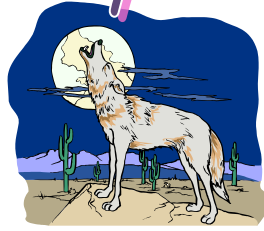


# The Coyote Call

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## The next four weeks at Canyon Hills

April 1-3 Ayala Counselors  
April 1-3 Spirit Week  
April 1 Band Boosters (7-8 p.m.)  
April 2 GATE/H Mtg. (6 p.m.)  
April 3 Minimum Day  
April 6-10 Spring Break (No School)  
April 13 Ayala Sports Director visit Periods 1-6  
April 14 SBAC Testing Begins  
April 14 G/H Placement Test (6:30 p.m.)

## April 2015

April 15 Ayala AVID Interviews 2-4 p.m.  
April 15 AVID Meeting 6:45 a.m.  
April 15 Leadership/Renaissance Meeting  
April 16 Student Recognition Breakfast  
April 18 G/H Placement Test (9 a.m.)  
April 22 Spring Promotion Pictures  
April 24 End of 6 Weeks (Student Free Day)  
April 28 GATE Field Trip (Science Center)

## Principal's Corner

Hello Parents,

This year seems to be flying by. Nonetheless, it has been an exciting year.

We held our Successfest on March 26 and it was an exemplary showcase of all that Canyon Hills has to offer. Our academic and extracurricular programs, along with our teachers and student leaders were shining examples of how we are building the "World's Greatest Junior High School."

March was an eventful month for many of our programs. Our Science Olympiad team moved onto the state competition and will be competing again on April 4. Our students representing CVUSD in one of the Odyssey of the Mind teams won their regional competition and placed fourth in the state competition on March 28. Our band received top marks and a unanimous superior rating at the Don Lugo festival and is now moving onto the next round. Our drumline secured first place for the SCPA competition and will be advancing to the finals on April 4. Our Art kids will be representing Canyon Hills in the District Art Showcase on March 31 and April 1 at Magnolia Junior High School. I am so proud of all of our kids, teachers and coaches.

Upon our return from Spring Break, we begin state (SBAC) testing from April 14-May 18. Please note that we will be going to a block schedule (3 periods per day) during testing. Also, as we approach the end of the school year, I urge you to remind your child to work hard, make good choices and finish strong. As temperatures get warmer, please make sure that your child abides by the dress code.

Thanks for your continued support.

## Debate Club

Our February tournament had the topic "The U.S. should negotiate with terrorists." Our first place team was Max Tsang, Kavya Immadisetty, and Gavin Zhao. The second place team was Kelly Chu, Emily Morris, and Maya Kim. The top speaker was Kavya and Gavin (tie), with Maya Kim coming in third.

We just concluded our March tournament with the topic "Fracking does more good than harm." Our first place team was Kelly Lin, Annie Wu, and Helena Park. The second place team was Kelly Chu, Emily Morris, and Abaan Saini. The top speaker was Helena Park and second place went to Kelly Chu. Congratulations to all who participated. They put in a lot of hard work.

## English Department

This month the eighth grade Language Arts students are wrapping up the unit on "Morality." This literature based unit, teaches students not only about an important piece of history, but also goes in depth on character analysis, setting and plot. Students continue to learn in this unit how evidence, details, quotations, and fact based information help shape opinions and reasoning. The propaganda aspect of the unit teaches students important information about how to recognize relevant and irrelevant evidence as it is introduced. Unit five wraps up with each student playing an important role in the play "The Diary of Anne Frank." Some classes will actually be acting out scenes from the play and other classes will present the play as a Reader's Theatre.

This month the seventh grade Language Arts classes are wrapping up the unit "Plot Twists." This unit has introduced the students to some well known authors and fun stories. The students are enjoying literature circles where they collaborate with other students taking responsibility for a particular task in a group. Other classes are creating a game board based on one of the short stories that have been studied. Also included in this unit, are Greek and Latin roots, poetry, and figures of speech. Later in the month the seventh graders will begin a new unit, "Stereotyping." This unit will include the popular novel, "The Outsiders."



