



Quail Tales

Quail Summit Elementary
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EXCELLENCE

October 2008

Upcoming Events:

- October 3
Friday After School Snacks \$1
- October 6-10—Book Fair
- October 9
Family Harvest Night/Pumpkins/
Family Portraits/Pizza Dinner
5:00pm – 8:00pm
- October 9
JoJo's Pizza Fundraiser
- October 10-Community Club Meeting
- October 13—School Picture Day
- October 15
2nd Grade Field Trip-Riley's Farm
- October 20
Motivational Productions Assembly
- October 20-24—Red Ribbon Week
- October 21
School Site Council Meeting @
3:00pm
- October 24—Carnival
- October 27—Spirit Day
- October 29-ELAC Meeting @3:10
- October 31
Literary Parade, Pumpkin Contest,
Class Parties
- November 2
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- November 4—Election Day
- November 5
Gift Wrap Kick Off Assembly

Family Harvest Night

Come join us for Family Harvest Night, Thursday, October 9th. We will be having our Fall Book Fair along with our Family Portrait Night, Pumpkin Patch and also our very own Quincy's Cafe. Want to forever capture the warmth and beauty of your family and be able to share the pictures with friends for Christmas? For just \$25 you will receive a professional 11 x 14 portrait and for an additional fee, you will be able to order additional pictures for Christmas. Cantrell Photography will set up a full professional studio in school, and they will donate the full \$25 back to the school. Moms' don't want to cook that night? No problem, we will be offering a pizza meal for \$4. It will include a personal size pizza from Jojo's Pizza, a drink and a cookie. Don't forget, before you leave check out our book fair and pick up a pumpkin (6 - 10lb) from our very own pumpkin patch for just \$4 each. Hope to see you all there!!!



Notes from the Office:

Welcome back to school! We are excited to be well underway with a new school year. A special welcome to our new families! The QS office is open for business from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Please be sure to log on to ParentOrganizer.com for all kinds of information regarding Quail Summit events and activities. Here are a few *beginning of the year reminders* to ensure the safety and welfare of our Quail Summit Students:

- **Lunches:** You may replenish your child's lunch account at the office or online at the WVUSD website. If your child brings lunch from home, please send lunch with them in the mornings. The deadline for dropping off forgotten lunches is 9:30 am. Thank you for your cooperation with this and understanding the importance of not interrupting class time.
- **Absences:** Use the automated phone answering service to report students' absences. Remember, vacations are not excused absences! It is important to have all students in school unless they are sick.
- **Drop Off/Pick Up: Please follow the QS Traffic Plan.** Although transportation can be hectic, it is essential that drivers take the time to drive safely and be courteous to pedestrians, other drivers and neighbors.
- **Times:** Students may not be dropped off at school before 8:00 am. Also, please make sure to pick students up on time. Please check your child's schedule and remember about Early Thursdays.

Emergency Cards: Only those persons named on students' emergency cards will be able to pick them up from school. Please make sure to keep these emergency cards up to date in the office. Thank you!

Mrs. Lance and Ms. Vasquez are the main contacts in the office to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please call the school office at 909-861-3004 or log on to ParentOrganizer.com for more information. We look forward to another wonderful year with the Quail Summit community!

Sylvia Vasquez,
School Office Manager

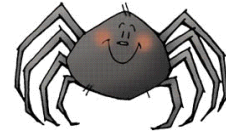
Our Carnival Date has Changed!!

Carnival is right around the corner, mark this date on your calendar! Friday, October 24th from 3pm - 8pm. This year we will have lots of fun and games and don't forget our very own HAUNTED HOUSE!!! It will be BIGGER AND BETTER!!!! Pre-sale tickets will be sold the week of October 20th and at the Family Harvest Night. Pre-sale tickets are 5 for \$1 and 4 for \$1 the day of the carnival. Please make sure you sign up to help out in the booths, a little help goes a long way.



