

Friday Flyer

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10/5/09
Upcoming Events

Monday, October 5.....Picture Day
Monday, October 5.....4:15 p.m., Site Council
Tuesday, October 13.....9:00 a.m., PTO
Friday, October 23.....NO SCHOOL, Professional Development

FROM THE SCHOOL

PICTURE DAY Monday, October 5th

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

If you ever have questions about the balance on your child's lunch account, Quail Run Food Service can be reached at 330-1485. Through Nutrikids, accessible through the USD 497 website, not only can you make deposits to your child's account but it is also possible to sign up for e-mail notification of low account balances.

WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

International Walk to School Day will take place on October 7th this year. This event is held to remind our community to be safe and watch for children as well as others. It is also a great opportunity for parents to stress the importance of safety issues with their children such as: crossing the streets, not accepting rides from strangers, and watching for cars backing from driveways. Please take this opportunity to discuss the bicycle-riding rules as well. Plan to get a little fun physical activity and walk to school with your children on October 7th!

THANK YOU

When Quail Run lost the bus route for students living north of 6th Street this year due to District budget cuts, it created quite the hardship for many students to arrive at school on time or to attend at all. When Lee Hamlet, a contractor in Iraq, learned of the

problems his daughter and many of her schoolmates were experiencing getting to school, he stepped up and paid the fees for a bus route to be reinstated. The bus ran the route for the first time on Thursday providing transportation for a couple dozen children. Thank you from the Quail Run community, Mr. Hamlet, for your overwhelming generosity! Your kindness has made life much easier for many Quail Run families!

SMART POINTS SMART REWARD

Don't forget when you purchase \$20.00 worth of Procter & Gamble products at Hy-Vee, you will receive a SMART Points coupon. Go to www.Hy-VeeSMARTPoints.com to enter your points code for Quail Run. We are at the top of our group for now!

FOUND

A box of holiday tins and ornaments was found in the Quail Run parking lot. Unfortunately, the ornaments were smashed but the tins were not damaged. If the box might be missing from your garage, you can claim it at the school. If it is not claimed, the tins will be put to good use.

FROM THE PTO QUAIL RUN T-SHIRTS

The Quail Run PTO would like to thank everyone who ordered t-shirts this year! The shirts were delivered to classrooms on Thursday or else parents should have received a phone call if there was a known problem with an order. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Laine Delfelder at 838-3437 or delfelder@yahoo.com.

HOLIDAY HOMES TOUR

Do you enjoy decorating for the holidays, Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa? If so, we are looking for homes to be on our 2nd annual Quail Run Holiday Homes Tour to be held on Sunday, December 13th from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit Quail Run PTO's Caring Fund. If interested or for more information, please contact Susan Eagle at susan_eagle@msn.com or 331-2002 or Mary Dodd at marydodd@sunflower.com or 843-8666.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

LITTLE FIREBIRDS SPIRIT CLINIC

Free State's Cheer and Pom squads are having their Little Firebirds Spirit Clinic on Sunday, October 4th. It will be held at Free State High School from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Registration forms are available in the Parent Information Center near the front doors of Quail Run School.

KU OFFERS AFTER-SCHOOL DRAMA CLASSES FOR GRADES 4-6

KU after-school drama classes for grades 4-6 begin October 8th. Registration for KU drama classes for children in grades 4-6 will be held Monday, October 5th, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the Murphy Hall lobby. Parents may register children on a first come, first served basis. Classes for grades 4-6 are held on Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. on October 8, 22, 29, November 5, 12, and December 3 and 8. For more information, contact Jeanne Klein at kleinj@ku.edu or 864-5576. Before 5:30 p.m., visitors must park in the Parking Garage across from Murphy Hall.

USD 497 INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

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When will I know if schools are closed?

When a decision can be made the preceding night, the district's goal is to make an announcement by 10 p.m. In most cases, a decision won't be made until morning. The goal is to make an announcement by 6 a.m. if schools are to be closed. **(There will be no announcement if schools are in session 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, the weather forecast and road conditions. Remember: if a decision is made for schools to remain in session, parents have the option to keep their children home for health and safety reasons. Please notify your child's school of this decision.

How do I find out if schools are closed?

Tune to area radio and television stations for frequent school closing announcements. Media 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 the school closing announcement. Sunflower Broadband (channel 6), World Online (www.ljworld.com) 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 and Kansas City radio and television stations. The district also posts school closing announcements on its Web site (www.usd497.org) and answering machine at 832-5000.

Are employees on duty when schools are closed?

The district's Educational Support and Distribution Center is open and 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.

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 daytime telephone numbers and emergency contact information.

When it is necessary to dismiss children early during a regular school day, the district will contact parents and local/regional media.

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 clothing, including winter coats, hats, gloves or mittens, and boots, to school during cold-weather months.

**Inclement weather announcements do not affect the Lawrence Virtual School's schedule.*