



# Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School \* PTA \* CEF Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

"Chaparral recognized as a top school in San Diego County by San Diego Magazine" September 2007

Welcome Back Everyone! Chaparral looks terrific, our hardworking teachers and staff are kicking off the year with lots of exciting learning projects and our students have grown an inch or two in both stature and character over the summer! We're so proud of each and every one of them!

I apologize for a shaky start with home school communication due to downed networks, no phone access, and power for the first part of August. However, I am happy to report that everything is up and running, so we can now successfully utilize our Connect Ed. phone system, the school newsletter, e-mail, and web pages to keep the lines of communication open, as we have in the past!

I want to thank all of our families, staff, and students for your personal help and support in getting back to school prepared for another successful and prosperous year! When on campus, one can feel our children's genuine excitement about being back with their teachers and classmates! Their collective enthusiasm and love for our school is contagious!!!!!!

Holly Brommer, Principal

## New Office Hours

8:55 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (M, T, Th, F)

8:55 a.m.—2:30 p.m. (W)

## Arrival and Dismissal News

The first through fifth grade playground and the front kindergarten playground are now open at 8:40 pm. If walking onto campus or parking on Tannin, please feel free to enter our playground each morning with your child. There are now three 8:40 playground gates for your convenience. These gates are located in the following locations:

1. The Front Kindergarten Gate (Kindergarten and PEPP students only)
2. The Back Cul-de-sac Gate
3. The Far Front Gate between the MPR and track (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade).

Our classroom gates open at 8:55, students are tardy at 9:00.

When picking up your child in the evening, make sure your child knows where you plan to meet them. Remember, we have "drop off and pickup" in both the front and back of the school. Busses pick-up from the front only.

If you are entering the campus on foot, the designated gathering and pick-up spots are on the playground in the back of the school, the kindergarten playground (for all kindergartners and PEPPers), and just inside or outside the front gate near the office.

As a courtesy to other parents, students, and staff, *please do not arrange to meet your child at the classroom door.* With 800+ students the isles are easily blocked and staff is impeded from getting students to their parents waiting in cars and busses lined up for pick-up.

*Thank you in advance for your support!*

## Upcoming Events

➤ Labor Day - No School	Sept. 3
➤ Room Parent Meeting (9:15 AM in Library)	Sept. 5
➤ School Pictures	Sept. 5&6
➤ Back To School Carnival @ Valle Verde Park	Sept. 7
➤ MAPS Testing	Sept. 10
➤ Kids Korps Activity	Sept. 12
➤ Gift Wrap Fundraiser	Sept. 7-21
➤ Community Gathering/ Spirit Day	Sept. 26
➤ Kids Korps - Eco Day	Sept. 26
➤ Professional Growth Day District Wide - No School	Sept. 28

## *A Message From Your PTA President*

Welcome back to school! We have LOTS of fun things planned for this year, some old favorites returning and new things for Chaparral. Please check the PTA calendar and pencil us in.

Our first family event for this year is the Kick off Carnival at Valle Verde Park from 4-7pm. We hope you'll spend the evening with us for some music, games, and a great time hanging out with your family and friends. Hamburger Factory, Papa John's Pizza, and Pat & Oscar's are returning to provide meals for only \$5 each. Tickets will be on sale at the Carnival. We hope you'll join us!

If you haven't already, PLEASE consider joining Chaparral PTA. For only \$10/member your money will help to fund our great programs for the children at school. PE, Music, Character Counts, Reflections, Kids Korp, Melody Makers, carnival, family fun nights (such as dances & movie nights), library books, assemblies, teacher accounts – and much more - are just some of the things PTA supports throughout the school year and we need your help! Did you know your teachers support PTA with their memberships? We hope you will too. If you've misplaced your PTA registration packet (on goldenrod paper) additional packets/membership forms are available in the office or the PTA room.

Calling all members! Our first PTA Association meeting is August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6-6:30pm, in-between the Back-to-School Night sessions. I encourage all members to come and see how we are working to help support our school. Your presence and input is valuable to us!

As always, your PTA board is here to serve you, our children, and the staff. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at [sworden@san.rr.com](mailto:sworden@san.rr.com) or 858-485-1320. I look forward to seeing you all around school this year.

