

Friday Flyer

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Upcoming Events

Friday, October 20.....	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development)
Tuesday, October 24.....	6:30-7:00 p.m., 2 nd Grade Music Program
Tuesday, October 24.....	7:30-8:00 p.m., 6 th Grade Music Program
Thursday, November 2.....	End of 1 st trimester
Friday, November 3.....	NO SCHOOL (Recording and Reporting)
Monday, October 6.....	4:00 p.m., Site Council
Tuesday, October 7.....	6:30-7:15 p.m., 4 th Grade PE Night
Thursday & Friday, November 9 & 10.....	NO SCHOOL (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

FROM THE SCHOOL SCHOOL FEES

Please note that for all who chose the monthly payment option to pay school fees, the payment is now due. The monthly payment for grades 1 through 6 is \$14.00 and for kindergarten is \$6.38. Please remit your payment now. Thank you.

CONCRETE WORK

Parents, please be aware that beginning Monday, October 23rd, and extending through the week, the front walk leading up to Quail Run's front doors will be replaced. The walk will be completed in halves so there will be access to the building. Work will also be done on the sidewalk that parallels Woodland Drive at the rear of the school. Thank you for your help in keeping the children out of the wet cement!

VOTER REGISTRATION

With the elections nearing, the students will be studying voting and elections in the next few weeks through the Kids' Voting curriculum. You may want to take this opportunity for some further discussion with your children. If you are not a registered voter but would like to be, you can download a voter registration application to complete and return to the Douglas County Election Officer. The envelope must be postmarked by Monday, October 23rd, in order to be eligible for the upcoming election. Visit the county website at www.douglas-county.com. Select Election & Voting Information in the e-Government section; scroll down, near the bottom of the page on the left

side, click on Voter Registration Application. The form can be printed in either a PDF or HTML version.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Parents, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 31st. The kids will be parading in costume through the school hallways and out on the big blacktop to the west of the school **beginning at 2:30**. You are welcome to come and observe the display. Classroom parties will take place afterward. Please help your children choose costumes that are appropriate for the school environment and do not include blood, weapons or excessively scary items.

FROM PTO T-SHIRT FUND RAISER

T-shirt order forms were sent home with the students last Friday and are due on Monday, October 23rd. Samples of the shirts for sizing are available at the school near the front office. Sizes seem to vary quite a lot, particularly in the Youth hooded sweatshirts. Please come by the office if you feel you need to check on a size before you order.

LANDSCAPING WORK DAY

Saturday, October 21st, at 10:00 a.m., we will be meeting at the school to put in a new rock path behind the K-2 playground. We need your help to get this done in one day! The Delta Tau Delta fraternity is coming to work with us, but we will still need some extra muscles and some wheelbarrows! Please call Julie Sherby (843-5292) or Barb Heeb (838-4332) for more information, or just come join us on Saturday!

NEXT PTO MEETING

With the holiday season approaching and schedules getting busier, we have decided to

move the next PTO meeting to a morning time with the hopes that this will enable more people to attend. Please mark your calendars for **9:00 a.m. on December 12th**.

To entice people even more, we would like to change the format a bit and include a **COOKIE EXCHANGE** on the agenda. Please plan to bring two dozen cookies to share; watch for details to follow in future flyers. There will not be a PTO meeting in November due to conferences and evening events at the school.

TRACK CLUB

Parents, the last day of our fall session will be Monday, October 30th! We will **not** be passing out T-shirts this session, but have decided to give those to students at the end of the school year (thereby saving \$400.00 in our budget). We **will** have an end-of-season celebration on that Monday and those who regularly attended will be acknowledged. Please encourage your kids to wear layers for our last few runs, as the temperatures are dropping. On Monday the 23rd, we are fortunate to have Mrs. Chalmers (mother of Mario Chalmers and a former gym teacher) coming to talk to the kids about the importance of exercise.

We are thankful for Mr. Hess and the handful of parents who are joining us to exercise and would love to see more!

CHESS CLUB NEWS

The Quail Run Chess Club is getting off to a great start. The Club meets after school on Tuesdays; come check us out! Our first tournament is this Saturday, October 21st, at Washburn Rural. If you have not been to a tournament before and are interested or need more information, please contact Bruce Elliott 749-0679.

Inclement Weather Procedures

When will I know if schools are closed?

When a decision can be made the preceding night, the district will attempt to make an announcement by 10 p.m. In most cases, a decision won't be made until morning. The goal is to make a decision by 6 a.m. if schools are to be closed. There will be no announcement if schools are open as scheduled.

Who makes the decision?

The superintendent of schools and the director of special operations, safety, and transportation make the decision based upon current weather conditions, weather forecasts and road conditions.

Remember, if a decision is made for schools to remain open, parents have the option to keep their children home for health and safety reasons.

How do I find out if schools are closed?

Tune into area radio and television stations for frequent school closing announcements. Web sites are another resource. Most media do not announce if schools are going to be open. If there is no announcement, it is likely classes are in session. If a decision is made the night before, the Lawrence Journal-World will include school closing news.

The district posts school closing announcements on its Web site (www.usd497.org) and answering machine at 832-5000. World Online (www.ljworld.com) shares the information via the Web. Sunflower Broadband (channel 6) and Lawrence Radio

stations - KLWN, AM-1320, KLZR, FM-105.9 and KANU, FM-91.5 carry announcements within moments of notification.

The district also notifies Topeka television and radio stations. In addition, Lawrence Public Schools are part of the Kansas City Area Emergency School Communications System, which provides announcements on most Kansas City radio and television stations, including channels 4, 5 and 9. Those stations carry a moving line across the bottom of the screen to provide school closing information.

Are employees on duty when schools are closed?

The Educational Support and Distribution Center is open and is staffed. School employees with 12-month contracts, including administrators and custodians, report to their buildings for duty.

Schools are not able to provide care for children who arrive when buildings are closed. Schools will contact parents to pick up their children.

What happens if the weather worsens during the school day?

The district tries to avoid unexpected early dismissals. However, on occasion, early dismissal is unavoidable. Parents should make prior arrangements for supervision of their children. It is important for schools to be able to reach parents and designated child care providers during daytime hours. Please make sure schools have accurate telephone numbers and emergency contact information.

When it is necessary to dismiss children during the regular school day, the district will contact local media and provide

as much advance notice as possible.

If weather conditions worsen and schools remain open, parents may choose to pick up their children early after informing school staff.

What cold weather provisions are made for elementary recess?

Elementary recess is held indoors if the temperature or wind chill falls below 15 degrees. Children should always wear appropriate cold weather clothing, including winter coats, hats, gloves or mittens, and boots during the winter months.