



Quail Tales



Quail Summit Elementary
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February 2009

Upcoming Events

Feb. 1 IT Campaign Kick Off

Feb. 1 Jump for a Guinness Record @8:40-9:40

Feb. 1-5 Heart Gram Sale \$1

Feb. 5,12,19,26 After School Snack \$1

Feb. 11 JoJo's Fundraiser

Feb. 12 Valentine's Day Class Parties/IT Campaign Ends/Community Club Meeting @8:30am

Feb. 15 President's Day-Holiday-No School

Feb. 16 School Site Council Meeting @3:00

Feb. 17 Visiting Author's Day

Feb. 18 3rd Grade Field Trip

Feb. 19 IT Campaign Celebration-DJ Party

Feb. 22 All School Spirit Day Assembly @8:45am

Feb. 25 Talent Show

Feb. 26 End of 2nd Trimester

Mar. 1 Dr. Seuss Birthday-Read Across America

Mar. 2-3 4th Grade STAR Writing Test

Scrip...Scrip...Scrip...

Scrip for the holidays was on many Quail Summit minds. In just the three weeks of December our sales were over \$46,700, netting us a profit of about a \$1,500. Thanks in part to the addition of the Visa gift card and the American Express gift card. These cards are available year round, without the activation fee. This equals a savings for some. Thank you to the QS families, staff and small businesses that generated funds for the school **without** spending a penny more. 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 7% of the student body, imagine the amount with 50% or 75% participation. We dream big there at Quail Summit!! Contact me at qsscrip@yahoo.com or at the school with any questions.

December Spirit Assembly Winners: \$5 Target gift coin

Kinder	Josiah Concepcion
1st	Blake Holmes
2nd	Emily Ruhl
3rd	Emily Mora
4th	Joanna
5th	Michelle Tran

January Spirit Assembly Winners:

Kinder	Josiah Concepcion
1st	Elizabeth Butler
2nd	Sirina Walia
3rd	Emily Mora
4th	Krystal Nguyen
5th	Fiona Yan

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



Office Notes:

Happy February 2010, Everyone! It's hard to believe we are about 1/2 done with this school year. Here are a few announcements from the School Office:

- **REMINDER:** If you have any siblings or know neighbors that need to enroll Kindergarteners, you can pick up the enrollment forms in the office. Classes fill up quickly, so be sure to come in to the office at your earliest convenience! New enrollees can turn in enrollment forms starting 2/1/10; sibling enrollment begins 1/25/10.
- Thank you, parents for your continued cooperation in sending healthy snacks with your children to school and for birthday celebrations, etc. As you know, WVUSD policy is to not have any junk food or unhealthy foods served at school.
- The QS staff also very much appreciates students' efforts to bring 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, students must 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).

Have a great month!
Sylvia Vasquez
School Office Manager, QS



Quail Summit Classroom News

Kindergarten News



January is beginning with a positive note. We are refreshed from the holiday break and are ready to learn. This month we will be celebrating the works of Jan Brett, our author of the month. Snowmen, weather, The Mitten, and Martin Luther King Jr. will be the themes of this month. All in all, it appears to be a truly exciting beginning to the New Year.

First Grade News



Do you know what lives in the North Pole? Do you know where the coldest place on earth is? First Graders at Quail Summit knows the answers. As winter began, so did the learning in science about the Arctic way up North, and Antarctica way down South. We learned that the caribou is a reindeer that lives in the Northern Hemisphere in the coniferous forest. We also learned that penguins live in the coldest part of our world, the Antarctica. These amazing facts learned were evident as we expressed our thoughts about the information learned in complete sentences and into a paragraph. We are definitely "Stepping up to Writing." We have learned what a topic sentence is. We are using transitional words and even details in our sentences. It's been exciting to see all the growth happening in writing. We have been growing by leaps and bounds in our reading as well. The books read about "Tacky the Penguin" gave us an understanding of the author's message that we are all special and unique in our own way. This reading strategy helps us understand the theme of the story. Understanding what is read definitely makes reading more enjoyable and exciting. And finding joy is what our first graders are discovering in reading. As we are now in the middle of the first grade year, we are all enthusiastic about becoming independent readers. Finally, the cold weeks in January made learning about weather exciting and real for us. We actually got to measure how

many inches of rain we got with our rain gauge! Our hand-made weather vane helped us understand the direction of the wind. As you can see, first graders learning in all directions!