Warmly,  
Samantha Worden

**CELEBRATE!**

## *Back to School Carnival!!!*

Come Kick off the new school year with family and friends on September 7<sup>th</sup> at Valle Verde Park from 4-7pm. Food, games, music and prizes for all!!! Hamburger Factory, Papa John's and Pat and Oscars food too!!

MANY volunteers are needed to ensure the carnival's success! Please contact Lourie Archer @ [laarcher01@hotmail.com](mailto:laarcher01@hotmail.com) or (858) 487-8807 if you can help!

## *Gift Wrap Fundraiser* (FALL FUNDRAISER 2007 - SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>-21<sup>ST</sup>)

As you know, many of the wonderful programs provided by the PTA require funds. Our Gift Wrap Fundraiser is one of the biggest of the year and provides the PTA with the resources to support Chaparral's children with a variety of programs (such as music) and events (such as the Back to School Carnival) throughout the school year. We are pleased to announce Community Resources is back and their new catalog is beautiful!

Please remember, "When PTA gets involved, all children benefit. When you get involved in PTA, the child who benefits most is yours." So, please, help us build a strong foundation for your child by supporting this year's fall fundraiser.

*Look for more information to come in Friday Folders on September 7.  
Orders are due to your child's teacher by Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.*

## Are you a PTA Member?

Membership is only \$10! Take a look at some of the important programs PTA supports:

Back to School Carnival Book Fair Fitness Club  
 Hospitality Character Counts  
 Red Ribbon Week Family Fun Night Dances Family Fun Movie Night  
 Family Fun Astronomy Night  
 Kids Korps Family Fun Birch Aquarium Melody Makers  
 Room Parents Jog-a-thon/Turkey Trot Reflections  
 Music Program 5th Grade Promotion School Pictures  
 Mentor Program Teacher Appreciation  
 Olympic Field Day

We couldn't do any of this without your support!!! Please join PTA!!!

Go to [www.chaparralpta.com](http://www.chaparralpta.com) and click "Membership" for more information!!!



*PTA's New Website:*  
[www.chaparralpta.com](http://www.chaparralpta.com)

Did you forget an important PTA date? Go to: [www.chaparralpta.com](http://www.chaparralpta.com)  
 Have you misplaced your Hawk's Eye View? Go to: [www.chaparralpta.com](http://www.chaparralpta.com)  
 Do you Need a volunteer form? Go to: [www.chaparralpta.com](http://www.chaparralpta.com)  
 Want to know who is doing what? Go to: [www.chaparralpta.com](http://www.chaparralpta.com)  
 Want to know what PTA is all about anyway? Go to: [www.chaparralpta.com](http://www.chaparralpta.com)

So . . . . . Where you gonna go for help?

That's right . . . . [www.chaparralpta.com](http://www.chaparralpta.com)!! What are you waiting for????

## 2007-08 PTA Board

<b>President:</b>	<b>Samantha Worden</b>
<b>Executive VP:</b>	<b>Jennifer Boaz</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VP Volunteer Coord.:</b>	<b>Lourie Archer</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ways &amp; Means:</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
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<b>4<sup>th</sup> VP - Communications:</b>	<b>Karen Wood</b>
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<b>Parliamentarian:</b>	<b>Carolyn Beckwith</b>
<b>PTA Teacher Rep.:</b>	<b>Liz Sabin</b>

## 2007-08 PTA Goals

- Promote an open-door policy within our school community.
- Improve communication with staff, teachers, parents, and the community.
- Increase awareness among the parents and community of the benefits of being a PTA member and strive to increase our enrollment.
- Support Chaparral by investing in Music, P.E., and Character Counts.
- Maintain volunteer opportunities for parents and children.
- Support our school library by purchasing new books.
- Promote school spirit and have fun!

## PTA Needs YOU!!

We are looking for some help on our PTA board:

- Hospitality (can be shared by 2 or more people) and
- VP of Ways & Means (fundraising coordinator) is open and waiting for YOU!

Please contact Samantha Worden @ [sworden@san.rr.com](mailto:sworden@san.rr.com) / 858-485-1320 for more information.



## School Picture Day

SMILE!

Smile! It's that time of year again – get ready for Picture Day. Students received flyers this week at school with all of the package information. This pre-pay program requires you to pay for your package order on picture day. Please send your payment in the envelope provided with your student.

