



# Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School \* PTA \* CEF Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

### Red Ribbon Week Celebration

October 23-31, 2007

Dear Chaparral Parents and Guardians:

Beginning October 23, students will be taking part in a week long, district wide program called Red Ribbon Week, which is designed to create an awareness concerning the problems related to the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs.

The theme this year for Chaparral is: *I've Got Better Things to Do Than Drugs!*

Red Ribbon Week was formed to honor the memory of Federal Agent Enrique Camarena who was murdered in 1985 by the drug cartel in Mexico. It is a nationwide program designed to demonstrate a commitment to a drug-free America. As movies and music bombard us with the myth that alcohol, tobacco and drug use is acceptable, Red Ribbon Week activities will help to dispel this myth and provide us a means of communication. Chaparral is a zero tolerance school and Red Ribbon Week is an opportunity to discuss this policy.

Red Ribbon Week focuses on educating students about healthy choices, especially the choice to avoid drugs. The need for drug prevention efforts never diminishes. Each year there are millions of new students just starting their journey through school who have not yet heard the anti-drug messages expressed during Red Ribbon Week. This week will focus on making positive choices, and student health and safety. You can take advantage of this time to open a dialogue at home and discuss issues like peer pressure and making the right choices for a healthy future.

Our celebration at Chaparral will involve story telling, a special assembly with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) appropriate for each grade level, class activities, and a poster contest. The effectiveness of Red Ribbon Week is measured by how well we prepare our children for the challenges they will face in the immediate years ahead.

Thank you for your support.

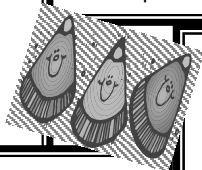
Sincerely,

Holly Brommer  
Principal

Mona Ross  
Red Ribbon Week Coordinator

## Upcoming Events

- Family Portraits (Indoor) Oct. 22
- Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31
- Red Ribbon Assembly Oct. 30
- Halloween Dance Oct. 26
- Reflection Entry Due Oct. 26
- Family Portraits Oct. 28
- Community Gathering Oct. 31
- Kids Korps Eco Day Oct. 31



## Federal Survey Forms

**PUBLIC LAW 874:** The State's yearly Federal Survey Form needs to be filled out, signed and returned to school by *Friday, October 19, 2007*. Please fill this form out even if you are not affiliated with any of our military services. We NEED each student to complete a form and return it to their classroom teacher. A completed form consists of the students name at the top and a parent/guardian signature at the bottom.

We do appreciate your time in filling out this very important form.

## Chaparral To Have Three Minimum Days This Year!!!

Please mark your calendars and note the dismissal time:

- **Friday, December 21st** - (Friday before Winter break);
- **Friday, April 4th**, (Friday before Spring break/day after Open House);
- **Thursday, June 12th**, (last day of school).

All three Minimum days, K-5th Grade will **DISMISS at 12:20 p.m.** Minimum days have been approved by the District. Lunch will be served. Minimum days are different than our Time-banking Wednesdays (which are done weekly). A Minimum day is allowed only when the school has banked extra instructional minutes and are in compliance with the State of California guidelines.

*Enjoy this extra time with your children!!!*

## *A Message From Your PTA President*

Dear Chaparral Families & Staff,

As you may (or may not) know there have been several random thefts on our campus over the last 3 years... missing field trip money, money taken out of wallets/purses, desks/cabinets, book bags, backpacks, etc... I'm sorry to say, we have been hit again - Mr. Rinehart's entire class gift wrap order envelope and money were stolen at the end of September. This money was taken directly from the PTA box (located in the office, next to the staff boxes). We do not know who it is, it could literally be anyone - a parent, Chaparral staff member, PUSD district employee - anyone with access to our school. We believe this person is looking specifically for cash as none of the stolen checks have been cashed (to my or the principal's knowledge). I think it's important to get the word out to our school community, so we do not let this happen yet again! I am asking (ok begging) all of you for your help. Please do not leave your purse/wallet unattended. Please do not leave class field trip/project money out in the open or in an unlocked drawer/cabinet/backpack/etc. Please do not leave money in the PTA box. (All PTA money should be given to Yoenda/Kathy in the office to be locked up until a PTA officer can retrieve it.) Let's not give this person another opportunity to steal from our children!

On a lighter and much happier note, our *Gift Wrap* fundraiser was a huge success and we reached our goal of \$20K to help support Music, PE and all other PTA programs at Chaparral. We are expecting the items to be delivered to the classrooms on October 24<sup>th</sup>. (Mr. Rinehart's class will follow soon, if they are not included in this delivery.) The *Book Fair / Family Reading Night* was also a big success and we exceeded our \$2K goal, this money will be used to directly support our school library. I sincerely thank each and every one of you who participated for your financial support!

