



Quail Run Explorer Treks

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This Week at Quail Run			
Day - Week "A"	Event	Time	Location
Mon./Jan. 12	Winter Write, K & 1 1/12/09 - 2/6/09 Superintendent's Community Forum Night	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	SRV High School
Tues./Jan. 13			
Wed./Jan. 14	Field Trip/3rd Grade Mrs. Yee & Mrs. Peck Character Counts! Skate Night	8:30 pm - 2:40 pm 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Chabot Space Ctr. Golden Skate
Thurs./Jan. 15	Vocal Music Concert "Kindergarten" Vocal Music Concert "1st Grade" Superintendent's Community Forum Night	6:30 pm - 7:15 pm 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	MPR MPR California High School

Fri./Jan. 16	Special Needs Coffee Field Trip/3rd Grade Ms. Bartow/Ms. Promessi	8:15 am - 9:15 am 8:30 am - 2:40 pm	Library Chabot Space Ctr.
Mon./Jan 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday No School		

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 Officer 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

5th Grade Parents - Deadline to submit the baby pictures for your 5th grade student is Friday, January 9th.

Street Smarts 5th Annual Storybook Poster Contest -

Contest begins January 5 - Drawings are due in the office by 3:00pm on February 6, 2009
Contest rules must be followed - Pick up official rules and paper in the Quail Run Office. Prizes will be awarded.

"Ability Awareness Experience" -

Special Needs Coffee- January 16, 2009 8:15am - 9:15am. in our Quail Run Library

Please join us while we participate in some fun and engaging activities that will help all of our Quail Run students understand the great difficulty that some of our students face daily. We will be trying out the activities and would love your feedback on which ones would be most suitable and fun for all of our students in grades Kindergarten through fifth.

Please let us know if you will be attending. RSVP to Christine Koehne at [ckoehne @srvusd.net](mailto:ckoehne@srvusd.net).

Save these dates for future meetings: March 20 and May 22.

Dates to keep in mind -Summer School session dates are - June 19 - July 17. The time of summer school is 8:15am - 12:05pm. There will be no school on Friday, July 3. Students are allowed to miss only 3 days of Academic Summer School.

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.

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.

News from the Quail Run School Library

Did you know our students check out thousands of books a month? We are also always adding new books to our collection. We rely on parent volunteers to help shelve books, and help with other library maintenance such as making labels, organizing shelves, helping students locate books, and more! THANK YOU to all of our wonderful library volunteers—we couldn't operate without you!

If you would like to help in the library, any time you can offer is appreciated. You can come when your child comes or at another time. Mrs. Shaw also has an ongoing project that she would love help with. We have a book room separate from the library which houses thousands of books. The teachers use this book room for their leveled libraries within the classroom. If you like organizing and would like a quiet, do whenever you have time job, Mrs. Shaw would love to see you! I could use one or two helpers that are able to come in a couple of hours a week.

Please contact Mrs. Shaw at mshaw@srvusd.net if you would like to volunteer in the library. Thank you!

Flyers to take a look at:

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

January Menu - [Click Here](#)

Diablo Scorpio Lacross - [Click here](#)

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

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Events

Dont' Forget -

Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club Student Art Contest

Student entries to the art contest are due in the school office by **noon on Wednesday February 4**. The following information must be placed on the back of each entry: **student's first and last name, grade level, teacher name and school name**. Artwork and photography must be mounted on stiff poster board and cannot be larger than 24" x 30." No entry with glass will be accepted.

Students who are first, second or third place winners in the contest will be invited to attend a Student Art Reception on March 29. Invitations will be sent out through the school office outlining more details. It would be appreciated if you would RSVP so we can plan accurately for the event.

Selected pieces of art from all entries will be on display from **March 3-26** at one of two venues: **The Dublin Heritage Center** (6600 Donlon Way) and the **San Ramon Community Center** (12501 Alcosta Blvd.). The community is invited to visit these two centers to view the work of talented young artists from grades K-12 who represent schools in both Dublin and San Ramon.

[Click Here](#) for more information.

at Dorothy@Bentomusic.com

Next Meeting - March 6th at 8:15 a.m.

Has your child lost their coat, sweater or sweatshirt???

There are many lost items hanging on clothes racks in our Multi Purpose Room. Please stop by before or after school to see if your child has a lost item on the racks.

Any items not claimed will be donated to the Discovery Thrift Store in Danville. These items will be donated mid February.

Please make every effort to come by to claim your child's items. Reminder - Label your child's items so that they may be returned if lost.

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Upcoming Events

Neil Armstrong School Focus Orientation Meeting -

This is a mandatory meeting for new parents only for incoming Kindergarten students to attend if you have interest in applying for the Focus Program.

Tuesday, February 24, 2009m at Neil Armstrong School from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

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 Information Night - Tuesday, February 17, 2009 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Coyote Creek Elementary School

**-
8700 North Gale Ridge Road, San Ramon**

[Click Here](#) for more information.

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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