### Picture Days are:

- **Wednesday, 9/5** - Preschool, PEPP, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- **Thursday, 9/6** - Preschool, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades

Questions? Contact Kim Summers 618-1566/[summers91@earthlink.net](mailto:summers91@earthlink.net).

## ROOM PARENT MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>  
9:15 – 10:15 A.M.  
In the Library



## Scholastic Book Fair!!

OCTOBER 1st - 5th

Mark your calendars now for this year's Scholastic Book Fair, the proceeds of which directly support the purchase of new library books for our library. Volunteers are needed! If you are interested in helping either with set-up, cashiering, or simply helping children choose books, then please contact Jennifer Boaz at [jrboaz@earthlink.net](mailto:jrboaz@earthlink.net) or call 675-0006.

## Volunteers

Thank you in advance for enhancing our school with your precious time.

1. Have you filled out a Megan's Law form? - *Contact Jeanine Ramos for more information.*
2. Do you have an up-to-date TB test on file with the school? - *Contact Jeanine Ramos for more information.*
3. Will you be driving on a field-trip this year? - *Please see the office for an updated insurance form.*
4. Is it too late to volunteer for an event? - *Never! E-mail Lourie Archer to be included.*
5. When do we take pictures for volunteer name badges? - *The PTA offers this to all PTA members on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am- 9:00am.*

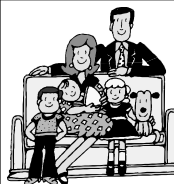
If you have any other questions about volunteering, please don't hesitate to contact either Lourie or Jeanine.

Lourie Archer  
Volunteer Coordinator  
[laarcher01@hotmail.com](mailto:laarcher01@hotmail.com)

Jeanine Ramos  
Clearance Coordinator  
[jeanineramos@cox.net](mailto:jeanineramos@cox.net)

*"We make a living by what we get,  
we make a life by what we give."*

*Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)*



## Family Portrait Fundraiser

Family Portrait Fun will be back again this year taking both indoor and outdoor portraits. For a sitting fee of \$30, each family will receive a beautiful 10"x13" portrait printed in either color or black and white. *\$15 from each sitting fee will go back to Chaparral.*

Portraits will be taken on:

- Monday, 10/22 - 5-8pm in the MPR
- Sunday, 10/28 - 9-noon at Old Poway Park.

Sign up for appointments and get more information at [www.familyportraitfun.com](http://www.familyportraitfun.com).

It's fun, quick and easy and the more families that participate the higher the contribution back to Chaparral.

Please contact Marilyn Leifer at 858-592-6628, if you have any questions.

## Character Counts!

We have already earned the distinct title of "National School of Character" thanks to the hard work of many people. Even so, we are always looking for new ways to enhance Character at our School. With this in mind, each grade will be assigned a Pillar Color to wear at our Community Gatherings. *(Parents, please don't go out and buy a new shirt for this day. The kids can simply take a white piece of paper and write their Pillar trait in their designated color.)*

Grade assignments are as follows:

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|--|------------------------------------|
| * Trustworthiness-3 <sup>rd</sup> grade (Blue) | * Fairness-Kindergarten (Orange)   |
| * Respect -5 <sup>th</sup> grade(yellow)       | * Caring - 2nd grade (Red)         |
| * Responsibility-4 <sup>th</sup> grade (Green) | * Citizenship - 1st grade (Purple) |

Please mark your calendars for Chaparral Community Gathering days and plan to participate. Community Gathering will occur at the beginning of school on the following dates: 8/29, 9/26, 10/31, 11/28, 12/19, 1/30, 2/27, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28.

Lourie Archer - [laarcher01@hotmail.com](mailto:laarcher01@hotmail.com)  
Character Counts Chairperson



### CHAPPIES NEEDED TO MARCH IN THE POWAY PARADE!!

Chaparral PTA, along with Kids Korps, is organizing a group of students to march in the Poway Days Community Day Parade on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00AM.

If you are interested in joining us while we show our support for Chaparral by waiving our Character Counts flags, please contact Sue Sullivan at 673-4433 or [suewt@san.rr.com](mailto:suewt@san.rr.com).



### GIRL SCOUTS at CHAPARRAL

Young girls today are our voices of tomorrow!

Chaparral girls benefit from the fun, friendship, community service and all the opportunities that Girl Scouts provides. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Your daughter can be one of these girls!

