

# Friday Flyer

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## Upcoming Events

Monday, March 5.....4:00 p.m., Site Council  
Tuesday, March 6.....6:30-7:15 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Grade PE Night  
Tuesday, March 13.....7:00 p.m., PTO  
Monday through Friday, March 19-23.....NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Paulette Strong writes:

I have decided to seek early retirement and I will work until the end of this school year. Although this has been a very difficult decision, I know it's best for Quail Run. There are some wonderful new principals in Lawrence who have impressed me with their intelligence, heart, and work ethic. I believe that we'll have an excellent pool of principal candidates.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your positive, enthusiastic support of our school! I believe that we do have "Paradise Elementary" at Quail Run, and it's because of our students, staff, and parents that we can accomplish so much on a daily basis. You are a top notch community and, in my view, there's none better anywhere.

### FROM THE DISTRICT LAWRENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES

#### **SCHOOL HOURS ADJUSTMENT**

The state of Kansas requires that the 2006-07 school year include 1,116 hours. The current calendar for the Lawrence Public Schools includes more than the required 1,116 hours, but with three school closings due to inclement weather, our elementary schools will log only 1,114 hours and 15 minutes without adjustments to daily schedules. As a result, the Lawrence Board of Education on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, approved a plan to add two minutes to each of the remaining school days, beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our new school start time will be one minute earlier or 8:44 a.m. and our new school dismissal time will be one

minute later or 3:46 p.m. The new Wednesday dismissal time also will be one minute later or 2:16 p.m. This new schedule will be in effect for the remainder of the school year. Thank you for your cooperation in assisting your children with continuing to arrive at school on time. Quail Run Elementary School values your support as we seek to comply with this state requirement.

In addition, please remember that school will be in session on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, the school district's Designated Inclement Weather Make-Up Day. Thank you.

### FROM THE SCHOOL THANK YOU

The Quail Run staff would like to extend our sincere thanks to Beth Flitcraft, Tiffany Francis, and Holly Flitcraft for all the work they did to provide a wonderful luncheon during conferences. We had a delicious Chinese buffet complete with beautiful decorations to set the mood. Thanks also to all who donated fabulous desserts. We truly appreciate all that our PTO does for us. Thank you!

#### **KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP**

Kindergarten Round-up for Quail Run will be held April 20, 2007. If you have a child who will be 5 years old before September 1, 2007, please call the school to register for round-up. Please ask your neighbors with children who will be kindergarten aged next year to call the school as well. Thank you for your help.

### **DOUGLAS COUNTY** **SPELLING BEE**

The Douglas County Spelling Bee was held this past Saturday at Southwest Junior High. Quail Run was represented by our school's top speller, Levi Sedlock, from Ms. Valcich's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Mrs. Pentecost and her student (Quail Run's alternate speller), Rosemary Newsome, attended the Bee to show our school support for Levi. Congratulations and thank you, Levi, for making Quail Run proud!

### **DONATIONS NEEDED** **Computers**

If you have upgraded your home computer and have an old one which you no longer need, please consider donating it to the school. We have several students who could benefit from having access to a computer at home for typing practice, word processing and internet research. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### **Baby Gate**

If you have a baby gate you no longer have a need for, Mrs. Salyer could use one in her classroom to help confine her class pet. Please contact her at 330-4456 to donate. Thank you.

### **HELP YOUR CHILD PRACTICE** **MATH SKILLS WITH A SCALE** **AND A YARDSTICK**

A bathroom scale and a yardstick can give you an easy way to practice subtraction with your child. Try these activities:

- **Have your child step on the scale.**  
How much does she weigh? Can

you remember when she weighed ten pounds less? When was that?

- **Have your child step on the scale** and weigh herself. Then have her pick up something heavy—a book, a plant, the family dog. What does she weigh now? To determine the weight of the object, have her subtract her original weight from her weight holding the object.
- **Do the same thing** with a yardstick. Have your child stand next to a wall. Use a yardstick to measure her height. If you have a wall chart where you record your child's height, have her look for a mark that is close to six inches shorter. How long ago was that?
- **Measure other members** of the family. Then do some comparing. How much taller is her older sister? How much shorter is her younger brother?

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### **FROM THE PTO** **NETBALL NEWS**

Our netball season has been extended an extra week in order to play a tournament. Below is the schedule:

**Tuesday, March 6:** Golden Chewy Puffs vs. Wildfire 7:45-8:05 a.m.

Golden Chewy Puffs vs. Monkey Punks 8:10-8:30 a.m.

