



# Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School \* PTA/CEF Newsletter  
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## Principal's Message

Hello Chaparral families,

In returning to Chaparral after Spring Break, I am sure that you noticed we are once again under construction.

Chaparral is on phase two of our construction renovation. This will encompass new air conditioning units in each class, new ceilings, paint and new carpet, and replacement of the cabinets in all of the classrooms. The office wing will have a little more drastic face lift. Chaparral's front office door will face the parking lot when our construction is completed. We will have an easier access for all volunteers, parents, and students to enter our school. The office will have a renovated staff workroom, a new lounge, and our health office will be completely redone on the inside. Plans include two adult restrooms and a large staff restroom.

Look for a new kitchen that will be next to our outside lunch area. This should be a wonderful place for students to enjoy their daily lunch, with a "hands washing" area included.

Our portable trailers are also getting updated as they will have sinks in each classroom, and we will continue to have five permanent trailers housed on campus directly behind the bathrooms next to room 6.

With these renovations in process, you will see construction workers and fences, please remember that the fences are there for your safety and we are not to enter in any of these areas.

Phase three will include the inner and outer square renovation which will be completed in the summer. We are looking forward to the fall, when we will be able to see and use the finished product.

*Holly Brommer, Principal*

## Upcoming Events

- STAR Testing Apr.21-30
- Comm. Gthring/Spirit Day April 30
- Kids Korps Eco Day April 30
- STAR Testing May 1-2
- Kindergarten Registration May 7
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation May 12,14,16
- Fun Run May 17
- Kids Korps Activity May 14
- Memorial Day - No School May 26
- Community Gathering May 28
- Kids Korps Eco Day May 28

## NO CHARGE POLICY STRICTLY ENFORCED AS OF MAY 1, 2008

PUSD has a "no charge" policy on all campuses. District School Lunch Program regulations do not allow for meal charges. Therefore, it is the responsibility of parents or guardians to pay for meals before they are served. Any student that arrives in the cafeteria after May 1, 2008 without lunch money will be sent to the office to call home. Prepayment for meals is encouraged by using a pre-pay envelope available from your school office or by logging on to [www.MyLunchMoney.com](http://www.MyLunchMoney.com).

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**Kindergarten Registration** is on May 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the MPR.

**FYI: Minimum Day** on Thursday, June 12th, (last day of school) K-5th Grade will DISMISS at **1:00 p.m.**

## *A Message From Your PTA President*

Dear Chaparral Families & Staff,

I hope everyone had a wonderful break!

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our PTA Association meeting the night of Open House. You have elected your new board for next year and they are excited to begin planning next year's events/programs.

We have a couple of things coming up at Chaparral in May:

**Teacher/Staff Appreciation** is May 12, 14 & 16. Please look for direction from your room parents as to how your class is celebrating our wonderful teachers & staff during this week. Our traditional staff luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 14, and more information will be sent home via your child's room parents as the date gets closer.

**The Fun Run** is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am. If you are interested in participating as a runner or just a volunteer we'd love to see you out there! More information will be coming home in your child's Friday folders soon.

**Reflections Update:** For those of you who submitted entries. We have just received our students' entries back from Palomar Council. All original works will be returned to the children through their individual classrooms. Thank you to those who participated in this event and for your patience while waiting for your pieces back!

**STAR Testing** is coming up the last 2 weeks of April. The office has asked all volunteers to limit our volunteering/activities during the mornings so the students have their full attention focused on the testing. Thank you for your help!

Warmly,

*Samantha Worden*

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

# Chaparral's 5K Fun Run!

**DATE:** MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
**RUN START:** 9:00 AM  
**ROUTE:** Chaparral Track ↔ Tannin ↔ Decant  
↔ Valle Verde ↔ Old Winery



Look for more information to come home in your child's Friday Folder.  
If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jenni Gillespie at  
[JEN.G@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:JEN.G@EARTHLINK.NET) or 858-774-1522.

