

Friday Flyer

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 17.....7:00 p.m., Orchestra Concert, Lawrence High School
Friday, April 20.....SCHOOL IS IN SESSION, Grades 1-6
Friday, April 20.....Kindergarten Round Up, NO SCHOOL for Kindergartners
Saturday, April 21.....5:00-7:30 p.m., Quail Run Swim Night
Tuesday, April 24.....6:30 p.m., 3rd Grade Music Program
Tuesday, April 24.....7:30 p.m., 4th Grade Music Program
Saturday, April 28.....3:00-6:00 p.m., Quail Run School Carnival

FROM THE SCHOOL CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2007-08

In preparation for the 2007-08 school year, I have asked teachers to begin the process of looking at each child's academic strengths and challenges and then to consider how to group each grade level into three sections for next year. Teachers put classes together with the goal of having balanced classes. Since I am retiring, Quail Run will be transitioning to a new principal in June, 2007. He or she will be coming with no knowledge of our students, so I will be making the final 2007-08 class placement decisions before I leave. If there is a consideration you want me to be aware of, please let me know by Friday, April 27.

Thank you, Paulette Strong

SCHOOL FEES

For those of you who chose to pay your school fees with a monthly or quarterly payment plan, final payments are due April 18th. Quarterly payments are \$28.00 per student for grades 1-6 and \$12.75 for kindergarten; monthly payments are \$14.00 for grades 1-6 and \$6.38 for kindergarten.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Please note that Friday, April 20th, was originally scheduled as a day school would not be in session had we not had any snow days to make up. However, we do have to make up a day, so **school will be in session April 20th**.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Kindergarten Round-up will be held Friday, April 20th. Therefore, there will be no school for current kindergartners that day.

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS

Junior High Parent Connection Discusses Summer Safety

The next Junior High Parent Connection meeting, sponsored by the Lawrence Parent Network, will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26th, at Central Junior High. The discussion will be about some of the challenges the summer introduces with increased "free time" for teens. All junior high parents are welcome.

OPERATION KINDERGARTEN

Operation Kindergarten is a bicycle helmet safety education program developed by the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire and Medical Department and is sponsored in part by the Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Committee. The program is designed to help educate kindergarten students about basic bicycle safety.

We would like to thank the members of the Fire and Medical Department who came to Quail Run Thursday to teach the kindergartners about bicycle safety, individually fitted each child with a free bicycle helmet, gave the children a safety information flyer for their parents, and provided each with a coloring book. Additionally, each child received a bracelet to help remind him

or her to wear their helmet and to practice bicycle safety. We appreciate your efforts to help keep our children safe! Thank you!

INCREASE ACADEMIC SUCCESS BY TEACHING YOUR CHILD PATIENCE

We live in an instant society. From instant oatmeal to instant messaging, we want things right away. Our children are no different.

And yet a multi-year study shows that children who learn to wait for what they want do better throughout their lives and school. In the study, researchers took preschoolers into a room and showed them a small sweet treat. They were told that they could eat the treat right away if they wished. But if they waited, they would receive two treats instead of one. Then the researchers were "called away." They watched to see which children ate the treat and which ones waited.

Several years later, researchers contacted parents of the same children. They learned that those who had been able to wait were more successful than the children who ate the treat right away. Those who waited had higher grades. They were better able to cope with problems. They even had higher SAT scores!

Why not take advantage of this research? Teach your child how to wait for what she wants. Here are some fun activities to try as a family that will help build everyone's patience:

- **Plant seeds.** Let your child decide on some flowers or herbs to plant in your yard. Give him the responsibility of watering and caring for them. Once they grow, your entire family will be able to enjoy beautiful flowers or yummy food to eat.
- **Construct a large puzzle** together. No need to finish it all in one sitting. Set aside a little time each evening to work on it. Estimate how long you think it will take to complete.
- **Save.** Set a family savings goal—a new TV, a day at the beach. Involve everyone in saving for your goal and keep a chart of your progress.
- **Give your child** an allowance. Help her create a budget. Don't bail her out if she overspends.
- **Schedule** a fun activity every few weeks. Let your child help plan what you'll do.