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Quail Summit Classroom



Kindergarten News



The kindergartners have been busy this past month. In math, we learned about sorting and patterning. During Meet the Masters, the students learned about the artist Winslow Homer and created beautiful artwork. The kindergartners had a “beary” memorable time at the Teddy Bear Picnic. They sang the “Cool Bear Hunt” song with their own teddy bears and recited the poem, “Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear”. We want to thank the families who generously donated items and volunteered at the picnic.

First Grade News



Wow! What a great first day of school. The first graders came in excited, cheery, and ready to learn. Having already met their teachers at the successful summer assessments and at the booming back to school night, the first day was filled with bright and shining faces. To compliment the sweet and appealing attitudes of the first graders, the first week focused on some watermelon fun. The kids wrote about their schema, calculated melon math, created a watermelon glyph, made estimations about the watermelon’s weight and size and concluded the week with sitting outside on the warm day enjoying a nice, fresh slice of watermelon together. Although, the fun does not stop there, the first graders have been learning all about Old Glory, better known as the American Flag. They have been reading and writing about the flag and even creating a tear-out flag themselves. I’m sure they would be happy to tell you an interesting fact about the American Flag if you ask. The first graders have had a terrific first month and look forward to a wonderful and successful school year.

Second Grade News

Welcome back to school! It has been a fun filled month getting acquainted with your children. We are already off to a great start learning about Days of Long Ago, healthy eating habits with help from Little D at www.nutritionexplorations.org and having the opportunity to learn so much more at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. Again, thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make this field-trip a success! Remember, please sign each page of your child’s homework and review all homework pages with your child before turning it in on Fridays. We are looking for donations of large bottles of hand sanitizer. If you are willing to help out, please contact your child’s teacher! Thank you for helping to make Quail Summit a School with a heart!

Third Grade News

Time sure has been flying in third grade. Students are getting the hang of the new challenges of third grade as we approach the end of September. We are so proud of our Spelling Bee competitors. They showed us what courage looks like. We look forward to our students continuing to work on their citizenship goals. Our character trait for October is responsibility. It’s hard to believe October is here. We enthusiastically look forward to our October Carnival and prepare ourselves for a fun filled month. The Carnival will be a great opportunity to help support our school and meet new friends! Please let your child’s teacher know if you would like to volunteer.

Fourth Grade News

The Fourth Graders are eagerly getting involved as Upper Graders in many student activities. We are proud of the many students who were in the Spelling Bee! There were many challenging words and expert spellers. Others are running for Student Council Office eager to show their leadership and involvement at school. Good luck to all who are stepping up to this challenge!

In the Fourth Grade classrooms you will find the Accelerated Reader program up and running as students read one hour each day from books that are selected in their “zone”. Students are busy reading and taking quizzes to reach their 6 week goal. All of the classes are now enrolled in a website called Myskillstutor.com. The teachers will be assigning Language Arts and Math practice from this site.

This is a great opportunity for individual practice and additional help on the units we are doing in class. In Science it has been fun to see the results of “static cling” in the classroom. We move on to electrical circuits and magnetism next. There is sure to be excitement when the light bulbs go on!

Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Sugita would like to thank the many parents who came to Back to School night. We were happy to share what is in store this year, and to have had the opportunity to meet so many of you.

Fifth Grade News

5th grade started the year off with a “bang!” Back-to-School night was an important evening which introduced parents to what their child would be learning, as well to their student’s responsibilities. Thank you so much to all of those who attended!

The kids are beginning to move quickly between classes as they rotate to the different 5th grade teachers and subjects. Mrs. Leslie is instructing science, while Mrs. Burke teaches social studies and Mrs. Hayes works with them in reading and comprehension. The math classes are divided between the three teachers and each student is instructed in grammar and writing by their homeroom teacher. The students are becoming more familiar with their rotation as their schedules are kept as consistent as possible.

Process skills have been the focus in science while social studies has concentrated on mapping and knowing the names and locations of the states. For reading, the students have been working on reading strategies such as predicting and inferring, as well as questioning. Math classes began with work on very large numbers and was followed by lessons on decimals, the smallest of numbers.

