



Quail Run Explorer Treks

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This Week at Quail Run			
Day - Week "B"	Event	Time	Location
Mon./Jan. 5	School Resumes		
Tues./Jan. 6	Helping Hands	8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Teacher Workroom
Wed./Jan. 7	Field Trip/3rd Grade/Bertram/Wood	8:30 - 2:40 p.m.	Chabot Space Center
Thurs./Jan. 8	Field Trip/3rd Grade/Young/McCauley Art Docent Training	8:30 - 2:40 p.m. 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Chabot Space Center MPR
Fri./Jan. 9	QR Learning Fund Mtg	8:15 a.m.	

Parent Reminders

District Holds Community Forums to Discuss Financial Crisis

Parents and community members encouraged to attend one of the four discussion forums to provide input

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District is encouraging parents and community members to attend one of four forums scheduled in January to discuss the impact of the current State budget crisis on local education. “The state of California is in a very serious financial crisis, and as a ‘ward of the state’ this school district and this community face an extremely grim financial situation,” said Superintendent Steven Enoch. “The district also has the added challenge of a parcel tax election this spring. The combination of the state economic meltdown and the prospect of a failure of the parcel tax will result in a drastic reduction in the quality of education in our district. It is for these reasons that we need to talk with our community.”

The forums will provide the district with opportunities to share more details about these challenges and to hear community input related to the preservation of local public education. The Board of Education will most likely act in late January to place a parcel tax on the ballot in the spring, so the forums will give parents and community members an opportunity to help shape the measure before it goes to the voters. The district’s existing parcel tax is set to expire in June 2009.

“We are also strongly encouraging community members who do not have children in the district to attend the forums, as the quality of our schools has a direct impact on property values and the overall quality of the communities our district serves,” said Enoch.

The forums are designed to last approximately 1 ½ hours, and will include information about the district

budget and financial projections, as well as time for community input and small group discussion. Each forum will be identical in content so parents and community members can attend the forum that best fits into their schedule. To RSVP, visit the San Ramon Valley Council of PTA's website at:
<http://www.srvcouncilpta.org/ParentEd/Survey/TakeSurvey.aspx>

For more information, contact your school office or the district office at 925-552-2933.

Community Forum Nights 6:30-8 PM – In School Libraries

- January 12, 2009 San Ramon Valley High School, 501 Danville Blvd, Danville
- January 15, 2009 California High School, 9870 Broadmoor Drive, San Ramon
- January 20, 2009 Monte Vista High School, 3131 Stone Valley Rd, Danville
- January 22, 2009 Dougherty Valley High School, 10550 Albion Road, San Ramon

Important Message from Office Ritter -

Dear Quail Run Elementary School Parents,

As we head into the cold and wet weather there will be more cars coming to Quail Run during pick-up and drop-off times, that's why it is important to review traffic safety so that all our children can be safe around the school site.

Too many parents have been observed violating basic vehicle codes, such as:

Parking in red zones, making it hard for other cars to see, or causing serious problems for emergency vehicles

Blocking fire hydrants

Stopping in through travel lanes, forcing drivers to overtake

Blocking driveways, not allowing drivers to safely exit or limiting the visibility of pedestrians

Blocking crosswalks, significantly reducing the visibility of pedestrians and drivers

Telling children to run across the street when it is not safe or clear to do so

Not using the marked crosswalks or the crossing guard

Speeding along Goldenbay Avenue

When parents violate basic safety laws, they put their children and all the other children of Quail Run Elementary in danger. Therefore, we request all parents to drive with more caution to and from school. Remember, you are carrying precious cargo!

Beginning January 5, 2009 any car I observe violating the California Vehicle Code or the San Ramon Municipal Code will be issued a citation. Therefore, please pay attention to your speed, where you are parking and the pedestrians around you.

Here's a tip to make drop-off fast and safe, arrive on-campus at 7:45AM, instead of 8:00AM. Staff supervision begins at 7:45AM on the playground, so you can drop off your little ones before the traffic jam!

Thanks, Drive Safely and Happy Holidays,

Officer Ritter

San Ramon Police Department

Recent Coyote Sightings -

Dear Parents,

We understand there have been multiple coyote sightings in the San Ramon area, including another 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. Small animals should be kept indoors. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office. 925.560.4000

Thank you!

Thank you from Quail Run Staff - A huge "Thank You" from every staff member for all the delicious treats baked by our Quail Run families. The staff also wants to thank Teresa Klein and the parents for organizing this Cookie Exchange. These homemade treats really brightened the holidays for all the staff. We really appreciate the time and effort put into this gift. Thank you again.

Multicultural Night - Hopefully, all Quail Run families were able to attend the December 12th Multicultural Night. The food was delicious and all the students who performed did an incredible job. Our 'Thanks' go out to every parent who helped with set up, clean up, decorating, bringing food items or helping with the performances. We especially want to thank Chandra Viswanathan who was in charge of organizing this wonderful family event. Thank you also to Mie DelGesso, Versha Pradhan and Ayesha Maqsood for their help with this event. Keep this event in mind next year so that you don't miss out.

The District has approved the 2009/2010 calendar for the coming school year. [Click here](#)

Very important information - please take a look:

Missing the First Three Days of School 2009-10

Please plan your summer vacations carefully. Because our district is growing, schools are very full and many continue to have wait lists. The first day of school is Tuesday August 25, 2009.

As in the past, if your child does not attend the first three days of school, your student will be dropped from the school.

In that event, you will need to reenroll your student. A space at your resident school will not be held for your child. If there is not space at your resident school when you return, your child will be placed at the closest school based on space availability.

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 to learn more. The office has a couple applications if you would like to take a look.

Are you throwing away your old picture calendars?

Sharon Barker, our Art Instructor, could put those calendars to good use. The pictures and art work helps with instruction. If you have any to donate, please send them to the office after the first of the year. Thank you.

"Fill a Belly - Fill a Heart" -

Our Quail Run Student Council wants to thank all our families who helped in our canned food drive to support the

Contra Costa County Food Bank. The Food Drive ends December 19th. Our Quail Run PTA also thanks our families for their participation in the Toy Drive. Your generosity made many children happy and brought joy to them during this holiday season. Everyone's generosity is greatly appreciated!

One Warm Coat Drive -

The San Ramon Valley Rotary Club was very thankful to our families who donated to its 13th Annual "One Warm Coat" Drive. We were able to deliver 14 large boxes of gently used coats, sweaters, and sweatshirts. How generous of our families to give these items. We know they were 'warmly' received by those in need.

Flyers to take a look at:

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

December Menu - [Click here](#)

Diablo Scorpio Lacross - [Click here](#)

District 2009/2010 Calendar - [Click Here](#)

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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

Art Docent Meeting - MPR - January 8th - 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please stop by to meet with Sharon Barker for instruction for the coming months art projects.

K - begins at 1:00 p.m.
1 - begins at 1:10 p.m.
2 - begins at 1:20 p.m.
3 - begins at 1:30 p.m.
4/5 - begins at 1:40 p.m.

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 -

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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