Second Grade News



Welcome 2010! We wish you and your families a new year filled with joy and peace. We are excited to start our new year, we have much to do! We are working on Forces and Motion in science. The children are learning the physical properties of movement and how forces help to change positions of objects. Our reading groups are in full swing. We now have our Measuring Up! workbooks and are off to a great start. Thank you to all who contributed to help fund this program. We appreciate it greatly! The children are wrapping up their unit in math on money. Continue to provide opportunities for them to practice real life skills in counting money while out shopping. The month of February is full of activities here at the Summit. The first week of February will provide the children the opportunity to purchase heart grams for friends and family. Each gram will cost \$1.00. The grams will be delivered on February 12, the day of our Valentine's Day parties. We have a visiting author, Barbara Odanaka, on February 17th. A flyer to purchase signed books is available on the Quail Summit website or in the school office. We will also be raising money for technology this month. Our IT Campaign will begin on February 1st and conclude on the 19th. Any donations are greatly appreciated as it will help to fund future purchases to improve our school's technology. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our wonderful school!

Interested in preparing your child for the upcoming CST test? Visit www.cde.gov and download 2nd grade released test questions. Enjoy!

Third Grade News



Third graders continue to be very busy. They have moved on to learning division and are memorizing their division facts.

The students are continuing to visit the computer the lab and are working on Skills Tutor as well as Spelling City. On February 1st, the third graders will be trying to break a world record by jumping continuously for ten minutes along with other students in the state of California. Their hope is that 80,000 people will be jumping rope at the same time! Everyone is looking forward to buying Heart Grams for their friends on February 8 and 9. Also, on the Friday before Valentine's, the third graders will be having a party at the end of the day. Lastly, the third graders will be learning about Native Americans. They will be visiting the Wildlife Sanctuary at Mt. Sac at the end of February in order to learn more about the Gabrielino Native Americans.

Fourth Grade News



Fourth graders are working hard to master fractions and decimals in math. They have read some great stories in their reading anthology and learned how useful prefixes and suffixes can be in making new words. The richness of California history is evident in the study of missions, pueblos, and presidios. A trip to a nearby mission such as San Juan Capistrano, San Gabriel, or even Santa Barbara would be great destinations for an educational trip for families and fourth graders during spring break.

Fifth Grade News



A New Face at Quail Summit

My name is Christopher Mackessy and I am a new student teacher with Mrs. Leslie's 5th grade classroom. I have been a student at Cal Poly Pomona for the last 5 years and I will finally be receiving my teaching credential at the end of this school year! It is wonderful to finally be in the classroom and Quail Summit is a great place to begin. My favorite subjects are painting and photography; but academically it would be social studies. I am excited to work and learn from all the students and I hope am sure this year will be full of learning experiences.

Principal News...

Dear Parents and Friends of Quail Summit,

Welcome back to school for the 2010 new year! I hope your family enjoyed the long holiday break and made wonderful new memories together. We've hit the ground running as we enter the second half of the school year, and we anticipate the school year will conclude before we know it. If your family sets goals or resolutions together, might I suggest including successful studying habits on the list? Studying is a skill students must have as they matriculate through school, and we want your students to maximize their learning at home. Here are some ideas to effectively study at home and maintain successful school habits:

Start a habit. Encourage your child to approach studying as a daily assignment, not just something she does the evening before a test. For example, she might study 10 minutes every night for a spelling test on Friday. After she finishes her regular homework, she can spend a little time reviewing her notes and handouts.

Tackle textbooks. When your child has a chapter to study, have her "preview" it to increase her understanding. She should glance over headings, graphics, and photos and go to the glossary to look up boldfaced words. Tip: If she finds a section hard to grasp, she could read a picture book on the topic. For a science unit on matter, for instance, she could try What Is the World Made Of? By Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld.

Mix it up. If your child reviews information in several ways, she'll be more likely to remember it. She might use colored pencils to copy each spelling word or math fact onto separate cards and study them in a different order each time. For extra reinforcement, suggest that she spell each word or recite each fact found.

Good luck!

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 25-29: Sibling Registration (for children who have siblings currently attending Quail Summit)

February I: Open Registration (open to all prospective Quails!)

Thank you, once again, for making Quail Summit such a great community. Consider joining me on **Saturday, May 1st** for the Walnut Valley Unified School District's **5K Run/Walk and 1K Fun Run**. I'll be there, and I'd love to run with your family!

Sincerely,

Ms. Alysia Hobbs
Principal



Community Club News

Welcome back students and parents. We hope everyone enjoyed your winter break and got some well-deserved rest.

Our Santa's Secret Workshop was a huge success. The kids had a great time shopping for gifts. Whether you wrapped ahead of time, worked during store hours or purchased items; we thank you! It is a very busy week and we cannot open the store without our parents' participation. Thank you for allowing your children to visit our store. We hope you liked the gift they picked out for you.

February is jam-packed with so many neat activities and fundraisers. We will begin the month trying to break the Guinness World record for "The Most People Jumping/Skipping Rope at the Same Time." The QS Community Club will be purchasing jump ropes for this event. After the event, the jump ropes will be available for purchase as a keepsake for your student.

Also, the beginning of the month will mark the kick-off for our yearly Information Technology (IT) campaign. Monies raised during this fundraiser will be used to purchase classroom computers. Your support is critical to our success. Please consider making a donation.