## Math Department

- In April the accelerated 8<sup>th</sup> grade math class will be working on volume of three dimensional objects, the Pythagorean Theorem, radicals, and exponents. The accelerated 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be finishing up systems of equations and going on to exponents.
- The math 7 classes are studying geometry right now. They are learning vocabulary and using a compass to draw lines and angles. They are also bisecting the angles and lines using only a compass and a straight edge. For their next project, the 7<sup>th</sup> graders will determine the percentage of renaissance students we have and construct a circle graph for each grade level.
- The math 8 classes are heavy into geometry right now too. We will be studying similarity and line and angle relationships.
- We do not have a math meet in April due to spring break and testing.

## EDACTS Global Club

The EdActs Global Club is quite busy this trimester. In March we delivered our shoe donations to Los Angeles. On Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> our group helped Chino High School's EAG Club with a beautification project. We are collecting donations for the yearly Brain Tumor Walk and will we will be Course Ambassadors at the April 11<sup>th</sup> event.

In April we are planning a clothing drive. The school district has approached us about replenishing the district's clothing closet. There are children in our district who are in need of clothing and would greatly appreciate your generosity. As you do your spring cleaning, please bring the clothing you no longer use and drop them off in Room 510.

## History Department

Thank you to all who attended Successfest. The History Department was proud to display all of the hard work our students have accomplished this year.

In 8th grade history news, our students are completing their study of the North and the South pre-Civil War. Students are identifying the major differences between the industrial North and the agricultural South. The differences in life and work will have a direct impact on the division of our country. Soon, students will take their knowledge of the varying concerns and differences between the North and the South and apply it to the causes of the Civil War.

In 7th grade history news, our students are or have completed their study of the Middle Ages and have moved into the Renaissance, a time of rebirth throughout Europe. Students are learning the origins of the Renaissance and many of the amazing painters, sculptors, and writers of the time. Students will then connect the changing attitudes brought about by the Renaissance to the changes in the Catholic church with the Reformation.

## AVID

On March 27th, 175 Canyon Hills AVID students attended Disneyland to participate in their Youth Educational Series Program. Students had to achieve a 3.0 or higher GPA to be eligible to attend this trip. Students spent 11 hours in the park exploring and participating in the program that focused on the 4C's that Walt Disney attributed to his success: Curiosity, Confidence, Courage, and Constancy. Although the teachers were tired, fun was had by all.

## P.E. Department

Whether you teach math, science, reading, or yes, even physical education, there is one goal that is necessary for tomorrow's child — we want all of our students to use literacy skills in their content areas. When we think of literacy, we usually think of reading and writing. By doing so, we miss a piece of literacy that focuses on oral communication. In fact, the common notion of educating the whole child should probably be expanded to include attaining the total literacies of the child. The PE department at Canyon Hills has undergone an intensive rethinking of ways to naturally bring literacy into the outdoor classroom, without sacrificing movement. Our first step was to develop a comprehensive academic vocabulary list. We think these broad literary terms are necessary for each student to be able to understand and use within our physical education program. The ultimate goal is for each student to be able to articulate/demonstrate knowledge, skills and understanding of health, short-term, as well as long-term. We hope that when our students go into their adult years, that they will have the necessary literacy skills, from a health/fitness perspective, to be able to understand health and fitness related materials that are designed to educate them in living a healthy lifestyle. This is our way, as a PE department, to foster a child's ability to understand and interact positively with the world around them.

## Science

The science classes are a buzz of activity this month. The 7th graders are exploring their creative sides while linking it to science. Students are taking everyday items such as playdoh, straws, paperclips, pipe cleaners, etc. to create animals with either an exoskeleton or endoskeleton. Once their creature has materialized then they must make a stance as to why they created their animal in such a manner....discussing advantages as well as disadvantages to their creation.

The 8th grade science students are exploring the world of motion. They are learning about why and how objects move or don't move for that matter. Students are examining how different types of friction and physic laws affect our daily lives. They are learning to watch out for the apples that are dropping from the trees. It is a fun time being had by all in the science classes.

## Counselors Corner

### Lunch Bunch



Does your student need help with homework? Could your student use tutoring, especially with math? We're here to help! Lunch Bunch is

held on Mondays and Wednesdays during both lunches in room 410. In Lunch Bunch, we check agendas, help with homework and have wonderful tutors available to help. Please encourage your student to take advantage of this opportunity to get extra help!

