



Quail Run Explorer Treks

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This Week at Quail Run			
Day - Week "B"	Event	Time	Location
April 6 - 10	Spring Break NO SCHOOL		
Mon./Apr. 13	Gale Ranch MS Visits QR Weight Watchers Meeting	8:00 am 4:00 - 5:00 pm	MPR Library
Tues./Apr. 14	Helping Hands 2nd Grade Field Trip/Janke 2nd Grade Field Trip/Walsh	8:00 - 11:30 am 8:30 - 11:30 am 9:30 - 1:00 pm	Teacher Workroom Lawrence Hall of Science Lawrence Hall of Science

Wed./Apr. 15	2nd Grade Field Trip/Terrill 2nd Grade Field Trip/Lotti Volunteer Tea	8:30 - 11:30 am 9:30 - 1:00 pm 1:45 pm	Lawrence Hall of Science Lawrence Hall of Science Library
Thurs./Apr. 16	5th Grade Panoramic Picture Title 1 / ELAC Committee Meeting Gale Ranch Incoming 6th Grade Parent Meeting	9:00 am 2:35 - 3:35 pm 7:00 pm	Courtyard QR Library Gale Ranch MPR
Fri./Apr. 17	Earthcapades Assembly/Grades 3 - 5 Earthcapades Assembly/Grades K - 2	9:00am 10:00 am	MPR MPR

Parent Reminders

April 3, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This year Quail Run Elementary School receives Federal Title I funding to support our students and their achievement of state standards. The funds must supplement our school's efforts to close the achievement gap between high and low performing students and to assist those students to meet California's challenging academic standards in English language arts and math. This includes using the funds to increase parental involvement in the education of their children and improving the quality of instruction by providing professional development opportunities for teachers and other school staff.

The state requires schools to use multiple measures of data to accurately identify and place students into an intervention program. Under Title I regulations, we are required to provide your student with academic support based on their performance on grade level benchmark assessments and/or on the state STAR Math and ELA tests if they are in grades 3-5. In addition to their 2008 STAR scores, the measures below have also been utilized to place your student in programs throughout the day which support your students' needs.

1. Grade level benchmark assessments
2. Trimester report cards
3. End of unit assessments
4. District Writing Assessments
5. DRA Reading Assessment

The interventions we provide our students occur throughout the day, during Just Right Groups, Readers and Writers Workshop, and through leveled instructional opportunities. Upper grade students participate in math intervention classes after school.

In order to best serve your student an informational meeting will be held on **April 16 at 2:35 p.m.** in the library for parents. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the programs we provide our students and to discuss the curriculum being used. You will have an opportunity to learn ways that you can support your student's academic progress at home, as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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STAR Testing - April 27 - May 6 (Note Date Change)
Grades 2 - 5

Quiet Campus is from 8:00 to 10:00am.

Please do not make appointments for your child during the testing time. Once testing starts, classrooms will not be interrupted. Also, please make sure your child arrives to school on time, late students will not be admitted to class until 10:00am.

The following are some tips on how to help prepare your child for the upcoming STAR test:

1. Make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep each night.
2. Make sure that your child eats a well-balanced breakfast before coming to school.
3. Please do not schedule any appointments for your child during the testing days.
4. Eliminate any unnecessary stress as much as possible. A worry-free mind helps students be successful.
5. Communicate to your child the importance of doing his/her best!

Save The Date - May 8th - Spring Fling

More information to come for this incredible school wide event!!!!

IMPORTANT NOTE: - A showcasing of many of the items that will be up for auction will be shown at the Spring Fling. Be sure to check out the incredible items that you will be able to bid on starting May 8th.

Please mark your calendars for our . . .

3rd Annual QUAIL RUN ONLINE AUCTION!!!

SPONSORED BY THE QUAIL RUN LEARNING FUND COMMITTEE

When: May 8 – 22, 2009

If you haven't done so already, please register by visiting Quail Run's online auction website @ www.qrauction.cmarket.com

ONLINE AUCTION DONATIONS ARE WELCOME – [click here](#) for donation form and letter

Bidding is Easy and FUN!

[Click here](#) to find out how

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Rachel Yost at rachel.yost@comcast.net or (925) 365-1620.