## *PTA Executive & Appointed Board for 2008-2009*

### PTA Executive Positions

Position	Potential
President	Carolyn Beckwith
Executive Vice President	Samantha Worden
1st VP – Volunteer Coordinator	Jeanine Ramos
2nd VP – Ways & Means	Selina Dudley
3rd VP – Membership	Paola Collins
4th VP – Communications	Kelly Batten
Recording Secretary	Monica Cogger
Corresponding Secretary	Lourie Archer
Treasurer	Tracy O'Connor
Auditor	Beverly Whitman
Historian	Janeen Bork
Parliamentarian	Jennifer Boaz
Teacher Representative	Denise Dwyer/Liz Sabin

### Appointed Board Positions

Position	Potential
Book Fair	Jennifer Boaz/Monica Riordan
Character Counts	Lourie Archer
<b>Directory</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
Family Fun Nights / Movies etc.	Lourie Archer / Jennifer Boaz
Family Fun Dances	Monica Cogger/Tracy O'Connor
First Day Packets	S. Worden / C. Beckwith
Gift Wrap	Selina Dudley
Fitness Club	Cliff Wilson
Holiday Shop	Selina Dudley
Hospitality	Angelea Bruce / Rose Ruppert
Jog-a-thon	Cliff Wilson
Kids Korps / Community	Sue Sullivan
Library Helpers	Marilyn Wellnitz
Marquee Maintenance	Christy Glenn
Melody Makers	Vickie Unnasch + Co-Chair
Mentor Program	Sue Sullivan
MPR Decorations	Lourie Archer
Music Program	Kathy Fisher
Olympic Field Day	Carolyn Beckwith
PE	Eileen Murray
PTA Website	Samantha Worden
Red Ribbon Week	<b>OPEN</b>
Character Counts Week	Lourie Archer
Reflections	Leslie Gallegos
Room Parent Coordinator	Lourie Archer
School Pictures	Serena Duardo / Norina Colborn
Yearbook	Linda Folts
5th Grade Promotion	Linda Folts

### *Teacher/Staff Appreciation is May 12th, 14th & 16th!!!*

How is your garden growing??

Get those flowers ready for Teacher/Staff Appreciation on *May 12, 14 and 16th*. This is a time where our kids can express their gratitude toward and appreciation of Chaparral's amazing teachers and staff members.

Look for more information to come home from your child's Room Parent.

## Spring Pictures Update



Our Spring pictures were sent home at the end of March. They all looked great! This is a reminder to send payment for your pictures to your teacher as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Also, please send back any pictures sheets you do not want. Thank you for helping make the Spring picture program a success.

Contact Kim Summers at 618-1566 or [summers91@earthlink.net](mailto:summers91@earthlink.net) with any questions.

## Box Top News



"Congratulations to Mrs. Seawright's class for winning the Box Top Monkey! Way to go! Mr. Carson's class won the Hula Monkeys, great job!

Keep looking for and clipping Box Tops!!! Our school has turned in over 11,000 Box Tops so far this school year! Wow! That's \$1100.00 for our school!

Kathy Provoast, Box Top Coordinator"

Chaparral Educational Foundation

## SPELL-A-THON 2008



Chaparral teachers, parents and students have a lot to be proud of when reviewing what they achieved this year for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Spell-A-Thon! We managed to raise money for literacy, technology and Art Corp, and had fun learning new spelling words too. A huge "Thank you" goes to the over 40 correctors that volunteered their time after the test on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Congratu-

lations to the winning classrooms. You are the bee's knees!

Classrooms with highest average correct:

- Kindergarten...Mrs. Sabin
- 1<sup>st</sup> .....Ms. Westmoreland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Mrs. Seawright
- 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Mr. Carson
- 4<sup>th</sup> .....Mr. Staples

Classrooms with the most pledges:

- Kindergarten...Ms. Mendez
- 1<sup>st</sup> .....Fousek/Glady
- 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Mrs. Mahelona
- 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Mr. Voorhees
- 4<sup>th</sup> .....Mrs. Seeley

If you haven't turned in your pledges, it isn't too late.

**Be smart! Support technology at Chaparral!**



## *Chaparral Education Foundation (CEF) is looking for New Board Members*

CEF is looking for interested parents to join our board. Get a chance to work with other dynamic parents and staff to raise funds *and* spend money to enhance **your** child's education.

The purpose of CEF is to raise money to enhance our children's education primarily through the purchase of technology-based equipment. In working with the Principal, Teacher Representatives and the Technology Officer of PUSD, CEF sets goals and purchases items that are not already funded through the district. This year, we were able to meet our goal of equipping every classroom with a doc-u-cam! Another role of CEF is to supplement the Librarian and Computer Aide with extra hours as well as fund Chaparral's school wide art program, Art Corps.

