Shen
3rd: Caitlyn Kanemitsu
4th: Joseph Real
5th: Austin De Cambra

Each of these students received \$5 credit at the Quail Summit Book Fair.

Please go to our website, www.quailsummitschool.org to print a form or stop by the office.

Should you have any questions about our scrip gift card program, please contact **Amber Butler** at gsscrip@yahoo.com. With the holidays fast approaching consider participating in this program...remember it doesn't cost you a penny more.

From The Office...

Welcome to Autumn! With commencement of school, the time change, and the holidays coming up we also know that flu season is upon us. None of us look forward to the possibility of our children getting sick, so here are some helpful hints to help the family stay healthy:

- Make it a habit to **wash hands** with soap and warm water often.
- **Avoid** sharing drinks and snacks.
- **Covering** the mouth when coughing will help stop the spread of germs
- Eat a **healthy, well-balanced** diet. This is especially important to remember during the holiday season when so much party food is available!
- Make sure to **get a good night's sleep!** Getting enough rest will help to keep the whole family healthier.

LOST & FOUND is already full of clothes and lunch boxes! Please stop by and check the Lost and Found rack.

School Starts Promptly at 8:20 am: Please drop your child off between 8:00 and 8:15, to ensure they won't be tardy. It is important to have them in class and ready to learn as soon as school starts. **Picking your child up on time** is also an extremely important responsibility for all parents. Those who cannot pick up their child on time after school must make arrangements for someone else listed on the emergency card to pick them up. Please make sure your emergency card is up to date with the correct names of people who can pick your child up and also your current contact information (home/work/cell numbers).

And finally, remember that our Quail Summit website is a great way to get all kinds of information! School events, home-work assignments, after school programs and more. Please feel free to check out the website for updates in our school and community!

Have a great November, everyone!

Ms. Vasquez
School Office Manager



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Quail Summit Classroom



Kindergarten News



October has been a whirlwind month of colors, emotions, friendship, five senses, pumpkins, and jack-o-lanterns for kindergarten. Not to mention the exciting Harvest Night and Halloween festivities. We had a wonderful time on our first field trip to Tanka Farms where we rode on a wagon ride, pet animals, and picked pumpkins out of a pumpkin patch. November is quickly approaching and fall is defiantly in the air!

First Grade News



What is Matter? First graders can tell you it is everything and everywhere! We have been learning that matter comes in three states: solid, liquid, and gas. For example, we learned that gas has no shape or size of its own. To understand this concept, we went out and blew bubbles! We blew big bubbles, little bubbles, and had great fun popping them! We also have been learning that matter changes when they are mixed, heated, or cooled. Making bread in class was the best part of all! Another exciting thing we did this month was in language arts. We learned to write narratives. We learned that stories have a beginning, middle, and end. Creating Halloween stories with characters, a setting, and a problem was a bit scary, but we ended our stories with the problems being solved! And speaking of solving problems! We created math problem solving stories with pumpkins. Since we have been learning about subtraction strategies in math, we created subtraction stories. October was filled with "Boo-ti-ful" learning!

Second Grade News

Happy Fall to our Second grade families! This is one of our favorite times of the year. There are so many wonderful activities for the children and we are getting into full swing in the classrooms! We have been working on Days of Long Ago and learning about our ancestors. The children have been sharing about their cultures with their classmates through sharing their ancestor

dolls, class discussions and more. Our ancestor reports have also come in and we are in the process of sharing those aloud to the class! It is wonderful knowing we are all part of a bigger, global family! Thank you to all our volunteers for participating in the carnival, book fair, literary parade and family portrait night! All were a great success! If you did not have the opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher for a parent/teacher conference, please contact your teacher as soon as possible to have one scheduled. Remember, we have an upcoming fieldtrip planned for November 4th to Riley's Farm. Please ensure your child comes to school with a disposable lunch, warm clothes and comfortable shoes that day. Again, thank you to our wonderful parents who help to make QS a special place!

Third Grade News

The beginning of the year has seemed to progress so quickly! Students are now into the full swing of third grade and are tackling all the challenges that come their way. Our character trait for October is responsibility, and students have been working diligently towards becoming more responsible students. The third graders have also been learning about money and telling time in math. These are real-world skills, and the third graders have had a fun time practicing them. We have also been showing how we feel about drugs by celebrating Red Ribbon Week. Third graders attended an assembly about friends and discussed why having good friends is important. Also, we are all looking forward to the Harvest Carnival and hope to see you all at our booths. This is a great opportunity to have fun with your children, meet new people, and celebrate fall. Hope to see you there!