Another HUGE "Thank You" to Garlex Pizza in Blackhawk. Mr. Gary Martinez, manager of Garlex Pizza, sponsored 6 Quail Run Explorers to enjoy a pizza lunch with Mrs. Loflin. Students who receive Character Counts coupons are entered into a drawing. These 6 students names were drawn and they were awarded lunch with Mrs. Loflin. They enjoyed a personal size pizza and drink all provided by Blackhawk Garlex Pizza. The 3rd "Character Counts" reward lunch is planned at Garlex Pizza in May. Please support Garlex Pizza in Blackhawk for their continued support of our school.

Dougherty Valley High School Musical - May 7, 8, & 9

High School Musical will be performed by the DVHS students.

The performance each night will be at 7:00 pm in the Theater. Don't miss this great opportunity to see our local students performing.

Did you ever wonder what events were going on in our city?

Are you interested in a Civil War Re-enactment? How about sheep shearing or a St. Patrick's Day Concert? Would your 5th grader like to go the 5th Grade Happening? Did you ever want to learn how to swim, scuba dive, play tennis or ice skate. All of this is going on in our city. Take a look at www.SanRamon.ca.gov to find out what else is available in San Ramon.

To help the environment and to help cut costs - we've gone paperless. Be sure to see below for many flyers that are posted on our web page. There are spring break camps, summer camps, movie night registration, school

menu, and many more items that you won't want to miss. Check it out.

Reminder - Label your children's coats, jackets, and sweaters. Items are donated that are not claimed. With labels, the items could be returned.

Food Drive continues -

Thank you for your continued support. The food bank just picked up one barrel overflowing with food donated from our generous families. The barrels are 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.

Items for donation may be made at the Spring Fling.

Flyers to take a look at:

April Menu - [Click Here](#)

Personal Automobile Use Permission Form - [Click Here](#)

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

English for Beginners - Adult Class - [Click Here](#)

Parent Workshop Series on Special Education - [Click Here](#)
1, 2, 3 Magic - Parent Class - [Click Here](#)
BandWorks School of Rock Summer Camp - [Click Here](#)
Youth Cheerleading - [Click Here](#)
Spring Break Basketball Camp - [Click Here](#)
Water Polo Clinic - [Click Here](#)

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Events

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 - May 1st at 8:15 a.m.

**City of San Ramon Sponsored Event -
Junior Olympic Skills Competition -
Free Event - Saturday, April 25, 2009**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Iron Horse Middle School.

Go to their website for more information: www.sanramon.ca.gov/afterschool

Divorce Support Groups for Children -

Children Ages 6 - 8 and 9 - 11 are welcome to join ongoing support groups held at the Discovery Counseling Center, Danville. The groups meet Thursdays at 4:30 - 5:30 pm. The fee for each meeting is \$40.

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Upcoming Events

Important dates to remember:

April 27 - May 6	STAR Testing Grades 2 - 5
May 4 - 8	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8	Spring Fling
May 8 - 22	Online Auction
May 18	Staff Development Day - No Students
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday - No School
May 28	Open House
June 4	Instrumental/Choir Concert (Date change)

June 8	5th Grade vs. Staff Kickball Game
June 9	5th Grade Picnic at Little Hills
June 10	Field Day and Schoolwide BBQ
June 11	Last Day of School Minimum Day for Grades K - 5

Registration Dates are set for August:

August 11 & 12	Packet Pickup in school office
August 13	Registration: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm OR 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

August 25	School Starts
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For anyone who would like to help with the August 13th Registration Day, please contact Kristin LaPorte. This is a great way to help our school and to meet other families. Email Kristin at laportek@comcast.net

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Reminders to Parents -

Kindergarten Registration for School Year 2009/2010 -

If your child will be 5 by December 2, 2009, 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

Summer School Dates -

Online Registration begins March 16, 2009.

Many classes fill up quickly. Be sure to register beginning March 16, 2009. 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.

Missing the Last Ten Days of School 2008-09

Students must be in attendance through June 11, 2009 to maintain their enrollment status at their current school.

- **If your child must leave school earlier than 10 days before the last day of school (June 1) and does not return before the end of the school year, your child will be unenrolled and placed at the bottom of the 2009-2010 waitlist.**

There may not be a space at their current school for the student to return in the fall and might have to be diverted to another school.

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.

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