**Thursday, March 8:** Wildfire vs. Monkey Punks 7:45 -8:05 a.m.

Grand Finale: 8:10-8:30 a.m.

There will be a presentation for participants afterwards. All players should be at the gym on both days at **7:30** to warm up. Parents and friends are welcome to come watch. If you have any questions, please call Kelly Dumesich at 842-0208.

### **TRACK CLUB**

It's time to dust off your running shoes for the return of Track Club! The Spring session will again meet in the gym on Monday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. beginning on March 26<sup>th</sup> and will continue through May 21<sup>st</sup>. We walk/run on the sidewalks near the school and always use the buddy system. Each child must have a parent-signed release form turned in at the office before they can participate. These will be available starting next week. There will be further information available for parents at the March 13<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting. If you have questions, call Barb Heeb at 838-

4332. We will definitely need parent volunteers again, so please come and enjoy the fresh Spring air with us!

### **FROM THE CHESS CLUB** **CHESS CLUB NEWS**

The tournament in Topeka on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, proved to be another huge success for Quail Run players. The K-2 Team brought home the 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy with Jonathan Lesslie winning the 1<sup>st</sup> place individual medal! In K-5, Quail Run received the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team trophy (with only 2 players) and Sam Stephens won all 6 of his games for the 1<sup>st</sup> place medal! Luke Lesslie played in the K-8 section, winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> place medal. The other Quail Run players who contributed to this success story were Natty Hoopes, Ting-Ting Shi (4<sup>th</sup> place in K-2), Eileen Huang (11<sup>th</sup> place in K-2), Madison Murphy and Ryan Flakus. Super job!

Our next competition is the Southwest Junior High tournament on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, here in Lawrence. This will be our last one before the State Chess Tournament in Wichita on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Remember, participants must have played in two (2) previous tournaments in order to be eligible to participate in the State tournament.

### **FROM THE COMMUNITY** **VOTER REGISTRATION**

Campaign signs are popping up all around town indicating that an election will soon follow. Are you registered to vote? Voter registration applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2007, or must be hand delivered to the Douglas County Clerk's Office by March 19, 2007. To download a voter registration form, go to: [www.douglas-county.com/clerk/voteapp1.asp](http://www.douglas-county.com/clerk/voteapp1.asp). Both HTML and PDF formats are available on the website.

### **WEATHER 101**

Weather 101 is a program, free and open to the public, which will provide information about severe thunderstorm development and a discussion of severe weather safety. Weather 101 will be presented at the Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire, on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The program will also be presented on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m., at the Eudora City Hall and again on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., at Baldwin Elementary (Intermediate Center). For more information, please contact Douglas County Emergency

Management at 838-2459. All Hazard Radios with on-site programming will be for sale at cost at each presentation.

### **CALLING ALL 5<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup>** **GRADE GIRLS—PARENTS AND** **TEACHERS, TOO!**

*Reach for the Stars* at the Sally Ride Science Festival at the University of Missouri-Kansas City on Saturday, April 14, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The festival features:

- An inspiring talk by astronaut **Dr. Sally Ride**
- Discovery Workshops for girls, given by local scientists and engineers (examples include chemists, veterinarians, microbiologists, and others)
- Workshops for parents and teachers on ways to support girls' interests in science and math
- A Street Fair with booths, hands-on activities, food, and music

Advance registration is required and is \$18.00. The registration fee includes the featured talk, workshops, lunch, and the Street Fair.

### **KU ANNOUNCES 2007 SUMMER** **CAMP LINEUP**

A list of academic and athletic camps that will take place this summer at the University of Kansas can be found at <http://www.camps.ku.edu/>.

### **LAWRENCE HUMANE SOCIETY** **SPONSOR PROGRAM**

Are you a dog's best friend or the cat's meow? Join the Sponsor Program to help make the shelter a home for some lucky dog or cat. Plus, you'll be helping make your buddy become more adoptable! All you have to do is choose an animal then commit to do the following:

- Come in at least two times per week to visit your friend.
- Bring approved toys or treats.
- Groom (bathe and brush) your buddy so he looks gorgeous.
- Teach manners such as sit, stay and down.
- Take your dog or cat to adoption events.
- Get the word out about your friend.

If you are interested in the Sponsor Program, please call the Humane Society at 843-6835.