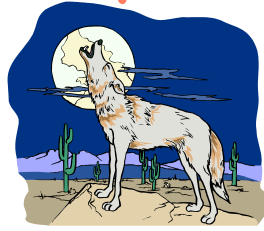


# The Coyote Call

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## The next four weeks at Canyon Hills

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| March 2-6  | Read A Thon                         |
| March 4    | Band Booster                        |
| March 4-5  | Talent Show Try Outs                |
| March 6    | End of 2nd Trimester                |
| March 9-27 | World's Finest Chocolate Sale       |
| March 10   | GATE Field trip (CA Science Center) |
| March 12   | Career Day                          |
| March 17   | Elementary School Visit             |

## March 2015

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| March 18 | AVID Meeting 6:45 a.m.            |
| March 18 | East Coast Trip Meeting 6:30 p.m. |
| March 19 | Talent Show                       |
| March 20 | Student Free Day                  |
| March 26 | Successfest (Minimum Day)         |
| March 27 | AVID Field Trip                   |
| March 27 | Math Meet                         |
| March 27 | Minimum Day                       |

## Science Department

Seventh grade students have been exploring the science of heredity learning how traits are determined and passed on from parents to offspring. Teachers have been reinforcing these concepts using Punnett squares to predict whether recessive, dominant, or codominant traits are likely to show in the offspring of parents with specific Mendelian traits. Pedigrees are a tool used to trace genetic traits/disorders through generations of family members. Students were given the opportunity to create their fingerprint cards and used these to help identify each other. A blood-typing mystery lab was an exciting way to reinforce the concepts seventh grade students are learning in this section.

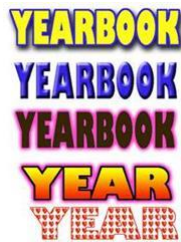
Eighth grade students have started the physics portion of their year. Classes are introduced to the topic of motion using concepts such as speed, velocity, and acceleration. Labs give students the opportunity to calculate speed, average speed, distance, and acceleration using marbles, toy cars, and paper helicopters to measure distance per unit of time. The labs also reinforce many of the formulas and application of numbers learned in their math classes. Newton's three Laws of Motion follow the initial introduction as

we begin focusing on forces and how they influence us and the objects and bodies around us.

## Yearbook

Why should you buy one? Because you're in it! Don't miss out on reserving a copy of the 2014-2015 Yearbook. Beginning March 1, the price goes up to \$50. There is a limited amount of books available and we do run out. Reserve your copy today.

Bring a check made out to Canyon Hills Junior High or cash to the office to purchase a book. Also, there is some space still available for a yearbook dedications. Information for the dedications is available in the office.



## English Department

This month the 7th grade English classes wrapped up the unit called "The Art of Argument: Tap vs. Bottled" and started Unit 5, "Plot Twists." In this unit we will be reading short stories by Rod Serling, Ray Bradbury and Edgar Allen Poe, as these authors are pros at writing a great plot twist! We will analyze poetry, including focusing on figurative language. While reading some of these selections we will also be discovering the historical significance of when and why the story was written. The students will culminate the unit by designing a game about one of the stories we read, and then by playing and evaluating each others' games.



In Ms. Shaw-Morgan's class we have also been studying word dissection with Greek and Latin roots by taking notes, using flashcards and studying for memorization. With the start of Unit 5 the students are taking notes and then will be making a poster of 24 different figures of speech. Some students just finished the book, Z For Zachariah by Robert C. O'Brien and highlighting parts where the main character's actions could be argued for or against, which were then used in a class discussion. All classes will be starting their next book which will parallel the "Plot Twists" theme.

## 8th Grade Language Arts

This month the eighth grade students will be focusing on the theme of "Morality." Students will be introduced to political propaganda and explore its effects as it relates to the annihilation of the Jewish people in Western Europe. Using the Diary of Anne Frank and additional research, students will gain an understanding of what behaviors, beliefs, and attributes allowed some to survive under horrendous conditions. This is a literature based unit using current Internet research strategies to complete performance tasks.



## Leadership

For the second time in two years, the Leadership/ASB class at Canyon Hills has received the Outstanding Leadership Program Award, an honor presented to only 5% of eligible schools in California. The students in Mrs. Wood's Leadership class applied for the honored distinction in January. The actual award will be received at the end of March in San Jose. Seven leadership students will be attending the California Association of Student Leaders (CASL) conference to accept the award. Those students are Eshaan Karia, Mitchell Iwasaki, Trevor Ramsey, Jacob Johnston, Maya Kim, Christina Yi, and Megan Oh.



Students in the Leadership class had to meet eleven different landmarks and criteria on the CADA/CASL Road Map for Improved School Climate and Culture to be selected for this award. These landmarks include having participated in professional leadership training, providing their peers with a voice in administration, uniting the campus with common experiences, using traditions to create a sense of pride and belonging, promoting achievement, offering safe and inclusive social opportunities, encouraging a culture of service, honoring diversity, communicating vision clearly (Building the World's Greatest Junior High School), concentrating on character education, and creating lasting connections with the students at the school.

Congratulations to Mrs. Wood and her Leadership students!

## Counselors Corner



Calling all Canyon Hills Junior High Parents! Do you have a career you'd love to share with students? Do you have an interesting job/career that could inform students about your industry? Do you have specialized training/education that could help

students set career goals? Are you an entrepreneur and/or business owner and could share business tips? We need parents from all career industries and educational backgrounds!! We need construction workers, doctors, lawyers, nurses, accountants, electricians, engineers, police officers, business owners, hair stylists, etc. This should be fun and a great learning experience for all! If you're interested in participating in Career Day, please contact Mrs. Uhr (909) 464-9938 or email Julie\_uhr@chino.k12.ca.us



**Career Day**  
**Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Canyon Hills Junior High**  
**Media Center**



## 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!

## College Shirts

In an effort to raise awareness and excitement for our student's future college and career goals, we have started College Shirt Wednesdays! Each Wednesday, please encourage your student to wear college shirts in an effort to continue building the college bound culture we have here at Canyon Hills! If you don't already have one, you can go to your college's school website or online bookstore or go to <http://www.fanatics.com/COLLEGE> to order one. Thanks for your participation and we are excited to see our students proudly wearing their college shirts!



## St. Patrick's Day

### Facts about Irish Americans

Every year on March 17, the Irish and the Irish-at-heart across the globe observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green.

- There are 34.7 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry. This number is more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.
- Irish is the nation's second most frequently reported ancestry, ranking behind German.
- Across the country, 11 percent of residents lay claim to Irish ancestry. That number more than doubles to 23 percent in the state of Massachusetts.
- Irish is the most common ancestry in 54 U.S. counties, of which 44 are in the Northeast. Middlesex County in Massachusetts tops the list with 348,978 Irish Americans, followed by Norfolk County, MA, which has 203,285.
- Irish ranks among the top five ancestries in every state except Hawaii and New Mexico. It is the leading ancestry group in Delaware, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
- There are approximately 144,588 current U.S. residents who were born in Ireland.



## St. Patrick's Day Celebration

- Corned beef and cabbage is a traditional St. Patrick's Day dish. In 2009, roughly 26.1 billion pounds of beef and 2.3 billion pounds of cabbage were produced in the United States.
- Irish soda bread gets its name and distinctive character from the use of baking soda rather than yeast as a leavening agent.
- Lime green chrysanthemums are often requested for St. Patrick's Day parades and celebrations.

[www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/st-patricks-day-facts](http://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/st-patricks-day-facts)