The 5th grade websites have been set up for this year. Going to the Quail Summit home page and clicking on your child’s teacher is a great way to stay up-to-date with homework. (Of course, the homework journal that your child brings home everyday is always a great source as well.)

Time is already flying by, yet as the year progresses we look forward to getting to know your child even better. We’re glad to be back and happily welcome each of you back, as well.



SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS



On Sept. 3, 2008, Quail Summit hosted its 15th Annual Spelling Bee Competition in which each student competed for his/her grade level. To recap, spelling lists were given to students at the end of the school last year and again at the beginning of school this year. Only the top spellers from each class were eligible to compete in the Spelling Bee. Interested 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders competed in classroom "Spell-offs," to determine who the top four spellers in each class would be. Their names were submitted as eligible participants for this year's Spelling Bee.



We began with the 3rd grade Spelling Bee in which twenty participants competed for the winning title. What a fierce competition that was! After a record 15 rounds, Megan Mach was declared the winner. Congratulations to Megan!

The 4th and 5th grade Spelling Bee followed with twenty five participants competing. Our fourth grade winner was Meghan Sinn and our 5th grade winner was Rita Chang. Congratulations to Megan and Rita!

Ms. Hobbs presented the winners with trophies and also awarded to each participant, a Certificate of Participation with a Ribbon. **Special thanks to the Distinguished Spelling Bee Panel and to all the volunteers who helped make this successful.** Being a Participant in the Spelling Bee already makes you a Champion and we are so proud of you. Some of those words were really hard!

Principal News



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

Welcome back to another wonderful school year! Welcome also to new families joining our school community this year. We are pleased to announce the additions of two new staff members, Miss Jennifer Welch and Ms. Debbie Kim. Miss Welch joins our talented first grade team of teachers this year, and Ms. Kim is our new Bridge Building Counselor. She will continue to provide services to students that Mrs. Chen did last year, but we are fortunate to have an additional day added to our weekly schedule. We are also pleased to welcome a new class to our school this year. The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) is offering a county special education class which will participate in many school activities.

If you have the time, come on by to admire our beautiful new computer lab! Thanks to the support of our parents and our Community Club, we were able to jointly fund the purchase of a brand new Apple Computer lab for our students. And once again, your Community Club graciously supported the production of the school calendar. It outlines the many events and activities at Quail Summit. Please refer to it often and watch for updates. As you know, Quail Summit is a paperless school, and it is vital you sign up on Parent Organizer to receive all important information via email. Sign up at parentorganizer.com as soon as possible. Classroom, school-wide and Community Club notifications will be sent electronically.

Many parents have asked about the Accelerated Reader (AR) program and how to help their children meet their goals. Simply put, the AR program tracks students' reading comprehension by having them take quizzes on the books they read. These books are at each child's individual reading level, which has been determined by testing at the school. Children should read "just right" books that are neither too easy nor too difficult so they can improve gradually. You may use AR leveled books from classroom or personal book collections. Those books can be checked for AR level on www.arbookfind.com. Following each school library visit, every student should be taking home and reading a book. Depending on the level, books can take as little as a day or as long as a couple of weeks to finish. When they return the book, they should then take the quiz. Following their reading, students can prepare for the next AR quiz by making up their own questions that they predict may be asked. While goals are determined individually for each student, we expect all students to work toward their personal AR goals! The suggested reading level will be continually adjusted all year as reading ability grows.

"Back to School" Nights were well attended, as always demonstrating to us once again why Quail Summit students are so successful. You, as parents, are committed to knowing what is happening at school so that you can support your child at home as well as the teacher's efforts at school. While we are most proud of our students' achievements, our capable teachers and staff's goal is to promote students from our school who are not only outstanding students but also great citizens! We are committed to the teaching and learning cycle, and devoted to building strong character. Thank you for your dedication and efforts to ensure your children receive the best possible education.