We are looking for adults who are interested in forming new troops. Troop parents work together to provide the Girl Scout experience. Training and workshops are provided.

**JOIN OR START A GIRL SCOUT TROOP AT CHAPARRAL!**

Daisy Girl Scouts---Kindergarten  
Brownie Girl Scouts---grades 1-3  
Junior Girl Scouts---grades 4-6

If you are interested, please contact Yvonne Dozier at 858.674.4304 or [edozier@cts.com](mailto:edozier@cts.com).



**Cub Scout Pack 627  
is looking for new Scouts!!!**

All boys, grades 1 thru 5, interested in Hiking, Camping, Model Rockets, Pinewood Derby, and all things scout-y, please contact Kevin Hughes 858-451-1786, or e-mail him at [goodfood-now@att.net](mailto:goodfood-now@att.net) for more info.

### Student Guide Coat Rack Needed!!!

Mrs. Dorr is looking for a small portable clothes rack (on wheels maybe) that has a bar to hang the Student Guide Jackets. She has seen small ones at Linens and Things. If you have anything similar that you would like to donate, or if you would like to contribute toward purchasing one, please e-mail Mrs. Dorr at [cdorr@powayusd.com](mailto:cdorr@powayusd.com) or stop by Room 20.



## Requesting GATE Testing- 2007-2008

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) involves instruction for students whose cognitive needs may require a modified classroom program to accommodate their learning differences and ensure their achievement. Teachers and/or parents may make requests in grades 2-7.

If you believe that your child may require GATE services, there are three opportunities for your child to be evaluated. You will find general information about GATE services and GATE test information from the GATE link on the PUSD Website (<http://www.powayusd.com/teaching/learning/gate/>). **New this year! Parents may make requests for GATE testing by completing the parent questionnaire online. Forms will be available through our website beginning September 14, 2007!** If you prefer to make your request for GATE testing by using a non-electronic parent questionnaire, please complete one in the school office.

2007-2008 testing dates and submission windows for Parent Questionnaire/Test Consent:

District GATE Test Date

Sat., Nov. 3, 2007 @ BHMS (8:30AM -12PM)

Sat., Feb. 2, 2008 @ SCES (8:30AM-12PM)

Thurs., May 1, 2008 @ MCES (4:30-8:00PM)

Request submission window

Sept. 4, 2007 – October 5, 2007

Nov. 5, 2007 – Jan. 7, 2008

Feb. 4, 2008 – March 28, 2008

*NOTE: There are no make-up GATE testing sessions, therefore please select a testing date carefully. The San Diego County Science Olympiad Competition is February 2, 2008. Please keep this in mind when selecting a test date.*

If you have questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the school site GATE Coordinators:

Mrs. Lewis ([dlewis@powayusd.com](mailto:dlewis@powayusd.com))

Mrs. Helson ([khelson@powayusd.com](mailto:khelson@powayusd.com)).



Welcome back to what is sure to be a wonderful year! PTA's Kids Korps has an exciting line up of activities for our 4<sup>th</sup> year at Chaparral. For those of you who are new, our Kids Korps program offers students an opportunity to work on community service projects during recess and after school. Most of our projects are geared towards kids helping other kids and are a wonderful way to empower our children to make a difference in the world. Look for more detailed information in a separate letter coming home this week.

Please recycle aluminum cans and plastic CRV bottles and bring them to school on our monthly Eco Days which are the last Wednesdays of the month. The kids help sort the items and we discuss the importance of recycling and the use of the proceeds. Last year our collection efforts yielded \$1,150.00 of which 100% was donated to Casa de Emmanuel Orphanage in Tijuana. Great job Chappies!!

Volunteers—we need you!! If you are interested in helping during one or more of our Kids Korps activities, please contact Sue Sullivan at [suewt@san.rr.com](mailto:suewt@san.rr.com) or 673-4433.

## PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS NEEDED

**We are looking for Playground Supervisors to work morning, afternoon and/or lunch for approximately \$10.00 an hour. Hours are: 8:15-9:15 parking lot and playground supervision; 11:00-2:00 playground and lunchroom supervision; and 3:00-4:00 dismissal supervision. We need energetic adults that love working with kids and community members. If you are interested, please call Yoenda Dornan @485-0042 or e-mail her @ [ydornan@powayusd.com](mailto:ydornan@powayusd.com).**