



Falcon Feathers

January 13 - 19, 2018



Principal's Message

Welcome to 2018! I hope everyone had a fantastic break and thank you for having your children excited and ready to learn this week. Stop in the MPR and check out the new big screen and projector! This equipment gives our site another classroom area where grade levels or large groups of students can gather and learn using this new technology! Thank you to the Dyer Foundation for your generous gift to make this possible. Junior and Mrs. Bridger are busy building new tables for the Greenhouse! Come by and see the improvements to the Geenhouse thanks to the Gar Tootellian Foundation. We couldn't make this such an amazing school without the help of our community. Thank you all!!

What's Going On?

4th Grade

Fourth graders came back from winter vacation and hit the ground running! In science, we are presenting our volcano research projects to the class. We are also learning about tsunamis and how they affect humans and the environment. Next week we will begin our science fair project – The Effects of Extreme Flooding on Terrestrial Plants. Our fourth-grade writers have begun writing personal narratives. We are learning about “hooks” to engage our readers and using descriptive adjectives to make our writing more interesting. Next week, we will begin our second novel unit, Island of the Blue Dolphin. This novel, written by Scott O'Dell, tells the story of a young girl stranded alone for years on an island off the California coast. It is based on the true story of Nicoleño, a Native American girl left alone for 18 years on San Nicolas Island during the 19th century. In math, we have started our fraction unit – we will add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions! We will also look for equivalent fractions and put them in simplest form. As you can see, we have a lot going on in fourth-grade!

Better Together This Week

- January 15 No School - MLK Jr. Holiday
- January 16 Bricks 4 Kidz @ 2:50
Peach Blossom Tryouts rm. 9 @3-4pm
PTO meeting @5:30
- January 17 Early Release @1:20
- January 19 FCA & 50% AR Due
Basketball Del Rey @ QL 12:30
Son's Dance @6

Upcoming Events

- January 20 Pep & Cheer showcase @WAMS
- January 23 Bricks 4 Kidz @ 2:50
Progress Reports go home
- January 24 Early Release @1:20
- January 25 6th Grade Reedley College Visit
- January 26 FCA & Basketball Playoffs
- January 30 Bricks 4 Kidz @ 2:50
- January 31 Early Release @1:20
- February 1 Monthly Awards Assembly
Kinder 8:30-9:00; 1st & 2nd 9:00-9:30
3rd-5th 9:45-10:15
- February 2 FCA

See you this Friday at the Quail Lake Son's Dance

Friday, January 19th
QL MPR 6:00-8:00pm

Go Green Tip of the Week

Reducing Waste at Quail Lake

In an effort to continually reduce the amount of waste our school sends to landfills, Quail Lake has recently added additional landfill, recycle, and compost bins on campus. We would appreciate your support in correctly sorting your waste when visiting our school. A poster will be displayed on each bin to guide your sorting efforts. The bins are also color-coded for your convenience.

- Gray/Black = Landfill
- Green = Compost
- Blue = Recycle

Many Quail Lake students are already experts at sorting, so you can always ask a student for help!

PTO Corner

Our next PTO meeting is Tuesday, January 16th at 5:30 in the MPR. We look forward to seeing you there! Remember to keep collecting those Box Tops! Our next collection day will be in February.

Do you love art?

SUSD Youth Art Month is coming! The art contest will be open to all K-8 students, with projects due by February 9, 2018. Please contact Mrs. Graham with questions. Get your ART on!

Lip Sync is Coming!

The Quail Lake Lip Sync will be held on Friday, February 9th! Students in 4th-6th grades can participate as a single act or a group of up to 5 students. Time to start planning your act! More information coming soon!

Pennies for Patients

On behalf of the entire Quail Lake student body, we would like to thank you all for your participation in our fundraiser we held before break. This fundraiser was inspired by our very own David Ball. We wanted to find a way to give back, so we paired up with Pennies for Patients to raise money to fight cancer through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In just two weeks, the Quail Lake students raised \$1,458 to fight cancer! Thank you so much for your generous donations and for making a difference!!

Literacy Tip

Year in Review Notebook

Keep an ongoing record of your family's life. Every family member can add to your family's story. Include important events that happen during the year. On New Year's Eve, sit down and read through your "Year in Review" and start a notebook for the next year. To add to your story, include family photos whenever possible.

Athletics Update

Cheer

We are excited to perform a routine this year that includes: choreography, combined stunting with incorporated tumbling from experienced gymnasts, and a jump sequence. Come out and see our Falcon Spirit at upcoming basketball games and the Sanger Showcase on January 20th at WAMS! Go Falcons!