

Friday Flyer

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12/8/06
Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 12.....9:00 a.m., PTO Meeting and Cookie Exchange
Friday, December 22 through Tuesday, January 2.....NO SCHOOL, Winter Recess
Wednesday, January 3.....Classes Resume

MORE .GOV FOR KIDS

Check out these great kid's websites from the Federal Family!

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: www.hhs.gov/kids

Federal Citizen Information Center of the U.S. General Services Administration: www.kids.gov

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: www.hud.gov/kids

U.S. Department of the Interior: www.doi.gov/kids

U.S. Department of Justice: www.usdoj.gov/kidspage

FROM THE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Quail Run has been very fortunate for the last dozen years or so to have a very dedicated volunteer to care for the fish tank in our library. Thank you to Craig Weinaug for all the years he has served but, unfortunately for us, he has decided it's time to pass this task on to someone else who is willing to take it over. If you have knowledge of or a willingness to learn to take care of our fish tank, we would like to hear from you. This is a job that requires between two and four hours per week to feed the fish and clean the tank. Please contact the office at 832-5820 by Friday, December 15th, if you are interested in helping us with this activity.

ATTENTION SIXTH GRADE PARENTS

Southwest Junior High School Counselors will be having a Parent Enrollment Meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. in the Southwest Junior High Auditorium. The meeting is for parents of 6th grade students who reside in the Southwest attendance area. Please put this date on your calendar. In early December, additional information regarding the enrollment process will be sent home.

FOUND

A cell phone was found on the Quail Run grounds and was turned in to the office. If you or your child has misplaced a cell phone please call 832-5820 to identify and claim.

HELP YOUR CHILD STAY MOTIVATED TO LEARN AFTER DEALING WITH FAILURE

To one child, a B grade is a sign of success. Another student may view a B as failure.

Whenever your child feels a sense failure in school—because of a test score or a teacher's remarks—she can become less motivated to learn. Her interest in a subject might wane. She might become indifferent or feel hopeless.

To help your child remain motivated, it's critical that you handle any failure or lack of success she has with care and skill.

Follow these eight steps:

- **Listen to your child** when she's disappointed in a grade, a mark on a paper or a comment by a teacher. Let her "blow off steam."
- **Acknowledge your child's feelings.** Say, "I guess you are feeling pretty discouraged about that grade."
- **Don't agree with her** when she gets down on herself—or the teacher.
- **Don't blame your child** for the situation.
- **Evaluate how serious** the problem is. Your child might be overreacting to a perceived failure. Remind her that one poor grade on a quiz won't necessarily result in a low grade in the subject.
- **Let your child know** you're on her side and ready to help. "Want to talk about it and try to figure out what we can do?"
- **Get your child to see** the failure as an opportunity to learn. The poor grade may pinpoint areas where she can put forth more effort and see improvement.
- **Create a plan** for improvement. What might your child do differently to resolve the problem? Consult the teacher if needed.

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FROM THE PTO PTO MEETING AND COOKIE EXCHANGE

Join us for coffee at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday in the commons area! We will conduct business first, and then exchange cookies. Topics of discussion will include: fundraiser reports, what and how to spend from our profits, a possible playground equipment addition, the upcoming book fair, teacher appreciation week, and MORE! Come to give us your input, to be social, and to collect cookies for the holidays! If you want to participate in the cookie exchange, please bring 2 dozen cookies. If you have anything you would like to add to the meeting agenda, please contact Barb (838-4332) or Kelly (842-0208).

ADOPT A FAMILY

The collection of items for the "Adopt A Family" campaign will continue through December 13th. Please look for posters displayed outside your child's classroom with mittens bearing holiday requests. Quail Run has adopted 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. Please direct any questions or concerns to Tricia Venters (865-4163 or tvent@sunflower.com). Thank you in advance for your generosity.