Fourth Grade News



The second month in fourth grade has truly opened our eyes. We are learning lots of new things everyday. In math, we learned how to read different types of graphs. Next, we learned about time units and how to plan out a daily schedule. This will be helpful to organize our activities and become responsible in completing our homework on time. Since school started, we have read over 500 books in the Accelerated Reading Program. Wow!! In language arts, one of the reading strategies we studied was

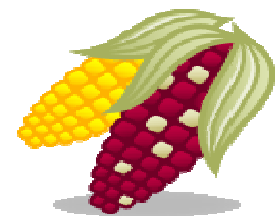
inference skills. It helps us understand the character's feelings in the story as we read. In science, we learned about our ecosystem and how it works along with the food web and food chains. Each student is doing a project on the four regions in California. We are learning so many things about our amazing state. Recently, we went on a fieldtrip to a Pro Rodeo. We saw barrel racing, bucking broncos, bull riding, and rodeo clowns. As you can see, fourth grade has been extraordinary.

By Nisha Sandu and Joanna Tien

Fifth Grade News

October has been a very busy month for 5th graders. It is amazing how much they learn in such a short time! Students have already finished their first theme test in reading. They are now on their way to exploring the second theme, "Give IT All You've Got!" In this series of stories, students will be examining the lives of true American heroes and how perseverance contributed to the achievement of their goals. In math, fifth graders have been getting acquainted with decimals. They have identified them to the thousandths place value and are now able to add and subtract, as well as multiply and divide these types of numbers. On the flip side, they are also dividing very large numbers including those being divided by two and three digit divisors. Social Studies has consisted of an in-depth look at America's first inhabitants. The students have explored American ancestry arriving in the continent over 12,000 years ago! Make sure to ask your child about the Bering Strait and how it came to be that these early people were able to cross it by foot! Students are continuing to use the science process skills learned earlier in the year while exploring the current unit on weather. The water cycle, fresh water sources, oceans and their currents, as well as severe storms are all part of their studies. October even gave us our first rainy day which was a perfect way for your child to be introduced to this unit! As you can see, 5th grade has been extremely busy! We ask that you continue to support your child with a quiet spot for doing school work. Reviewing their homework journal and assisting them with time management is not only a great way to interact with your child, but it can also prevent those late night homework tears that can sometimes occur.

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



Principal News...

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Quail Summit Elementary School,

Wow! What a month we've had! Thank you to our dedicated parent community for pulling off another great carnival, particularly our fearless carnival committee led by Mrs. Swartout, Mrs. Thayer, and Mrs. Kummerman. I would like to thank all of our parents, teachers, volunteers and community for making it such a success. It is yet another example of what makes our community so special. Thank you for being a part of the Quail Summit family.

Reading Aloud to Your Children is Important!

Research, as well as good ol' time honored practice, demonstrates that one simple activity – reading aloud – is the best way to prepare children for learning to read and build the skills necessary for long term reading success. Reading aloud helps your children develop the language skills that they will use in school and throughout their lives.

Many parents have concerns about reading aloud to their children. Many fear they may read too fast, or that their children won't listen to them. If you're worried as well, you aren't alone! However, reading aloud is one of the best ways to help your youngster succeed in school and this time creates a special bond between parents and children. Here are some tips to help:

- Everybody makes mistakes. If you make mistakes when reading aloud, your child will learn that it's okay for her to do so, too.
- Practice makes perfect. Find a book that you like and read it aloud by yourself until you feel comfortable.
- Involve your youngster in the story. Have her turn the pages. Or read one line and let her read the next.
- Take your time and don't rush the story. Your child can tell if you're in a hurry. Reading slowly will help you read clearly.
- As you feel more comfortable, try changing your voice to show the characters' feelings – joy, sadness, fear. These variations can make the story more exciting for both of you!
- Remember that you are helping your child learn to enjoy reading. Try different types of reading materials, such as comic strips and poetry.
- Above all, try to relax and enjoy the time you're spending with your youngster.

This month's character trait is compassion. This is a fitting trait to examine and express as we come closer to Thanksgiving. We can show compassion in so many ways, from how we treat our family members to being kind to neighbors, friends and our community. As we prepare to be with our families for the Thanksgiving holiday, I would like to thank all of you for your support of Quail Summit. We are ever thankful for you. Have a wonderful and safe month and holiday!

