



# Quail Run Explorer Treks

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| This Week at Quail Run |  |  |  |
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| Day - Week "A"         | Event  | Time   | Location   |
| Mon./Dec. 15           |  |  |  |
| Tues./Dec. 16          | Parent Holiday Cookie Exchange for Quail Run Staff<br>Helping Hands<br>Book Exchange - Grades 3 - 5<br>Water Assembly - Kindergarten<br>Band/Choir/Strings/Dress Rehearsal Concert | 8:00 a.m.<br>8:00 - 11:00 a.m.<br>8:00 a.m.<br>8:00 - 10:00 a.m.<br>1:45 - 2:30 p.m. | MPR<br>Teacher Workroom<br>Library<br>MPR<br>MPR     |
| Wed./Dec. 17           | Field Trip/ Ms. Graham & Mr. Hicks<br><br>Instrumental Music/Choir Concert<br>Character Counts! Skate Night  | 8:30 - 1:30 p.m.<br><br>6:30 p.m.<br>6:30 - 8:30 p.m.                                | Chabot Space & Science Center<br>MPR<br>Golden Skate |
| Thurs./Dec. 18         | PJ Day - (Pajama Day) Grades K - 5<br>Assembly - Magic Circus - Grades 3, 4 & 5<br>Assembly - Magic Circus - Grades K, 1 & 2<br>Water Assembly - Kindergarten                      | 8:00 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>1:30 - 2:20                                  | MPR<br>MPR<br>MPR                                    |

## Upcoming Events

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| Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 | Winter Recess<br>No School          |
| Jan. 5           | School Resumes                      |
| Jan. 9           | QR Learning Fund Mtg                |
| Jan. 12 - Feb. 6 | K, 1 Winter Write                   |
| Jan. 15          | Vocal Music Concert<br>Grades K & 1 |
| Jan. 19          | Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday  |
| Jan. 20          | PTA Mtg. 8:15 a.m.                  |

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|                  |                             | p.m.                |                                  |
| Fri./Dec. 19     | Field Trip / Murphy's Class | 8:30 - 2:30<br>p.m. | Chabot Space &<br>Science Center |
| 12/20/08- 1/4/09 | Winter Break - No School    |                     |                                  |

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| Jan. 22 | Vocal Music<br>Concert<br>Grades 2 & 3 |
| Jan. 26 | Staff Dev. Day<br>No Students          |
| Jan. 28 | Site Council Mtg.<br>3:00 p.m.         |

## Parent Reminders

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### Holiday Cookie Exchange - Tuesday, December 16th

Want to help the fabulous staff and teachers at Quail Run get a sweet start to their winter break? If yes,

Please send in 3 – 4 dozen of homemade sweet treats on Tuesday, December, 16<sup>th</sup> (drop off in the MPR before school). The teachers will choose an assortment to take home with them.

Questions??, contact: Teresa Klein [tabklein@mac.com](mailto:tabklein@mac.com)

Thank you and happy holidays!

### Book Exchange - Tuesday, December 16th -Grades 3 - 5

Drop off 5 "chapter books" in the Library before school starts. (7:45 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.) During the day the teachers will arrange for the students who are participating to then

receive 5 other "chapter books" to take home.

**Pajama Day - Thursday, December 18th -  
Grades Kindergarten - 5th**

Reminder - Students should wear a coat or sweater for outdoor recess. Also if they wear slippers, bring a pair of shoes for recess or PE.

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**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.

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**"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!

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**One Warm Coat Drive -**

The San Ramon Valley Rotary Club is holding its 13th Annual "One Warm Coat"

**Drop off:** Gently used coat, sweater, jacket, or extra blanket

Our Quail Run Office is a drop off location for any of these items. Our office will be accepting these items until Friday, December 19th. Yes, we will also accept new items.

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**Traffic Alert -**

- \* U-turns in the middle of the street are not allowed
- \* PLEASE USE the crosswalks. Do not allow your children to run across the street.
- \* Roundabouts - This is not a 4 way stop - please merge when safe.

We are counting on everyone to make our streets and campus safe for everyone. 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 Kindergarten 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.

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### **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.

### **Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth - 2008 - 2009 CTY Academic talent Search -**

The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, a world leader in gifted education, conducts national and international talent searches to identify, assess, and recognize academic talent. Go to [www.cty.jhu.edu](http://www.cty.jhu.edu) to learn more. The office has a couple applications if you would like to take a look.

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### **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

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**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.

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**Flyers to take a look at:**

2009 Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club Art Contest - [Click here](#)

December Menu - [Click here](#)

Rotary Christmas Tree Discount - [Click here](#)

Diablo Scorpio Lacross - [Click here](#)

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## January 19th -

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No School

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## Events

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### 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

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### 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](mailto:Dorothy@Bentomusic.com)

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

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**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

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**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.](#)

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**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 -

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

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