

The Coyote Call

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The next four weeks at Canyon Hills

Nov. 3 Fundraiser Prize Party
Nov. 4 Elections
Nov. 5-13 Book Fair
Nov. 10-11 No School
Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Nov. 12 Collect for USO
Nov. 14 End of 1st Trimester

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Nov. 14 Math Meet
Nov. 14 Debate Club
Nov. 12-20 Canned Food Drive
Nov. 18 Math AMC Test (2:15-3:15 p.m.)
Nov. 20 School Site Council Meeting
Nov. 21 Minimum Day
Nov. 24-28 Thanksgiving (No School)

Principal's Corner

Hello Parents,

I can't believe that we are already in November and a just few weeks away from the End of the First Trimester. We are off to great start with our staff working hard to support our students, taking advantage of every opportunity that is provided for them. A few items to note:

End of Trimester: As we near the end of the trimester, please stay abreast on your child's academic progress and seek out the appropriate support as needed. We sent information about creating Parent Portal accounts so that you can check your child's grades online. If you haven't set that up, please do so. Also, please call our office to verify your email account so that we have current information.

LCAP Parent Feedback: I want to thank the parents that attended the LCAP Parent Feedback forums that the district had organized. Your feedback is appreciated.

Pick-Up / Drop-Off: We are also in the process of revising our procedures for Pick-Up/Drop-Off with some additional signage etc. in an effort to keep our kids safe. Be on the lookout for changes.

Have a great month and Happy Thanksgiving.

Shehzad Bhojani

Science Department

8th grade classes are learning about energy and matter.....because it matters! Also because there are some fun experiments to do to explore the relationship between energy and matter.

7th grade classes are learning- What do I have in common with a plant....or with plankton in the ocean? It all has to do with cell structure and function - the focus for 7th grade this month.

English Department

The 7th grade will begin Unit 3 - "The Desire for Social Change." In this unit, the students will discuss the historical events and laws that prompted Charles Dickens to write *A Christmas Story*. Students will also complete an analysis of historical events and how they are referenced in literature. Each student will write an argumentative essay and participate in a culminating activity focused on identifying modern day social injustices. They will research (in groups) the topic of their choice and participate in a panel discussion.

The 8th grade will also begin Unit 3 - "Scientific Responsibility." In this unit, the 8th grade students will recognize the differences between well-supported ideas and emotion-based opinions. They will describe the content and purpose of an entire article. In groups, students will develop Bloom's level, open-ended questions about the text that require higher level thinking skills. Finally, the students will create a policy change regarding scientific responsibility that will be presented during a panel discussion.

Math Department

The 7th grade mathematicians will be delving into the world of rates and percents. They will be using percents to find out how much things really cost after adding on amounts such as tax and tip, how much you will you save depending on interest in a savings account, and how much a car will be worth after five years of depreciation.



The 8th graders will look at multiple representations of linear functions as well as begin to learn about the real number system. We will look at rational vs. irrational numbers.

Our math meet for November will be on November 14.

Reading and Writing Club

Calling all readers and writers! Looking for an after-school club where you will feel right at home? That cozy, secure feeling you get around others who share your love for reading and writing is right here. Bring the latest book you are reading to share about, bring your latest writing to share will be great. The Reading and Writing Club meets every Monday from 2-3 p.m., Room 301 Ms. Browning. You will have a great time!

See you there.

Physical Education Department

The month of November brings various sports and activities to the kids within the Physical Education program at Canyon Hills:

Mrs. Walker's class is learning how to play Hockey.

Mrs. Aker's class is playing volleyball.

Ms. Bromley's class moves to table tennis.

Mr. Martin's 7th grade is learning the basic swing techniques to golf. His 8th grade kids are playing Angle Ball

Mr. Booth's class has moved from table tennis to our State Fitness Gram Pre-Testing assessment.

History Department

We were excited to have a guest speaker in October for our 7th grade history students. Father Mina, a parent of one of our students and an Eastern Orthodox priest, spoke to all of our 7th grade students about Eastern Orthodox Christianity. His presentation supported our study of the Byzantine Empire.

This month, our 7th grade World History students will be completing their study of the expansion of the Islamic Empire and will begin studying West African civilizations. Students will learn how the Islamic Empire helped shape the culture of West Africa. Our 8th Grade U.S. History students will be focusing their learning on the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights. Since elections are upcoming, we encourage parents to speak with your students about voting and the importance of the democratic election process.

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FBLA Club

Future Business Leaders of America, Middle Level is well on its way. Students are learning about how businesses support the

community and vice versa. The FBLA President, Nicholas Chib contacted Chino Hills Mayor, Ed Graham to present to the club. On October 27th, Mayor Graham taught the students about their community and instilled a sense of pride for their city. In addition, the Mayor was able to inspire new ideas for how FBLA could be of more service to the local community. We greatly appreciated his time and commitment to his community.

Facilitator Tamra Rowcliffe, Ed.D.



Choir

Our Canyon Hills JHS Choir invites you to attend Novembre Notturmo (November Nocturne) on Sat. Nov. 15th in our Media Center. It will consist of a yummy, spaghetti dinner from 6 to 7 PM and a wonderful, solo concert from 7 to 8 PM. Pre-sale tickets will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for children ages 3 to 17, and children ages 2 and under are free. Please RSVP and send payment to Mrs. Laura Iacopetti, with cash or check made out to 'Canyon Hills Music Club' by Friday, November 7th. (Please note with your RSVP if you would like your spaghetti with meat sauce OR with meatless marinara sauce.) A limited number of \$20 tickets may be purchased at the door, as well. Reserve your seat early! Then come enjoy the Italian evening with us!!



Also, our Canyon Hills Choir has been invited for the fifth year in a row to sing in the Chino Hills Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Shoppes on Friday, November 21st at 7 PM. Come enjoy the festivities, including snow flurries and Santa's appearance! (Parking is always a challenge, so it's a good idea to come early. 5,000 people attended last year's ceremony!)

Technology Students

Hi Parents of Technology Students,

We have completed our first project which was a wood cutout of your child's initials. They started on the computer and typed in their initials, changing the size and the font. Once they were printed out we cut them out as a template and traced them onto a pine wood board. The students then cut them out on a scroll saw. The sanding was the long tedious part. We meticulously sanded out all the cuts, rough edges and marks. We put wood putty in blemishes and glued down any loose or broken pieces. After that we either painted or stained our letters. It was a lot of work, but a lot of fun as well. The kids are very proud of their work. We had the opportunity to parade our work through the office for the wonderful staff to show their approval. They were very gracious to let us walk through. Please ask your child to see their projects.

We have been learning programming in computer class, which the kids find very fascinating to manipulate. We will be using simple code to make various programs. If you can, please allow your child to get onto Khan Academy and get an account. They will need an email account, so they can use the parent email or their own.

Our next Lab project will be making small wooden cars for Santa's Workshop. We donate these cars to a non-profit organization that sends these cars (and other needed items) to children in impoverished countries. They can take a picture on their phone of their finished car.

Thanks,

Mr. Hemsley

