



Quail Run Explorer Treks

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This Week at Quail Run			
Day - Week "B"	Event	Time	Location
Mon./Dec. 8			
Tues./Dec. 9	Helping Hands	8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Teacher Workroom
Wed./Dec. 10	Multicultural Night Meeting	6:45 - 7:45 p.m.	MPR
Thurs./Dec. 11			
Fri./Dec. 12	Multicultural Night	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	MPR

Parent Reminders

December 12 - Multicultural Night
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
4th Annual Multicultural Night -

December 12th from 6:30 - 8:30 is a night you will not want to miss. This family event brings together many cultures. Families are asked to bring

a favorite food that represents their culture (enough to serve 12) and to dress in traditional attire. Many activities will take place. Some of the events will include art projects, and performances representing different cultures. Please take a look at these flyers. We need a lot of volunteers to make this evening a success. Please sign up to help. [Click Here](#) to see the dates scheduled for the committee meetings. [Click Here](#) to RSVP for this great event.

Important Note to Parents,

We understand there have been multiple coyote sightings in the San Ramon area, including a recent sighting in the vacant fields near our school. We want to provide you this information as a helpful reminder that when you are walking or bicycling, please be aware that nature is in our backyard. We need to be respectful and cautious in this beautiful valley so that we all remain safe.

You should know that coyotes are generally timid and shy, and seldom pose a threat to humans unless provoked. Most coyotes are fearful of humans and will usually run away at the first sight of a person.

However, it is always a good idea to encourage your children to be aware of their surroundings, and to go to a trusted adult if they see or encounter anything out of the ordinary.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Thank you!

The Season of Sharing -

"Children Helping Children" - Quail Run students will be joining the students at Coyote Creek in participating in a Holiday Gift Drive to support the students at Nystrom Elementary in Richmond. Drop the gifts off in the office. The gift drive will be held from December 1st - 16th. We collect new, wrapped gifts that include a small toy or stuffed animal, a book, a box of crayons or pens and a healthy treat (granola bar, snack crackers, etc). Thank you for thinking of those in need.

"Fill a Belly - Fill a Heart" -

Our Quail Run Student Council will be sponsoring a canned food drive to support the Contra Costa County Food Bank. This food drive will run from December 1st to December 16th. Did you know 43% of donated food goes to children? Let's do our best to fill the barrels. Requested food items include:

Canned Meat, Fish & Soups

Canned Ready to Eat Meals

Canned Vegetables & Tomato Products

Peanut Butter (plastic container)

Iron Rich Cereal (45% or more of daily value)

100% Fruit Juice (48 oz. or less plastic bottles)

Canned Fruit (in juice)

Dry Beans (any type)

Enriched Rice or Pasta

Powdered Milk

Everyone's generosity is greatly appreciated!

Time to clean out your closets -

The San Ramon Valley Rotary Club is holding its 13th Annual "One Warm Coat" collection. Don't know what to do with

that gently used coat, sweater, or jacket that doesn't fit anymore? Have an extra blanket or two that you have no need for? To support this great effort, our Quail Run Office is a drop off location for any of these items. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this collection so that they may participate. Cold weather is quickly approaching and many are in need. Please take time to look through your closets to see if you have any of these items that are no longer needed by your family. Our office will be accepting these items until Friday, December 12th. Let's show our support. Yes, we will also accept new items.

Traffic Alert -

Please drive safely on all roads when coming to school. DO NOT make U-turns in the middle of the street. DO NOT let your children out of the car and have them run across the street. PLEASE USE the crosswalks. We are counting on everyone to make our streets and campus safe for everyone. Many parents have called concerning the unsafe driving of some parents. The police have notified us that they will be driving by at different times of the day to monitor the traffic flow. Thank you for driving safely.

Kinder parents dropping off your students - Here a few simple ways to make drop off and pick up easier. Please drive up Goldenbay by passing the front office. Turn right into the 1st Kindergaraten driveway, drop or pick up your child, then turn right out of the drive through. By having all parents follow these simple driving instructions, it keeps Goldenbay traffic flowing. Please do not turn left into the drive through and please turn right out of the drive through. Thank you so much to all our parents who help to make the pick up and drop off go smoothly.

eScrip Program -

Have you ever wanted to help the school? The eScrip Program is easy, doesn't require a donation on your part and takes only a few minutes. First, thank you to all our families who have supported in our eScrip Program. New participants, it is as easy as 1, 2, & 3. Parents enroll, the merchants make a contribution, our Quail Run Learning Fund receives the donation. Please [Click Here](#) to enroll. The few minutes it takes to enroll will make a huge impact for our school.

Kindergarten Registration for School Year 2009/2010 -

If your child will be 4 by December 2, 2008, you may pick up your Kindergarten Enrollment packet in the school office. To pick up the packet you must provide required proof-of-residency documentation: Proof of residence must be verified by one item from each category below:

Current picture ID of parent/guardian: Driver's license, CA issued ID, passport, military ID, **and**

Current mortgage statement, Escrow papers that show close of sale no later than 7 calendar days after the student's first day of school, grant deed, property tax bill, lease/rental agreement including property address, names of occupants, signatures of both parties with 2 months of canceled checks or bank transfer records within the school year **and**

Current PG&E or water bill with name and address listed (within 45 days for new home purchases/rentals).

Additional documentation may be required for further verification. Documentation may include but is not limited to:

Income tax records reflecting the child's district residency address

Court documents including custodial responsibilities

Billing statement

Vehicle registration

Payroll check stub with name and address

December 17th - Instrumental & Choir Concert - 6:30 pm - MPR

Don't miss this evening of entertainment. Our own Quail Run Instrumental Band and Choir will be performing. Mr. Bob Gage, our Instrumental Band teacher and Mrs. Suzanne Thomas, our Choir teacher, have a wonderful evening planned.

Instrumental Band Members - please arrive at 6:00 p.m. and don't forget to wear a white shirt and black pants.

Choir Members - please arrive at 6:00 p.m. and don't forget to wear white shirts, and black pants or black skirt.

2009 Student Art Contest

The Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club is sponsoring the The contest entries must be in the school office by February 4th, 2009. You have plenty of time to get your entry ready. [Click here](#) for more information.

January 19th -

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No School

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Events

January 15th - Vocal Music Concert

Kindergarten will perform at 6:30 p.m. in the MPR

1st Grade will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR

Quail Run Learning Fund

Are you interested in getting involved in the Quail Run community? If you are interested, please contact Dorothy Reyes at Dorothy@Bentomusic.com

Next Meeting - January 9th at 8:15 a.m.

Helpful hints on getting your children to school on time -

With rainy season hopefully approaching, it will take a little longer to get to school. To avoid having your child tardy, please plan on leaving a few minutes earlier. Some suggestions from our parents: have your children pick out their clothes the night before, make sure both shoes are by the door, parents put your car keys in the same place every time, and have lunches ready to go. Children like to be on time and not interrupt the classroom by being late. Please make sure you bring your child to school on time each day.

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming PTA Special Needs Committee Events -

Plan on attending one or all of the events which help to serve special needs children and their families.

[Click Here.](#)

Gift Wrap Fundraiser

[Click here](#) to continue supporting the students at Quail Run by selecting items through our fundraiser. Easy to do online. The Holiday Fundraiser is still available throughout the 2008-

2009 school year via online to those individuals who would like to continue to support our school. Thanks again for your support!

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Reminders to Parents -

Date Change - Instrumental Music/Choir previously scheduled for January has been moved to December 17th.

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