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FROM THE PTO

NEW PRINCIPAL INTERVIEWS

As a Quail Run parent and PTO co-chair, I have been privileged to be a part of this process. I would like to report a few things to reassure you that we are doing our best to find the most qualified candidate to fill this position.

The interview team has met over the last couple weeks to draw up questions and characteristics that we are seeking in this person. Wednesday, we interviewed three candidates and turned in a list of their strengths and weaknesses to the Superintendent. He will check references, and then hopefully make his recommendation (strongly based on our report to him) to the Board of Education on April 23rd. This committee is unable to share any details of the interview process or regarding the candidates because of the confidentiality we must maintain, but we want you to know that we are doing our best to represent you and recruit someone who can continue to provide leadership for Quail Run.

~Barb Heeb

TRACK CLUB

We are continuing to meet despite this "challenging weather" and are thrilled to have close to 60 kids participating. We would love to have more join us. So, if you want to give this club a try, please

come by! We meet at 8:00 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays in the gym, and often take advantage of the wonderful sights and sounds of Spring on the McGrew Nature Trail!

Also, we are putting together a Quail Run team for the Nash Dash on May 12th. So, please think about participating in this fun, family-centered event along the levee. We need your feet, and a little of your money to participate in this walk/run. (In order to qualify as a team, we have to donate \$150.00. So, if each child donated a couple dollars, we'd be set!) The kids have been asked to bring in their family's pocket change, so you may already know a little about this. Watch the flyer for further details...

QUAIL RUN SWIM NIGHT

Join us as the PTO hosts another Swim Night at the Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center on Saturday, **April 21st**, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per swimmer with adults and children under the age of 4 to swim free. Bring your friends and family! (Please note that the pool is open to the public, but Saturday night is typically a light attendance time period.)

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

The Silent Auction will be held again this year in conjunction with the school carnival. The date for the event is April 28th. The committee is seeking new items, gift cards or donations from your favorite store or restaurant for the auction. In addition, we are asking that each grade take part in putting together a basket to auction off. We have picked a theme for each grade level and will collect the items from you to put together a basket. We hope you will consider donating an item or two to help to make the silent auction a great success!

Kindergarten: Choose from any of the following themes.

1st grade: Movie Night (popcorn, candy, DVDs, movie gift cards, etc...)

2nd grade: Game night (board games, candy, cards, popcorn, etc...)

3rd grade: Pets (pet food, leashes, picture frames, toys for animals, gift cards to Petco, etc...)

4th grade: Art supplies (craft supplies, paints, markers, Play-doh, gift cards to Hobby Lobby/ Michaels, etc...)

5th grade: Gardening (pots, seeds, hand tools, potting soil, gloves, watering can, gift cards, etc...)

6th grade: Kitchen (utensils, spices, towels, cookbooks, gift cards to Dillon's, Hy-Vee, Target, etc...)

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Parents, please mark your calendars for this special event! We are going to celebrate and honor the years of commitment that both Paulette Strong and 4th grade teacher, Linda Williams, have given to Quail Run and would love to have you and your children join us!

When: **Thursday, May 10th, 4:15-6:00 p.m.**

Where: **Quail Run Library**

The staff has offered to help create a special memory book for each of these ladies, so please bring to the school office any cards, notes, pictures, or poems that you would like to give to them.

TO HONOR OUR RETIREES

The PTO would like to give a special gift to the two women who have touched so many lives at Quail Run. After conferring with them, we found the perfect way to honor them and bring some color to the school at the same time! We are commissioning a bench from Van Go, which will sit just inside the school next to the front office. If you would like to contribute, please send your donations to the school office in an envelope marked: **Teacher Gift**, and make your check out to Quail Run PTO. (If you would like to know more about Van Go and these special benches, visit their web-site at van-go.org. Van Go Mobile Arts, Inc. is an arts-based social service agency that provides year-round after-school and summer job-training programs to high-needs and under-served youth ages 14-21.)