Ms. Alysia Hobbs
Principal

QSCC Annual Sponsorship Drive Help us Reach our Goal

The Students at Quail Summit are provided with so many "extras" thanks to our Community Club. Here are a few things that our students benefit from your donations:

- **Assemblies**
- **Field trips**
- **Classroom Supplies**
- **Upgraded technology supplies (i.e. MAC Computers, software)**
- **And More**

Our budget for this coming year is roughly \$60,000. If every student were to donate just \$50 to our sponsorship drive, half of our budget would be met with just one fundraiser. This year there will be a contest for the classroom which has the highest participation will receive hot cocoa and cookies party. The contest will run until mid-December. We appreciate any donation of any denomination. Remember your donation is tax deductible.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and generosity!

Respectfully Yours,
Quail Summit Community Club

GIRLS! Do you want to make new friends, take trips, explore new places, experience new activities, and help your community? You can do all that and more as a Girl Scout! Girls work in partnership with other girls, leaders, and parents to make their dreams come true. Troops are forming now, in the largest organization for girls and women. To ensure a troop, we need adult volunteers who want to make a difference in the life of a girl and want to invest in the future by sharing their skills and time with girls today! For more information contact: **Rene' Alpi** at (909) 860-1466 or wshippies@yahoo.com.



Girl Scouts.

Student of the Month

Kindergarten:

Aicard

Ryan Wong
Emily La
Erica Shin

Chung

Kaylee Espinosa
Weili Du

Giang

Hannah Geere
Davide Lam
Angela Chen

Yates/Chang

Shantell Luna-Ramos
Lewis Weng

First Grade:

Kim

Keili Ishitani
Lael Park
Ryan Real

Morales

Sean Peng
Willow Huang
Elsie Lin
Deepayan Basu

Penticoff

Ethan Hsu
Emily Chen
Claire Wang
Daniel Milik

Yim

Claire Kung
Keiren Yu
Robert "RJ" De Leon

Second Grade:

Clayton/Silva

Kaitlyn Morales
Marissa Vasquez
Kayla Teng

Legind

Timmy Noritake
Delany Griffith
Lianna Vargas

McCabe

Madison DeLeon
Justin Lu
James Yang

McLean

Niamh Veloso

Ruhl

Mia Nitti
Rachael Wang
Liam McCabe

Third Grade:

Bishop

Myel Park
Kevin Guan
Gaby Lazo

Heusner

Solomia Choi
Minerba Sandoval
Christina Soriano

McLean

Karyn Real
Samantha Padilla

Renner

Kayley Toyama
Ian Wong
Emily Mora

Snider

Atharva Sathe
Ashley Pang
Sarah Wilson

Fourth Grade:

Grimes

Emily Kim

Moore

Eliana Kim

Sugita

Lucy Zhang

Fifth Grade:

Burke

Michelle Tran

Hayes

Shane Chang

Leslie

Justin Luo



Community Club News...

Happy November everyone! We would like to start off first by saying a huge thank-you to everyone who helped out with fundraisers this past month. Family Portrait Night, Community Club Discount Card sales, the Harvest Carnival, and the Book Fair were all a success!

The Harvest Carnival, in particular, requires extensive time and planning. On behalf of the QS Community Club Board we would like to thank all the parents, teachers, and staff that helped to make this fundraiser a success. Thanks so much to the families and businesses that donated time or Opportunity Drawing items. Without your hard work this would not be such a wonderful event. And without this event, your Community Club would not be able to financially support the school and its programs. A few of the key items supported by our fundraising include: copier lease and maintenance, teacher supplies, fine arts programs, field trips, and technology.

That being said, we still have more fundraising to do. Our Sponsorship drive continues all year. Year-to-date we have raised over **\$7,000**. If you have not had the opportunity to donate, please consider making a donation. Scrip is another great opportunity for you to donate back to our school. With every purchase you make, the vendor donates money back to our school. Your Community Club board, teachers, staff, and many parents use scrip year around to make purchase on household items, gas, clothing, and many other items. And Scrip cards make wonderful gifts for the holidays. Please take a look at the Scrip order forms and see if you can incorporate this wonderful program into your daily life. Soon we will also be kicking off our yearly Gift Wrap fundraiser. The Gift wrap company has many wonderful things in the catalog for purchase. We look forward to receiving your orders!

Our November CC meeting is scheduled for the 13th at 6:30 pm. We are hoping to have a guest speaker at this meeting. Mr. Jack LeBrun from Walnut Valley School District will be there to inform the status of the district budget. We hope you will attend and give us your input.

On behalf of the CC Board, we wish everyone a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving.

Susan Swartout and Shannon Thayer
Community Club Co-Presidents

