



Hawk's Eye View

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

A Recipe for Creating a Balanced Classroom

- A sprinkling of unique gifts, talents and special needs.
- One-part boys to one-part girls.
- Mix cultural diversity and English learners.
- Blend a variety of interest and learning styles.
- Stir in ongoing communications between home and school.
- Warm with knowledge and understanding.

Spring is the time of year that parents often inquire about how we create balanced classes. As you know, building classes for K-5 is an enormous task involving over 800 unique and special children. Therefore, all class placement decisions are made at grade level team meetings, with the involvement of the school principal.

We cannot honor requests for specific teachers, but do welcome the valuable input that only parents can provide. If you feel there are extenuating circumstances that should be taken into account when placement is made, you may write a letter to us outlining the concerns/information that we need to know. A copy of this letter should be directed to Ms. Brommer. These letters are due by Friday, May 23, 2008, and will be forwarded to next year's grade level team.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

Sincerely

Holly Brommer, Principal

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Volunteer Tea May 28
- Kids Korps Eco Day May 28
- Community Gathering June 4
- Kids Korps End of Year Party June 4
- Melody Makers Concert (7pm) June 6
- 5th Grade Promotion (9:30) June 11
- Last Day of School (out at 1 pm) June 12

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.

Julie Peterson, SNS, Food & Nutrition Area Supervisor
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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,

Summer is almost here (can you believe it?!). But before we can get out our boogie boards, wetsuits, sunscreen and head to the beach, we have just a few things to take care of first...

Teacher/Staff Appreciation is just around the corner. Please help us honor our wonderful staff May 12th, 14th & 16th. We have a great lunch planned for Wednesday 5/14, if you're interested in helping/donating please contact Carolyn Beckwith @ beckwith@san.rr.com or (858) 592-9484.

The Fun Run is scheduled for May 17th beginning at 9am. There is still time to turn in your registration forms! Please contact Jenni Gillespie @ jen.g@earthlink.net or (858) 613-1684 if you're interested.

As you all know, the inter-core classrooms & library are busy packing up for the next phase of construction. The PTA room will also have to be packed up beginning Tuesday, May 20th. If you have left personal items in this room, please remove them before the 20th or they will be packed away until school returns in the fall.

And finally, this will be my last President's Message for this school year. I would like to thank all of you for supporting PTA, our students and staff here at Chaparral. We live in such a wonderful area and I am still astounded at the abundance of caring and support our community expresses on a daily basis. I would also like to thank each and every one of my Chairpersons & Room Parents who organized and worked our PTA events this year. YOU ROCK! It has been my pleasure to serve you these last 2 years. I truly value the friendships I have made and the goals we've accomplished together. I leave you in the very capable hands of Carolyn to lead you next year and can't wait to see what you achieve together! Thank you for putting your faith and commitment into PTA, our wonderful volunteers, and our school community!

I wish you all a fantastic and relaxing summer,

Samantha Worden

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

Chaparral's 5K Fun Run!

DATE: MAY 17TH
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 or 858-774-1522.

Volunteer Tea

Mark your calendar and plan to come and celebrate **YOU!!**

Chaparral's Volunteer Tea is fast approaching:

May 28th @ 2:00 p.m.

This is our time to thank all of our wonderful volunteers and celebrate all of the many contributions made to Chaparral over the past year.

Thank you Volunteers!!

Honorary Service Award

Please don't forget to turn in your Ballots for the Honorary Service Award.

All Ballots are due *May 19th*.

The drop off box and extra forms are located in the PTA room.

Sincerely,
The Honorary Service Committee

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.

Teacher/Staff Luncheon is on May 14th. Please e-mail Lourie Archer @ laarcher01@hotmail.com if you would like to contribute a food/drink item.

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

Band & Orchestra News!!!

Spring Band & Orchestra Concert will take place on *May 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR*.

Jazz Band will perform at Twin Peaks Middle School on *May 29th at 6:00 p.m.*

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to support Chaparral's musicians!!!

Many thanks to Kathy Fawcett . . . Chaparral's amazing Band and Orchestra teacher. Thank you Ms. Fawcett!!

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!"

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. Please call Melinda Winship at 858-487-3106 for more information about Chaparral Education Foundation.

Moving on to Middle School?

The BHMS Education Foundation Needs You !!

The Bernardo Heights Education Foundation has 3 openings on it's Board of Directors for the 2008-2009 school year. If you are interested in finding out more about these openings, please contact any of the following former/current Chaparral parents who serve on the BHMS Foundation: Vicki Reagan (vicki@reaganfamily.com); Anita Edmondson (anitaedmondson@sbcglobal.net); or Jennifer Fries (hotffries2@sbcglobal.net). To find out more, please join us at our next monthly BHMS Foundation meeting which takes place on *May 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the BHMS Library.*



Chaparral PTA

Counselors' Corner

This month's Counselors' Corner will focus on the importance of building your child's self-esteem. Having a high self-esteem will give your child a sense that they belong and that they are loved. Self-esteem will help your child achieve success, handle problems, and to try new things.

There are many ways that we can help build a child's self-esteem. First and foremost, love and accept your child. It is not necessary to point out what a child is doing wrong at all times, this will discourage your child from trying new things. It is important for your child to know that you love and accept them no matter what they do (even if they have made a poor choice).

Another way to increase self-esteem is by noticing your child's efforts. Let your child know that you see improvements (even if they are very small). Look for a chance to let your child know that you have noticed them. This acknowledgment will give your child a feeling of self worth and acceptance.

In addition, you can improve your child's self esteem by allowing them to contribute to the family. This again will give them a sense of belonging. Give your child tasks that help the family (making dinner, gardening, etc.), include them in family decisions; show appreciation when a child does something without being told.

Finally, have faith in your child's abilities. Look for your child's strengths. These are the qualities and talents that make your child special. Every child has strengths and abilities; sometimes you just have to look a little harder to see them. If you believe in your child, then they will believe in themselves. Don't worry if your child makes mistakes-instead think of ways you can help your child feel capable enough to try again.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to suggest a topic for an upcoming article, please feel free to give me a call.

Happy Parenting!
Molly Engblom, School Counselor

PUSD - Integrated Preschool Opportunity

Poway Unified School District is pleased to offer for the 2008-2009 school year, Integrated Preschool Programs at Pomero 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.