



Quail Run Explorer Treks

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This Week at Quail Run

Day - Week "B"	Event	Time	Location
Mon./Jan. 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday N o School		
Tues./Jan. 20	PTA Meeting Yearbook Meeting Superintendent's Community Forum Night	8:15 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	QR MPR QR Library Monte Vista HS
Wed./Jan. 21	Field Trip/3rd Grade Mr. Jacobson & Ms. Ferguson Kindergarten Literacy Family Night	8:30 pm - 2:40 pm 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm	Chabot Space Ctr. Kindergarten Wing
Thurs./Jan. 22	Vocal Music Concert 2nd Grade Vocal Music Concert 3rd Grade Superintendent's Community Forum Night	6:30 pm - 7:15pm 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm	MPR MPR Dougherty Valley High School

Upcoming Events

Jan. 23	Soul Shoppe Workshops
Jan. 26	Staff Development Day - No Students
Jan. 28	Site Council Mtg 3:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	PTA Executive Board Mtg
Feb. 4	Breakfast Book Club
Feb. 6	QR Learning Fund Mtg.
Feb.	Valentine's Day Parties

		6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	
Fri./Jan. 23	Field Trip/3rd Grade Ms. Bartow/Ms. Promessi	8:30 am - 2:40 pm	Chabot Space Ctr.
Mon./Jan 26	Staff Development Day - No Students		

Parent Reminders

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Feb. 16	President's Day Holiday - No School
Feb. 17	Kindergarten Information Night at Coyote Creek
Feb. 18	Kindergarten Information Night at Rancho Romero
Feb. 20	Soul Shoppe Assemblies

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 20, 2009 Monte Vista High School, 3131 Stone Valley Rd,
Danville
- January 22, 2009 Dougherty Valley High School, 10550 Albion Road, San
Ramon

An Important Message for Creekside Parents -

Welcome Creekside Students and Parents:

I would just like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Creekside Elementary Principal. My name is Paul Foucart and I am currently the Principal at Neil Armstrong School in the district. I look forward to meeting all of you over the next couple of weeks. I will be speaking at the next Quail Run PTA Meeting on January 20th at 8:15 am. If you are busy during that time, I will also be hosting an informal gathering for both children and parents at the Quail Run library on Friday, January 30th from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

If you cannot make either event, please feel free to email me at pfoucart@srvusd.net . I would love to hear from you! I look forward to meeting all of you.

Warmly, Paul B. Foucart

"Jump for Heart" week - February 9 - 13

Our PE classes will participate in the American Heart Association "Jump for Heart" program. During PE our PE teachers will have heart associated activities and coin donations will be accepted. All donations will be given to the American Heart Association.

Food Drive continues -

Quail Run food drive will continue throughout the school year. The barrel is in the office and your donations may be dropped off before, during, or after school. Donations may include canned goods, macaroni, peanut butter and many other items. The Food Bank of Contra Costa appreciates your generosity.

Parent Book Study Classes being offered -

This session of classes will help parents learn and gain helpful parenting tools on how to better understand and deal with discipline issues. [Click Here](#)

Classes will be held in the Library. Classes will be on January 28, February 25, March 25 and April 29.

The time will be 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

There is no cost to attend the classes. Copies of the book, 1-2-3 Magic will be available for purchase. Let us know if you will be attending by sending an email to Christine Koehne at ckoehne@srvusd.net

Yearbook Meeting - Tuesday, January 20th at 6:00 pm

Are you interested in helping with the yearbook? Please come to this first meeting to find out more information. Questions???? Contact Amy Hinson at mahinson@sbcglobal.net

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.

Shiver me timbers! The 5th Annual Street Smarts Storybook Poster Contest presented by Sunset

Development Company started on January 5, 2009. Elementary school children from throughout the San Ramon Valley are encouraged to draw illustrations for Street Smarts' second traffic safety storybook, "Captain Foghorn's Treasure Hunt" by local author Dana Mentink. In the story, Captain Foghorn and his parrot, Mister Beak, go after secret treasure- and learn about bicycle safety along the way.

The winning illustrations will be featured in the final nine-page storybook and will be distributed to thousands of children Valley-wide.

The nine winners will get their own treasure: a digital camera and complete art kit. The winning artwork and final storybook will be unveiled at the Storybook Poster Contest Awards Ceremony on March 5, 2009 at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center. The contest ends February 6, 2009. Entry forms and contest information can be picked up at your elementary school's front office, the Danville Community Center, Oak Hill Park Community Center, Danville Library, San Ramon Library and Dougherty Station Library. For information about the contest, please visit

www.street-smarts-srv.com <<http://www.street-smarts-srv.com/>> or contact Nat Rojanasathira, Street Smarts Program Coordinator at 925-314-3382.

'Could You Repeat That?' Ability Awareness Demonstration

Wednesday, January 21, 6:30 -7:30 PM

Neil Armstrong Elementary School Library

Come experience what it's like to be in a classroom with a teacher who speaks "Martian", asks you to read "secret code" and expects you to write in Latin.

Suzanne Antone will walk us through some of the real life learning experiences that children deal with every day. This information will help you understand, and perhaps help identify, areas with which your child may be having difficulty, and what you can do to help them. For more information and to RSVP, please email neilarmstrongpta@yahoo.com. There is no charge to attend.

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.

Navigating the Emotions of Parenting a Child with Special Needs

January 28, 2009 from 7-9 PM at Iron Horse Middle School.

Come to an educational evening designed to explore the emotions surrounding raising a child with special needs and put a road map together for understanding and moving through these emotions. Lori Crowley, Mentor Life Coach in Bereavement & special needs parent, and Libby Palomeque, Grief Recovery Specialist & Level II Degriefing Practitioner, will lead a discussion as well as exercises around these topics.

To view the flyer for this event, [click here](#). To register, [click here](#). Locate the event title in the drop-down box and complete the fields. Your registration ensures that we have enough hand-outs.

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!

Are you an RN or an LVN?

The San Ramon Valley Unified School district is currently seeking licensed nurses to fill some on-call, part-time positions.

This work involves one-on-one medical care for students. Our nurses need to be independent thinkers with strong assessment skills. Good interpersonal communication skills are a must. To qualify, you must possess a current CA license as an RN or LVN and have a current CPR certificate.

To explore this opportunity, contact Kirby Hoy, Student Services at (925) 552-5052.

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](#)

1, 2, 3 Magic - Parent Class - [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.

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

Lost items will be donated -

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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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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List Subscription Information

- You are currently subscribed to quail-run-general-list as: **quailrun@boldfocus.com**
- To unsubscribe click here: **<http://lists.srvusd.k12.ca.us/u?id=769390.893fea71d60f6aea42483cd31fa8f5fe&n=T&l=quail-run-general-list&o=96464>**
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