

Friday Flyer

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 24.....2:00-3:00 p.m., Sixth Grade Recognition
Thursday, May 24.....End of 3rd Trimester and Last Day of Classes

Mark your calendars now for the
Back-to-School Ice Cream Social on August 13th from 4:00-6:00p.m.

FROM THE SCHOOL THANK YOU

The staff would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all who donated food and drink, wrote cards and letters, or attended the Open House Reception in honor of Ms. Strong's and Mrs. Williams' retirements. You made the celebration a very special event for both of them and we appreciate it!

ART VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mrs. Driscoll is in need of several adult volunteers to help pack and organize her classroom for next year. If you are able to help on Wednesday, May 23rd, from 2:30 until 4:30, please contact her at 832-5820.

BOOKS NEEDED! BOOKS NEEDED!

Donations for our Gently Used Book Sale are currently being accepted. The sale will take place on Wednesday, May 23rd, and most books will be only 25¢. Your donations help us provide great summer reading for our kids and the money raised helps PTO support our teachers!

ATTENTION: SIXTH GRADE FAMILIES

The following is the schedule of activities for May 24th, the final day of school. Please mark your calendar; you don't want to miss anything!

8:45-9:30 a.m.: Classroom Activities

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Hillcrest Bowling Alley and Lunch (Parents are welcome to join us.)

1:00-2:00 p.m.: Classroom Activities, Memory Books, and Yearbooks

2:00-3:00 p.m.: Recognition Ceremony in the Quail Run Commons (Family and friends are invited to attend.)

Sixth grade students are expected to return to their classrooms following the ceremony. Parents, who wish to do so, may meet their children at the classroom and leave from there soon after the ceremony.

5:00-9:00 p.m.: Sixth Grade Family Potluck Picnic at Clinton Lake Outlet (Everyone is invited! See information below.)

SIXTH GRADE FAMILIES POTLUCK PARTY

Thursday, May 24th - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Clinton Lake Outlet Shelter

Important Items to Bring:

Last Names A - H: Bring a main dish plus a side dish.

Last Names I - Z: Bring a main dish plus a dessert.

Bring your own tableware and drinks for the family! **(No alcohol please!)**

Other items you may want to bring include blankets, bug spray, outdoor chairs, volleyballs, soccer balls, Frisbees, flashlights, and lanterns.

Directions to the Shelter: Head west on Clinton Parkway to East 900th Road (the dam road). Turn left and proceed to the first left, East 902nd Road (do not go over the dam). Continue on E. 902nd Road to the second left (just past the spillway). Continue straight on this road until you see the shelter on the right.

If you have any questions about the party, please contact Lee Beth Dever at 865-4202.

In the event of rain or inclement weather, the party will be cancelled. This determination will be made and announced at the Recognition ceremony.

FROM THE PTO

SOUP LABELS AND BOX TOPS

This is a final call for all soup labels and Box Tops for Education coupons. Please send them to the school with your children. We will make one last submission for this school year. Please continue to collect them through the summer for next year!

HY-VEE DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Please check your drawers, bags, cars, neighbors, etc... We need your Hy-Vee

receipts. We can use gas, grocery, and pharmacy receipts. Quail Run earns 85 cents for every \$150.00 in receipts. So far this year we have earned a little over \$1,000.00! Keep up the good work. Send your receipts in with your child or drop them at the school office. Thanks for your help. We will be accepting receipts through the last day of school. If you have any questions, please call Beth Flitcraft at 865-2527.

CHESS CLUB NEWS

INTRA-SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

Results from the Quail Run Intra-school tournament are as follows: winning the 5th/6th grade section was Venkata Malladi; Cole Reams was the winner for 3rd/4th grade section; Chas Sedlock took the honors in the K/1st/2nd section. Congratulations!

NEWS FROM NATIONALS

Five brave chess players from Quail Run competed at the High School level April 13th through 15th at the National High School Chess tournament in Kansas City. Taking on the BIG kids were Cole Reams, Andrei Elliott, Luke Lesslie, Sam Stephens and Aaron Simon. Awesome job, guys!

Elementary Chess Nationals took place May 11th through 13th in Nashville, TN. Representing Quail Run were Cole Reams, Sam Stephens, Luke Lesslie, Aaron Simon, Jonathan Lesslie and Madison Reams. All six competed skillfully, and the team of Cole and Jonathan won the 21st place trophy in the K-3 Championship section. Way to go! Additionally, Cole and Madison won as the 12th place team in K-3 Blitz, and Sam and Aaron were the 22nd place team in K-6 Blitz. Cole also took home individual trophies for 8th in K-3 Blitz, and 18th in Bughouse.

Congratulations to all who competed in tournaments this year. You all did great, and proved once again—Quail Run Chess Rocks!

KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE

Establish a Safe Environment

Who is with your child?

Check references for:

- Babysitters.
- Child-care providers.

Notice the behavior of other adults around your child.

Be concerned about:

- Adults focused on child relationships more than adult relationships.
- Adults singling out certain children for attention.

Teach Personal Safety Rules

Teach children safety rules about touching. Discuss that there are three kinds of touches:

- **Safe Touches.** These are touches that keep you safe and are good for your body. They make you feel cared for, loved, and important. Safe touches include hugging, holding hands, pats on the back, an arm around the shoulder, and a shot from the doctor.
- **Unsafe Touches.** These are touches that are not good for your body and hurt your body or your feelings. Unsafe touches include hitting, pushing, pinching, kicking, and touching the private parts of your body.
- **Unwanted Touches.** These may be safe touches, yet the child does not want to be touched in that way, by that person, or at that moment in time. It is okay for a child to say "No" to unwanted touches. Children can say "No" to any unwanted touch, even if the person touching them is someone they know. Help your child practice saying "No" in a strong yet polite voice. This will help children learn to set personal boundaries for keeping themselves safe.

Introduce touching rules along with other safety rules such as traffic safety and fire safety. Talk about the rules often and practice them with your child. For example, you could say to your child:

- *If someone is touching you and you want him or her to stop, say words that mean "No" (like "I don't like that" or "Stop that"). Then he or she needs to stop. If you are touching someone and he or she says "No," you need to stop.*
- *A bigger person should not touch your private body parts except to keep you clean and healthy. Private body parts are those parts covered by a swimsuit. If someone does touch your private body parts, say words that mean "No." Then get away and tell a grown-up.*
- *Do not keep secrets about touching.*

Discuss Touching Safety

Answer your child's questions.

- Take advantage of natural teaching moments.
- Give age-appropriate answers.

Be approachable. Tell your child:

- *If you ever have any questions, just ask me.*
- *It's never too late to tell.*

Read a children's book about touching safety together.

Start a conversation with your child:

- *Let's review the Touching Rule today.*
- *Before you go, let's practice what you should do if someone tried to break the Touching Rule.*

Respond to Disclosure

Remain calm.

Reassure your child by saying:

- *I'm glad you told me.*
- *It's not your fault.*
- *I am always here for you.*

Seek help for your child and yourself. Possible resources include the following:

- Law enforcement personnel.
- Child Protective Services
- Crisis Hotline
- Supportive friends and relatives
- Professional counselors

Remember, healing takes time.

Where to call for help:

Child Protective Services

832-3700

Police

911 or 832-7509