



Quail Run Explorer Treks

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This Week at Quail Run			
Day -Week	Event	Time	Location
Mon./Aug 31			
Tues./Sept 1	Kindergarten Back To School Night First Grade Back To School Night	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	
Wed./Sept 2	Second Grade Back To School Night Third Grade Back To School Night	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	
Thurs./Sept 3			
Fri./Sept 4	Quail Run Learning Fund Meeting	8:00 a.m.	QR Office
Mon./Sept 7	Labor Day Holiday - No School		

Upcoming Events

Sept 7	Labor Day Holiday - No School
Sept 8	PTA Board Meeting
Sept 10 - 15	Giftwrap Fundraiser
Sept 12	Bike-A-Thon
Sept 15	PTA Mtg 6:30 pm
Sept 15 - Oct 21	Reflections Art Contest
Sept 21 - 25	5th Grade Outdoor Ed - Walker Creek
Sept 24	Make Up Picture

Parent Reminders

Dear Families,

Welcome to our 2009-2010 school year. We appreciate the fabulous job you have done getting our year off to a superb start! We have seen a lot of parents assisting with noon supervision, traffic, and other key supports around campus. Be sure to view the Volunteer Training Video, found on the district website, before you come onto campus to volunteer. This is a new district policy, so please make sure you have filled out the clearance forms before coming on to campus. We love our volunteers!! Tonight we are holding the first of our series of Back To School Nights. Your staff is ready to present valuable information about the upcoming year. Please make every effort to attend your grade level's presentation. We look forward to seeing you at our first PTA meeting on Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Let's make this the best year yet! :) Mrs. Loflin

	Day Grades K - 4
Sept 28 - Oct 9	Coins For A Cure Drive
Sept 30	Make Up Picture Day Grade 5

Online Registration -

Our online registration was well received by all who participated. This was the first year that Quail Run families could go online and register. Our thanks to Jonathan Lui-Kwan and all staff at Bold Focus who made this possible. Jonathan and the Bold Focus staff made the online process very simple to follow, duplication of items were reduced, and helped to keep us green. Many thanks, as well, to Kristin LaPorte for her organization of the registration days.

Fund team for their hard work and dedication to our students. Finally, we send a big THANK YOU to our Quail Run staff for their help in welcoming and supporting our families. We would love your feedback on the online registration process so that we can best serve your needs next year. Please pass along your comments regarding this process by responding to this newsletter.

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT – COPORATE MATCHING FUNDS

A huge thanks to our families for their generous contributions to the Quail Run Learning Fund (QRLF) collected at registration. Let's **Double Your Impact** by submitting your donations through your company's gift matching program. Most programs match dollar for dollar your tax deductible donations. Last school year we processed over \$10,000 worth of matching requests. Let's jump start this year by redeeming every dollar possible to support the education of our children!

Be sure to check with your Human Resource and/or Employee Relations Department for instructions on how to submit your request. A majority of corporations have a quick and easy online process. If you have any questions

or need additional information, please contact Rachel Yost at rachel.yost@comcast.net or (925) 365-1620. Your support of QRLF is greatly appreciated!

TARDY/Admittance Slips

Any student in Grade 1 - 5 not in class by 8:00 a.m. must go to the office to get an admittance slip. Please note that we have a 7:55 a.m. warning bell to go to class. Students not in class at 8:00 will be marked absent and will need to get the admittance slip to clear the absence. Any Kindergarten student not in class by 8:10 a.m. will need to go to the office to get an admittance slip. Parents we appreciate your help in reducing tardiness, which can affect a student's academic achievement.

Reminder: We have supervision for students beginning at 7:45 a.m., so please try to drop off your child early. (They may be not be dropped off earlier than 7:45 a.m..)

Important Reminder -

Please take a few minutes to label your children's sweaters, jackets, and sweatshirts. These items end up in our Multi Purpose Room and when not labeled are not able to be returned. These items will end up being donated when not

claimed.

Lunch

Debit Cards are used at Quail Run to purchase lunches. Every student has a debit card which remains in the lunch room. The debit card is only usable if the parent has placed money on the card. To do this, a check or cash may be dropped off in the locked box in the school office. Checks are made out to SRVUSD. Please write your child's name and ID number on the check. The ID number may be found on your child's Green Folder. Please have your child drop off the checks or money into the locked box on their way to class. Money placed in the box before 9:30am will appear on the card that day. Money placed after 9:30am will appear on the card the next day. Telephone calls home for forgotten lunches will not be allowed. Forgotten lunches may be dropped off in the office. Please let your child know you will do this so they know to check in the office.