CEF meets once a month. Anyone interested is invited to come and attend our next board meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm. Please call Melinda Winship at 858-487-3106 to RSVP and to get more details!

## Chaparral's



## Kids Korps

**Photo Drive Reminder!** Thank you to all of you who have combed through old photos looking for pictures of children who lost their home during the fires. We will continue to ask you to take some time between now and the end of the school year to continue to search your photos for more pictures. Big envelopes with the following family names are tacked to Chaparral's library entry-way for you to use to deposit the photo copies.

Barad- Krisztina, Dani & Adam  
 Brady- Matthew  
 Brewer- Kevin & Alycia  
 Chandler- Dakota, Devon & Skylar  
 Conner- Katie (BHMS)  
 Estrada- Evan, Natalie & Hannah  
 Fitch- Anna & Duke  
 Fridolfs- Hunter & Ryan

Heumann- Karrson  
 Hull- Chloe & Ben  
 Justin- Kate & Michael  
 Kinnick- Zachary & Taylor  
 Lopez- Dante & Bianca  
 Marcus- Jonathon, Matthew & Katie  
 Martin- Emily & Haley

Nideffer- Jason & Jeffrey  
 Sengpaseuth, Gloria & Philene  
 Stofell- Alex, Shannon & JT (RBHS/BHMS)  
 Tou- Connor & Carlin  
 Van Heel- Cade, Jake & Brock  
 Worden- Makayla, Brice & Ryan  
 Yurman, Dana & Aaron  
 Zakoor- Andrew, MacKenzie & Alex

If you are a family who has lost pictures and would like to be included in our efforts, please contact Sue Sullivan.

**Remember to "LEAD BY EXAMPLE!"**

## ***Counselors' Corner***

From ***Let the Butterfly Struggle*** – a commentary by Michael Josephson

A new mother discovered a butterfly struggling mightily to escape its cocoon through a small opening at the top of its nest. She became concerned when the little creature seemed to give up after making no progress, and couldn't resist opening the hole slightly.

On its next try, the butterfly wriggled out with ease, but the young woman's joy turned to horror when she saw that the butterfly's wings were shriveled and useless.

Her well-intentioned intervention had interrupted a natural process. Forcing the butterfly to squeeze through a tiny opening is nature's way of assuring that blood from the creature's body is pushed into its wings. By making that procedure faster and easier, the young mom deprived the butterfly of developing strong wings.

Isn't childhood somewhat like a cocoon? If a healthy adult is to emerge, parents must allow their children to struggle and make their own mistakes and learn from them. If we constantly step in, our children cannot grow the healthy "wings" they need to survive.

When the butterfly emerges healthy and strong, self-reliance, high self-esteem and self-confidence come with it.

Happy Parenting!

Molly Engblom, School Counselor (Available Days: Mon, Thurs, Friday in Rm. 46)

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## **PUSD - Integrated Preschool Opportunity**

Poway Unified School District is pleased to offer for the 2008-2009 school year, Integrated Preschool Programs at Pomarado Elementary and Deer Canyon Elementary schools. They will serve 3-5 yr-old children with and without special needs. A general education developmental curriculum will include both large and small group circle time, play, and language activities. Other skills and activities introduced are music and rhythm, self help skills, thinking skills, language arts, social skills, number concepts, gross and fine motor skills. The children who have special needs may experience difficulty in one or more of the following areas: speech and language, play skills, and social skills. The success of the integrated program greatly depends on the inclusion of children without special needs who act as models as all children learn together.

All children in the preschool programs will work as an integrated group. They will have opportunities to work and play together in an atmosphere of acceptance and understanding. The curriculum is play-based, which means that children are encouraged to play together in a way that leads to growth and development.

Our preschool staff will meet with you and arrange a class visitation and provide information about enrollment.

**Class Time:** M-F, 5 hours per day (Alternate times will be considered)

**Options:** 3 and 5 day options available.

**Cost:** Five day program is \$310 a month. Prorated rates are available for other options. There is also a one time, non-refundable \$50 registration fee.

Currently, there are openings available and registration will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. If interested, please contact **Lynn Salo at 858-668-4137** for further information.