



Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School * PTA * CEF Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Hello Chaparral Families,

It is with heartfelt sorrow that I tell you how "caught off guard" and disappointed we all are at the removal of our beautiful "Walls of Character"!

All along we believed that the murals would not be harmed or painted over during the site construction. The PUSD Construction Team made the decision to paint "everything" while we were all away on break. We were deeply saddened by the loss of these wonderful works of art!

Poway's Deputy Superintendent, John Collins recently shared his apologies for the hurt, frustration, and anger that many are experiencing, especially the children. He explained, "The decision was made to cover the stucco at Chaparral with a special coating treatment rather than just paint. Had we been using paint only, the murals could have been left untouched. The special product, Senergy, is an acrylic finish material with elastomeric properties. It is formulated to bridge minor stucco cracks (it expands and contracts so that the old cracks do not reflect through the new coating) and provides a uniformly textured surface over old stucco. The new coating adds longevity to the walls and helps prevent moisture intrusion. In earlier modernization projects, we found that applying just paint to the older stucco did not work. In those cases, the Senergy solution was used. Overall, the stucco around the school was showing its age with many hairline and some larger cracks. Extensive repairs and restoration were necessary on the front walls of the school, especially around the entry. This modernization effort was the first chance in almost thirty years to restore a consistent texture and color to all the exterior walls".

I met recently with district leaders to inquire about assistance with a plan to "turn lemons into lemonade" and involve our students, staff, and community volunteers in creating a new work of art. The district realizes that no amount of money can replace the experiences and products of everyone's efforts, but is hopeful that the Chaparral community will recognize that the district is doing what it can to help our school move forward with the allocation of \$3,000. The funds will be used to create a new piece of student art on a large canvas that can be hung and removed when future bond work is done on our campus.

If you are a problem solver with a "Can do" attitude and have advice, expertise or time to share, please call the Chaparral office at 485-0042 Ext. 4205

On another note, I am proud to announce that Chaparral Elementary has been awarded a grant from Cal State San Marcos. We are honored to have Dr. Jacque Thousand and Dr. Tony Hood working with our staff this year to pilot a "Response to Intervention" Model (RTI). The RTI pilot project is designed to assist us in optimizing student performance K-5 at Chaparral. Our CSUSM professors will share their expertise in differentiated instruction, research based assessment, and best practices for students at all levels.

Holly Brommer

Upcoming Events

* 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
* Fall Book Fair	Oct. 1-5
* Interfaith Community Food Drive	Oct. 8-12
* School Picture Re-takes	Oct. 10
* Kids Korps Activity	Oct. 10
* Movie Night	Oct. 12
* Family Portraits (indoor)	Oct. 22
* Red Ribbon Week	Oct. 23-31
* Red Ribbon Assembly	Oct. 25
* Halloween Dance	Oct. 26
* Reflection Entry Due	Oct. 26
* Family Portraits	Oct. 28
* Community Gathering	Oct. 31
* Kids Korps Eco Day	Oct. 31

A Message From Your PTA President

Dear Chaparral Families & Staff,

WOW – what an exciting evening for Chaparral families! Our *Kick off Karnival* was a great time for all who attended! As you may or may not know, this was NOT a fundraiser, but a chance for our families to be together, hear great music, play some games, share dinner, eat junk food and have fun times with their school friends. Thank you to all the families and teachers/staff that came to help “kick off” our new school year with us. And a special thank you to all the parent and student volunteers who helped make this event happen, we couldn’t have done it without you!

Save the date: Our next Family Fun event is “*Movie Night*” on October 12th. We will show a G rated movie (TBA soon) outside on the main playground for all to come and enjoy. Bring your chairs, blankets & jackets for another evening with friends from Chaparral. More information will be sent home soon!

Our “*Unwrap the Joy*” gift wrap sales with Community Resources began on Sept 7th and will continue through Sept 21st. All items purchased will be delivered before Thanksgiving. Please consider supporting Chaparral PTA this way, monies raised will help to directly support PE & Music along with all our other fabulous programs and family events planned for this school year. You can also order online if you have families and friends who live out of state who are interested in ordering items (please see the catalog for details).

Get ready to “Chill-out” with a good book as our *Blizzard Book Fair* comes to Chaparral Oct 1st-5th in the library. Look for more information to come home as the date gets closer.

As always, your PTA board is here to serve you, our children, parents and the staff. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at sworden@san.rr.com or 858-485-1320.

Warmly,

Samantha Worden

Gift Wrap Fundraiser (FALL FUNDRAISER 2007 - SEPTEMBER 7TH-21ST)

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!

Check out www.shoppingforyourschool.com.

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.

Orders are due to your child’s teacher by Thursday, September 21st.

Thanks to All!

The Chaparral Staff would like to thank the PTA for the wonderful dinner that was prepared for us on Back-to-School Night. It was delicious and no reports have been made about teacher tummies rumbling during classroom presentations. ***Thank you for taking such good care of us.***

Book Fair Blizzard

Get out your hats and scarves, we hear there's a **BLIZZARD** coming!!!

Fall Book Fair is just around the corner and the theme this year is **Book Fair Blizzard** . . . Chill Out with a good book!

The Scholastic Book Fair is a PTA Fundraiser, and money raised will support our school library. Besides promoting literacy, the book fair also provides a great source for holiday shopping – remember books make great gifts and you can spread the joy of reading.

New this year: FAMILY READING NIGHT!!

Come to the Book Fair on Thursday, October 4th, from 5:00 – 7:00pm, for games and try your luck at winning a free book!!!

We could always use volunteers! Contact Jennifer Boaz at (858) 675-0006 or jrboaz@earthlink.net if you would like to help out. We especially need caring parents to help our children with their book selections and cashiers.