On February 11th we will have our month JoJo's Pizza fundraiser.

Mid-month Community Club is proud to sponsor a visit from children's book author Barbara Odnaka. This is a wonderful experience for children to meet a real author and to be inspired to write!

Upcoming we will have our yearly Meet the Master/Original Works fundraiser and a new Jog-a-thon fundraiser. The Jog-a-thon is not only a terrific fundraiser, but wonderful exercise for our students. Please watch the website for more information regarding these wonderful activities.

To all of those families that have contributed to our Sponsorship drive - A BIG THANK-YOU! Your support of Quail Summit Elementary school is what makes our school so successful! If you would still like to send in a donation, it is not too late.

Sincerely,
Susan Swartout and Shannon Thayer
Community Club Co-Presidents

Student of the Month

Kindergarten:

Aicard

Tullia Senatore
Justin Chang
James Russo
Miranda Liu

Chung

Eileen Lee
Jaden Zhang
Gabriela Jones
Emily Licon
Allen Wang

Giang

Kathleen Nie
Evie Ong
Nathan Kang
Alexis Fuller
Josiah Concepcion

Yates/Chang

Harrison Thayer
Stephanie Tsao
Helena Bermejo
Hayle Henriquez
Diego Zarate

First Grade:

Kim

Allison Budianto
Blake Holmes
Nathan Sinn
Shunta Oyama
Jenny Liao
Daniel Kim
Taylor Yoshida

Morales

Ivy Le
Marisa Ruiz
Joshua Reyes

Hailee Molina
Joshua Cifuentes
Christopher Wo

Penticoff

Christa Tang
Kevin Lee
Victoria Kasner
Yenah Lee
Bryan Mezger
Kenny Chow

Yim

Justin Bortis
Moller Myint
Annika Revilla
Adrian Bacani
Brianna Hernandez
Andrew Park

Second Grade:

Clayton

Saarth Trivedi
Irwin Chen
Dylan Wong
Gladys Alconis
Elaine Lin
Wesley Chu

Legind

Nicole Han
Ethan Lu
Emily Yang
Mason Johnson
Jaden Kim
Sierra Sigmon

McCabe

Manali Badwe
Robert Smith
Veronica Lin
Alexandra Tejada

Keagan Terry
Salmaan Ahmed

McLean

Stephanie Shen
Debbie Yim

Ruhl

Alex Olvera
Emily Pavasars
Justin Lin
Alonzo Fuller
Suna Rafique
Jennifer Nie

Third Grade:

Bishop

Cheyenne Tucker
Adam Gonzales
Halia Putra
Linda Beltran
Jamie Wei
Erin Cho

Heusner

Randy Wo
Austin Hyun
Christopher Kang
Angel Ramirez
Joanne Chu
Wesley Ip

McLean

Cindy Liu
Kyle Chen
Nathan Tengbumroong
Jeyna Espinosa

Renner

Aishwarya Rane
Alyssa Maertens
Hamza Arif

Ryan Pedrini
Jack Rukes
Jacqueline Chen

Snider

Sean Martin
Ramy Shafi
Shirley Wang
Abigail Nakaishi
Christopher Perez
Victoria Blue

Fourth Grade:

Grimes

Melissa Licari
George Chala

Moore

Jonathan Bortis
Ryan Hahn

Sugita

Megan Lee
Christopher Contreras

Fifth Grade:

Burke

Brandon Tang
Fiona Yan

Hayes

Shane Chang
Wendy Liu

Leslie

Allison Tan
Julie Woo

* December And January included together*

WE'RE RAISING \$\$\$ FOR COMPUTERS!!!

Our IT Campaign kicks off this year on February 1st and concludes on the 12th. This year the teachers are hoping we raise enough money for new classroom computers. Computers in the classroom are a great teaching aid.

We have exciting incentives this year. Our top two contributors will receive an iPod Nano. The class with the overall highest amount of donations will have a pizza party with Miss. Hobbs. Also, any participant who raises \$25 (\$40 per family) will be invited to attend the DJ party hosted by Miss Clayton and Mrs. Ruhl. If you attended last year, you know it will be a blast! Believe it or not, there is even more!

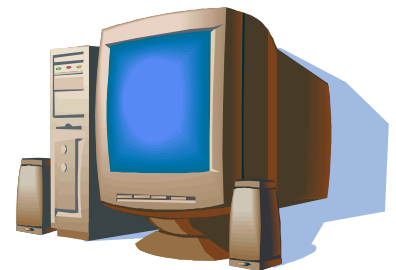
Look for the flyer coming home February 1st and help keep our school tops in technology!



Volunteers are Needed!!!!

Please do your part in our school and volunteer in our Traffic Safety Program!! All it takes is 20-25 minutes of your time before school begins. If you are interested, please contact Jen Nitti at jennitti2@msn.com or Erika Chavarin at erika@earthlink.net.

Let's keep our children safe together!!



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