

Friday Flyer

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 18.....5:00 p.m., Quail Run Swim Night, Indoor Aquatic Center
Wednesday through Friday, November 22-24.....NO SCHOOL, Fall Recess
Tuesday, December 12.....9:00 a.m., PTO Meeting and Cookie Exchange
Friday, December 22 through Tuesday, January 2.....NO SCHOOL, Winter Recess

Wrapping Paper Delivery Today

The Innisbrook Fund Raiser order was delivered today. Members of the PTO will be in the Commons area until 5:30 p.m. today to make deliveries. If your child did not bring home your order, please come by the school to pick it up. Thank you!

FROM THE SCHOOL

THANK YOU!

The staff would like to extend our greatest thanks to Beth Flitcraft, Tiffany Francis and Holly Flitcraft, as well as the Hospitality Committee, for the fabulous BBQ luncheon they organized, prepared and served us during Parent/Teacher Conferences. The ambiance created by the decorations and music gave us a great upbeat atmosphere, and the delicious food gave us the nourishment to make it through a very long day. Thank you to each and every one of you! We really appreciate all your time and effort!

THANK YOU!

The Quail Run staff would like to thank Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches for the unsolicited donation of sandwiches on Thursday. What a nice treat and a wonderful surprise! The sandwiches were delicious and we appreciate you thinking of us!

SCHOOL FEES

For those of you who chose to pay your school fees with a payment plan, please remit now. 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.

FREE TUTORING

Students can now get online help from live tutors at www.homeworkkansas.org from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. daily. Tutoring is available for 4th through 12th graders in the subject areas of math, science, social studies and English. This service is brought to you by the State Library of Kansas and Kansas Public Libraries. For assistance and more information, please contact the Lawrence Public Library at 843-3833.

FOUND

Following conferences, a Verizon phone, silver with a blue face plate and a cracked display window, was turned in to the office. If you or your child has misplaced this phone, please contact the office to claim it.

INCREASE MEMORY SKILLS TO DECREASE FORGETFULNESS

Remembering school-related matters is vital to your child becoming responsible and succeeding in school.

Research says that adults give responsible children more positive attention. So teachers may view your child more favorably if she is responsible about her schoolwork.

Try these strategies to improve your child's memory:

- **Make check-off lists** for what to bring to school and what to bring home from school.
- **Have a specific place** for school materials—books, projects, and supplies.
- **Keep a regular after-school schedule.** Have your child follow the same routine every day.
- **Use physical reminders.** A loose rubber band around your child's wrist could help him remember to bring home a certain book.
- **Teach your child memory "tricks."** Make an acronym for taking what she needs to school,

such as HELP—Homework, Extra shoes, Lunch, Pens.

- **Let your child suffer consequences.** If he's late returning a library book, don't pay the fee for him. Take it out of his allowance or savings.

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FROM THE PTO **STRICTLY BALLROOM**

There is so much talent within our Quail Run community. Kay and Bernie Domann shared their special ballroom dancing talents with our fifth graders which culminated in a fabulous and moving performance at the music program on Tuesday. Kay and Bernie gave up hours of their time within school hours, after school and on the weekends to teach the children dance moves which will stay with them for a lifetime. Thanks so much Kay and Bernie.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

A great big thanks to the hospitality committee volunteers! You all are great! If you have not already done so, you may pick up your serving dishes at the office! Thanks for helping out! Committee members are: Diane Casady, Christi Hoffman, Susan Wade, Stacey Hassig, Angie McClure, Kris Devlin, Kristen Hess, Robin Otto, Christine Bial, Kara Perry, Ericka Waller, Melinda Fish, Lee Beth Dever, Pam Kaufman, Nicole Flynn, Kay Domann, Raina Volkmer, Darcey Soto, Sonja Raye, Kim Watson, Paula Hedges, Leslie Stallard, Dian Stogsdill, Delaine Zeller, Kristi McAlister-Harms, Kathy Gehrke and Barb Heeb.

WISH UPON A STAR

The star posters will be coming down next week, so don't forget to stop by and see what your child's teacher can use for the classroom!

THE T-SHIRTS ARE IN!

The Quail Run T-shirts and sweatshirts have arrived and will be distributed to the kids before Thanksgiving break, the exact date yet to be determined. Please check your child's backpack next week to make sure you receive your order. Thanks to all who ordered!

QUAIL RUN SWIM NIGHT

Join us as the PTO hosts another Swim Night at the Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center on Saturday, **November 18th**, 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.)

ADOPT A FAMILY

The annual "Adopt A Family" campaign will kick off on Wednesday, November 29th, immediately following Thanksgiving break and will run through December 13th. Please look for posters displayed outside your child's classroom with mittens bearing holiday requests. Quail Run has adopted 5 families from our community and will be providing gift certificates for groceries, clothing and toys from Hy-Vee, Kohl's and Wal-Mart. In addition to the gift certificates, there will be an option to help out with cash or check donations that will be used to supplement the other donations and fill in any gaps. Cash and check donations can be made in any amount. Checks should be made out to Quail Run PTO with "Adopt A Family" in the memo space. Parents, please take a minute to discuss this with your children and let them know if this is something in which your family would like to participate. Please direct any questions or concerns to Tricia Venters (at 865-4163 or tvent@sunflower.com). Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

NEXT PTO MEETING **DECEMBER 12TH AT 9:00 A.M.**

Mark your calendars! In order to entice more of you to attend, and to accommodate busy holiday schedules, we have decided to hold our meeting in the morning AND to combine it with a cookie exchange. The cookie exchange part is purely optional but if you would like to participate, please bring 2 dozen cookies to share. Come for the meeting so we can discuss upcoming events at the school and determine the best way to invest our profits from recent fundraisers! Questions or comments, please call Kelly Dumesich (842-0208) or Barb Heeb (838-4332).

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club will NOT meet on Tuesday, November 21st. Enjoy your Thanksgiving break! Those in Master Class are asked to meet with Coach Robinson on 11/21 as usual.

At the Wakarusa Valley tournament on 11/11/06, Quail Run placed 3rd in the K-3 Section, and 1st in the K-6 division! Congratulations to both teams! The K-3 team placed with Jonathan Lesslie earning 3rd place with 5 wins, Josh Kallenbach achieving the 14th place medal, and with support from Eileen Huang and Ting Ting Shi. Additionally, Emma Stramberg played 3 games and Ryan Flakus played 2. In the K-6 Section, out of 6 games, Luke Lesslie won 2nd place and Andrei Elliott earned 7th place, each with 5 wins. Winning 4 games each were Aaron Simon (9th place) and Katie Conard (11th place). Welcome back, Katie! Completing the team were Venkata Malladi and Atticus Madden. Exceptional effort by all 12 players from Quail Run!

FROM THE COMMUNITY **HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE!!**

Individuals and families interested in receiving assistance during the holiday season can now sign up for Christmas (deadline is November 24th). To sign up, go to the Salvation Army Corps Building, 946 New Hampshire, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. People seeking assistance must provide photo identification, Social Security cards for everyone in the household, proof of household income and a Douglas County address. For more information, contact Julie Heatwole, WRAP, at 832-5820 ext. 4860, 423-1781, or heatwol@usd497.org.

SUNFLOWER FOR SCHOOLS

"Ring up cash" for your local schools when you order Sunflower Broadband service in November. Sunflower Broadband will donate \$25.00 to the Lawrence Schools Foundation when new residential subscribers sign up for any new Gold service (cable, internet or telephone) and, when current subscribers upgrade to Gold service, Sunflower will donate \$10.00. Please contact Sunflower for more information at 841-2100.