Important Information:

Book Fair Dates:	October 1 st – 5 th
Location:	Library
Hours:	Mon/Tues: 8:40am – 4:00pm Wed: 8:40am – 3:00pm Thur/Fri: 8:40am – 4:00pm

Family Reading Night - Thursday 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Reminder from Admin:

Parents, please keep a close eye on any “pre-school” aged children who are playing on the equipment before school. The playground is open for our school-age students to enjoy before school, it becomes a safety issue for pre-schoolers when they are on the equipment or may be in the way of a larger child. Accidents can happen quickly, so parents please watch your smaller children.

Calling All Volunteers!!

Don't forget to sign-in and sign-out in the office when volunteering on campus. Chaparral volunteer hours are very valuable and they are reported to the state every month.

Thank You,
Janeen Bork-Historian
(ejbork@earthlink.net)

PTA Needs YOU!!

We are looking for some help on our PTA board:

- Hospitality (can be shared by 2 or more people) and

Please contact Samantha Worden @ sworden@san.rr.com / 858-485-1320 for more information.

Support Our Kids!!! Become a PTA Member Today!!!

Did you know that \$4.40 of every membership goes to Palomar Council/State/National PTA. Anything above that stays with Chaparral PTA to help support the very many programs that our families and, most importantly, our children enjoy. So, whether you give the basic \$10 PTA Membership dues, or more . . . Chaparral keeps all but \$4.40!!

Become a member now . . . for you . . . for your kids! PTA Membership Forms are in the Office.

Check Out www.pta.org for more information about the PTA and benefits of membership!

Also check out www.chaparralpta.com!!!

Celebrate Your Talents!

- Do you *express* your creativity through dance, music, story, or poetry?
- Do you *dream* of having your drawings displayed in a special exhibit?
- Do you *enjoy* taking photographs or videotaping your friends?

Participate in PTA's Reflections Program.

Join thousands of other students as they create entries based on the 2007-2008 theme,

"I Can Make a Difference by..."

Every Student at Chaparral knows that they can "Make a Difference!" Show your school spirit and pride by reflecting on some of the Character Counts lessons or Kids Korps and Recycling projects in which you have participated. You can choose from these categories to show how you would "Make a Difference" at home, at school, in your community and in the world!

- * **Visual Arts** * **Dance Choreography**
- * **Photography** * **Literature**
- * **Musical Composition** * **Film/Video Production**

Entry Packets will be available from your teacher or in the LRC starting Monday, October 1st.
Entry deadline is Friday, October 26th.

Put on your dancing shoes, grab a camera, or pick up a pen or paintbrush and create!

Visit the Reflections Program website & gallery online at: <http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/reflections.cfm>.

Questions?? Contact Darcy Balcomb at dbalcomb@sbcglobal.net or 487-5061.

YOU COULD WIN \$100 FROM THE PTA!

Enter the National PTA Reflections Program Theme Search for 2009-2010!

This year's theme has already been chosen, however, National PTA is looking for a theme for its Reflections Program for 2009-2010. The student who submits the winning entry will receive \$100, and his or her theme will be presented at the 2008 National PTA Convention on June 21-June 23, 2008, right here in San Diego.

Here are some of the previous themes-submitted by students just like you!

- It would be really strange if... 2000-2001
- I hold in my hand... 2001-2002
- Signs of Courage 2002-2003
- I'm really happy when... 2003-2004
- A Different Kind of Hero 2004-2005
- I Wonder Why 2005-2006
- My Favorite Place 2006-2007
- I can make a difference by... 2007-2008

Entry Forms will be available from your teacher or in the LRC starting Monday, Sept. 17th.
Entry deadline is Thursday, Sept. 27th.

We will kick-off our Reflections Program the following Monday, October 1st with this year's theme "I Can Make A Difference By..."

Questions?? Contact Darcy Balcomb at dbalcomb@sbcglobal.net or 487-5061.

Chaparral's



Kids Korps

....**GOT FOOD?**

Chaparral's annual food drive will be held the week of October 8th – 12th benefiting the food bank at Interfaith Community Services in Escondido. Please take a few moments to clean out your cupboard and help our cause!

We are looking for non-perishable items such as:

Spaghetti sauce

Canned meats, fruits, vegetables, beans & soups

Pasta, cereal, boxed meals

Peanut butter, jelly

Toothpaste, tooth brushes

Soap, Diapers

Collection bins will be placed in the drop off areas at the front and back entrances of school. Please show your compassion and empower your children to make a difference!! For more information, please contact Sue Sullivan at 673-4433 or suewt@san.rr.com.

SMILE!

Picture Make-up/Re-takes

Absent on Picture Day?

Little Johnny's Picture Didn't Turn Out So Good?

No Worries!

Picture Make-up/Re-take Day is Wednesday, Oct. 10th.

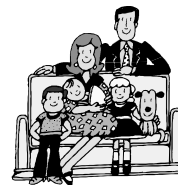
If your child was absent on picture day in September, please come prepared to be photographed.

If you would like to purchase school pictures, please bring a completed order envelope with payment. You can use the envelope provided for September pictures if you have it available.

If you are unhappy with your September picture, please bring the complete photo package back and Lifetouch will be happy to re-take your picture!

Also, volunteers are welcome to have your picture taken for your volunteer badge on this day.

Contact Kim Summers 618-1566 or summers91@earthlink.net with any questions.



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.

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.

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)

Mrs. Helson (khelson@powayusd.com).

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 contact Yoenda Dornan @485-0042 or e-mail her @ ydornan@powayusd.com.



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 15th, 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.