We've listened to parents' requests for additional help at home. In response to this, we have purchased a program to help your children at home and school. Skills Tutor is a research-based, online instructional program that allows student access to tutorials and quizzes in language arts, reading comprehension, and mathematics. Students will be able to access this site at home, school, and anywhere the internet is available. We are excited to offer this program to all of our students, kindergarten through fifth grade. This supplemental instructional tool will help strengthen your child's skills.

We expect to have another great school year with you and your child! Please feel welcome to stop by the office with any questions that you have at any time.

Ms. Alysia Hobbs
Principal

Student of the Month

Kindergarten: Aicard

Mandy Slater
Jalen Anderson
Keili Ishitani

Giang

Moeler Myint
Blake Holmes

Taing

Jayden Carbonell Smith
Tanna Jones

Legind/Yates

Stella Craine
Cristian Vargas

First Grade: Chaing

Duyan Le
Mia Nitti

Morales

Alexandra Tejeda
Alex Olvera

Penticoff

Madison DeLeon
Peter Hseuh

Smith

Liam McCabe
Niamh Veloso

Welch

Cindy Weng
Vincent Ceballos

Second Grade: Kim

Ryan Shah
Cindy Liu

McCabe

Aaron Tamura
Jacqueline Chen

Ruhl

Aaron Romero
Sarah Milik

Clayton

Moises Gamez
Samyuktha Vellaiyan

Biederman

Kyndall Tenace
Philly Lopez

Third Grade: McLean

Kelsey Lloyd
Matthew Rodriguez

Chung

Vanessa Emily Medrano
Joe Montgomery
Elisha Eide

Renner

Tiffany Wu
Monique Yim

Snider

Nisha Sandhu
Andrew Sun

Heusner

Ryan Kim
Paul Chang

Fourth Grade Sugita

Michelle Tran

Grimes

Lauren Wong

Moore

Emily Slater

Fifth Grade Burke

Kenji Yoshimoto

Leslie

Kayley Butler

Hayes

Gregory Cid

Community Club News...

By Shannon Thayer, Community Club Secretary

Hi Quail Summit Parents! Welcome back for the 2008-2009 school year. Your Community Club board is so excited to begin another wonderful year at Quail Summit. Let me start by introducing myself. I am Shannon Thayer your Community Club Secretary. I have a wonderful 1st grader and so this is my second year at Quail Summit.

I wanted to start off this article by sharing an observation with you. I was pulling up in the parking lot the other morning to drop my daughter off at school. Out in the parking lot, as there is every morning, there were teachers (and often times other staff members) helping the kids out of their cars. This is an extra service they provide for the safety and well being of our children. And at the moment I felt truly blessed to have such a wonderful group of teachers and staff who so obviously care about our children. And so a big thank-you to the teachers and support staff at Quail Summit for all you do each and every day!

October is truly a fun and busy month at Quail Summit. Please check your calendar and come out and support some of our critical fundraising events. Our fundraising supports several of the programs and items at Quail Summit, such as field trips, the Meet the Masters program, copier maintenance, classroom supplies, and assemblies. Some of the fun we have planned for you includes our Book Fair, our Family Harvest Night (with pictures, dinner, a pumpkin patch and the book fair will be running that evening), and our huge yearly fundraising Carnival. All these events promise to provide your family with quality fun. If you are able to donate some of your time to help make these events a success we would really appreciate it. Without parent volunteers, these wonderful events would not be possible!

One more important fact I would like to share with you....Did you know as a parent of a Quail Summit student you are automatically a Community Club Member?? We hold monthly meetings and really need your input. Community Club meetings are held the second Friday of almost every month in the Multipurpose room. Our next meeting will be on Friday October 10th at 8:30 am. We would love for you to join us and give us your input. Have a safe and wonderful October!



QSCC Annual Sponsorship Drive

We're off to a great start! \$17,500 has been raised to date! If you have not done so already, please send your donation in today!

\$30,000

\$17,500

