



Falcon Feathers

September 2-8, 2017



Principal's Message

Everyone on campus has settled into routines and we are off to an excellent start of the new school year! Already our volleyball and football teams are practicing and getting ready for their first games! Our science fair projects are being formulated in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade and our new teachers seem like veterans at our school! Once again I am amazed by the students, teachers and staff each and every day. Quail Lake is a special place and I am glad that you are a part of it. As we preview the coming weeks, a reminder that our biggest fundraiser of the year, The Quail Lake Jog-A-Thon, will kick off Wednesday! Look for information coming home! Make it a great week, Falcons!!

What's Going On?

8th Grade

It's been an exciting first couple of weeks in 8th grade and the kids have been hard at work! Here's what we've been up to!

Students answered the question: What is YOUR American Dream? They shared pieces of who they are and what they want to become. Students also created cereal box solar eclipse viewers - predicting, taking recordings, and writing up a conclusion of what they saw and experienced. In ELA/Social Studies students read a compelling story about the experiences of a family that was new to the United States from Kazakhstan. The kids gave personal examples to connect to the reading and listened to one another as they shared these stories - ultimately deepening their grasp of the content and demonstrating critical thinking skills through group discussions. Students have also learned close reading strategies and note annotation. This skill set will help them sift through sources of information to gather significant data and relevant facts across various disciplines. Science Fair projects are already in motion, and students will work on the elements that go into projects in each of their core classes. We've hit the ground running and anticipate having one of the best years yet!

Better Together This Week

September 4 Labor Day Holiday
September 6 Jog-a-thon Rally @8:30
Early Release @1:20
September 7 ELAC/Charter Council @5:30
September 8 FCA @ 7am
25% AR Due
"Once Upon a Steam Night" RSVP due

Upcoming Events

September 13 Early Release @1:20
K-8 Literacy/STEAM Night @5:30-7
September 14 Fall Sports Carnival @WAMS
September 15 FCA
September 19 PTO Meeting @5:30
September 20 Jog-a-thon
Early Release @1:20
September 22 FCA & Fall Sports QL @ SACS
September 26 Cross Country @ WAMS
September 27 Early Release @1:20
September 28 Donuts with Dad @7am
September 29 FCA & 50% AR Due
Fall Sports Fairmont @ QL

Literacy Tip

Read, read, read!

The best activity to improve writing is reading. If your child reads good books, he or she will be a better writer. Reading exposes students to general vocabulary, word study, and content-specific vocabulary. Through reading, students see a variety of authors' techniques they can use in their own writing!

Athletics Update!

Practices for football and volleyball have begun! Cross country practice starts Thursday, September 7th. With the recent heat wave, and bad air, we are taking the necessary precautions to keep students safe. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Fall Sports Carnival on Thursday, September 14th. Athletes will receive more information about times and locations as the date gets closer. Go Falcons!

Save the Date for our first K-8 Literacy & STEAM Event...

"Once Upon a STEAM Night"
Wednesday, September 13th
QL MPR 5:30-7:00pm

Please RSVP by Friday, Sept. 8th

**We are collecting recyclable STEAM building materials such as toilet/paper towel rolls, cereal/shoe boxes, hard plastic, cardboard, string, all types of paper, etc. Please send items to school with your student.

Go Green Tip of the Week

Save energy and money. Use a drying rack or clothesline to save the energy otherwise used during machine drying.

Water Bottles Saved

We have now saved over 2,000 plastic water bottles from entering our local landfills by using our new water filling station!

Traffic Reminders

Traffic flow is improving. Thank you for your support! Please remember to follow the traffic pattern and do not make U-turns on Quail Lake Dr. in front of the school. Do not park in red zones and always drive slowly. Thank you.

PTO Corner

PTO Membership Drive begins!

Join PTO and help support programs and activities for our students and teachers!

\$10 membership /\$100 business

Questions? Heather Morris 559.917.4492

PTO Registry

Be sure to register your name with the PTO directory and submit student art work for inside the directory. Questions?

Amy Nielson 559. 349.4324

Carnival Update

The "Sweetest" Carnival is coming Oct. 21! Save the Date!

Volunteers

One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time! Contact Rosi Borsch for the next great volunteer opportunity!

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