Lunch price is \$3.50. [Click here](#) for the menu.

CROSSWALK RULES

1. Children and adults are to stay on the sidewalk until the Crossing Guard feels it is safe for them to cross.

2. All children riding bikes/scooters should ride with traffic, not against it.
3. Children in the crosswalk must keep their hands to themselves and refrain from any pushing, shoving or hitting.
4. Children should be courteous at all times. Loud, rude or disrespectful behavior towards the Crossing Guard or other children will not be tolerated and may result in a notice home.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Parents driving their child to school are reminded to do the following:

1. Never leave your car unattended and parked in the drive through.
2. Observe and obey the curb color markings and traffic cone signs.
3. Pull forward as far as possible in the front school driveway.
4. Avoid any double-parking or situations where the students might walk between vehicles to get to or from the sidewalk.
5. Follow the directions of the staff members doing crosswalk duty.
6. Do not drive on the wrong side of the street
7. Drive SLOWLY, remember students are present.
8. Do not park or drop off students in the crosswalk area.
9. Parents dropping off at Kid's Country should not park in the drop off area. Please park your car in a designated parking spot and walk your child into Kid's Country.
10. U-turns are not allowed.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL -

Any student who is required to take medication during the regular school day, prescribed for him/her by a physician, must have on file in the school office the Medication Request form, signed by the parent **and** the doctor. The medicine is then stored and dispensed from the office. Students may not keep medicine in their possession. [Click here](#) to print the form.

REMINDER: No over the counter or prescribed medications may be at school unless the school has received the Medication Request Form completed and signed by the doctor and parent.

To help the environment and to help cut costs - we've gone paperless. Be sure to always see below for flyers that are posted on our web page. Many of our forms, school events, menu and other items that you won't want to miss will be listed there. [Check it](#) out.

Food Drive continues -

The Food Bank of Contra Costa has provided our school with barrels for our families and staff to place their donations. Items 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. We have included the request of food item donations when attending school events. Thank you for your support in helping this program.

Flyers to take a look at:

School Items:

Medication at School Form - [Click Here](#)

Middle School Teen Centers - [Click Here](#)

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

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

Miscellaneous Flyers:

Primos Race - Save the Date - October 11, 2009 - [Click Here](#)

Le Asia Receipts - [Click Here](#)

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Events

Spiritwear for 2009 / 2010 -

Did you miss a chance to purchase Spiritwear? It is still available. Sweatshirts, t-shirts, and flannel PJ pants are available. Students love to be a part of our Friday Spiritwear Days. Stop by the office to check it out.

Quail Run Learning Fund

Are you interested in getting involved in the Quail Run community for this year or next school year? If you are interested, please contact Dorothy Reyes at Dorothy@Bentomusic.com

Volunteering at Quail Run -[Click Here](#)

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District has put into place new guidelines for those adults who wish to volunteer on campus. A Volunteer Clearance Form must be completed with a picture ID provided.

To navigate to the page from the district website, go to the district home page at www.srvusd.net – click on the “Parents” drop-down tab on the home page – then click on “Volunteer Orientation Video.”

Thank you for taking the time to complete this new process. Volunteers will not be allowed in the classroom, to drive on field trips, or volunteer at school until the Volunteer Clearance Form has been completed.

To complete the process please view the online video and when that is complete click on the “Volunteer Clearance Form” at which point the form can be download. Complete the form, provide the ID, and turn it into the school.

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Upcoming Events

Sept 12 Bike A Thon
October 1 Superfranks Fundraiser
October 2 Teacher Work Day - No Students
October 5 - 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences -
 Grades 1 -5 Minimum Day
October 11 Primos Run for Education

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Reminders to Parents -

Advance Notice - The QR Learning Fund will be offering the Holiday Magic Gourmet Cookie Dough and Desserts fundraiser. A large selection of gift wrap, and a fantastic selection of gifts, delectable chocolates, dazzling jewelry, and more for all occasions!

Sale Starts: September 10th

Sale Ends: September 24th

Have Friends & Family from out of town shop online at

www.shoppingforyourschool.com

Delivery for all products will be Friday, October 16th

Great Prizes – Check out the “Extreme” flyer

Additional Prizes:

Daily Drawings and Class Prizes

Winning Class gets a Pizza Party

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