Our Fall *Membership Drive* is winding down and we are 412 members strong and counting! (It's not too late to join Chaparral PTA, please contact us if you are interested.) Raffle winners will be picked this week to win one of the following: a \$100 gift certificate to a local butcher's shop, a free picture from Family Portrait Fun or pound of Starbucks coffee. Membership cards should be coming home sometime in October.

Don't forget *Red Ribbon Week* is October 23-31. This year's theme is "I've got better things to do than drugs!" Our RRW assembly is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and just wait until you see what's coming to Chaparral to help us celebrate being Drug Free!

I wish you all a safe and Happy Halloween!

Warmly,  
Samantha Worden

## *Book Fair Blizzard*

The **Book Fair Blizzard** is over and we wish to thank **ALL** the volunteers! It definitely takes a village to put on this event and we couldn't have done it without the parent volunteers. Thanks to those of you who helped fold papers, staple, count, cut & create snowflakes, decorate, staff the fair, set up, cashier and clean up. It was a great week and we exceeded our goal!!!! I hope everyone is "chilling out" with their new books - keep an eye out for all the new books in the library!

Mark your calendars NOW for our Spring Book Fair on **March 10-14!** We'll be going on a **Reading Road Trip!**



HALLOWEEN! HALLOWEEN!  
OH WHAT SPOOKY THINGS WE'VE SEEN!  
BATS AND MICE AND GOBLINS TOO!  
THEY'RE ALL INVITED TO THE DANCE . . . AND SO ARE YOU!  
CHAPARRAL IS HAVING A MONSTER BASH!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR  
**MONSTER BASH DANCE!**



HAVE A "HOWLING" GOOD TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY ON  
**FRIDAY, OCT. 26TH FROM 7-9PM IN THE MPR.**

FREE ADMISSION, DJ, COSTUME CONTEST, PRIZES, CONCESSION STAND, AND A "GHOULISHLY" GOOD TIME!

**DON'T MISS IT OR YOU'LL BE "WITCHING" YOU DIDN'T!**

\*\* THE "MONSTER BASH" IS A FAMILY EVENT WITH YOUNG STUDENTS  
AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS ATTENDING.  
NO WEAPONS, NO SCARY OR GORY MASKS OR COSTUMES (NO EXCEPTIONS) \*\*

QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:  
MONICA COGGER 437-4137 OR  
JENNIFER BOAZ 675-0006



### Box Tops Monkey Business

Keep sending in those Box Tops! Our contest ends Friday, October 19th. The Box Top Monkey and Hula Monkeys are tired of staying home. They want to stay in the winner's classrooms!"



### Fitness Club Back On the Track

Dust off your running shoes! Fitness Club has begun & runs every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

For more information and/or volunteer opportunities (volunteers are needed!!!), please contact: Cliff Wilson at [cwsandiego@aol.com](mailto:cwsandiego@aol.com).

### Movie Night Postponed

Movie Night, originally scheduled for October 12th, has been postponed until after the Holidays. Watch the Next Hawk's Eye View for the new date!!!



### FUNraiser Restaurant Night

It's FUNraiser time and what an easy way to give money back to Chaparral PTA . . . go to *Rubios* for dinner!!!

- **Wednesday, October 17** between 4:00 – 8:00 pm
- Go to Rubios on Bernardo Center Drive
- Show the flyer (which will be going home next week) and *Rubios will donate 20% of all purchases back to Chaparral PTA.*
- Also, share with family and friends. (More flyers can be found in the office.)

**Mark your calendars:** another Rubios FunRaiser is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.**



### Turkey Trot Jog-a-Thon

When: Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Chaparral's running track

Here's an excellent way to promote physical fitness while supporting our fitness programs at Chaparral. 100% of the money raised stays right with our kids, paying for our P.E. and Fitness Club programs. Last year the students ran over 1,500 miles and raised more than \$9,000 and this year we're looking to break this record!!!

**Be on the lookout for more details to be coming home in next week's Friday Folder.**

For more information and/or volunteer details, please contact Cliff Wilson at [cwsandiego@aol.com](mailto:cwsandiego@aol.com).

## Our Children Need You!

Chaparral Elementary School is looking for kind, dependable mentors for children ages 5-11 who need a little extra support from a caring adult.

The time commitment is small – just half an hour per week. Those 30 minutes however can make a big difference in the lives of both mentor and child. Times are flexible – before, after or during lunchtime at school and activities vary as well. Some mentors read to their student, help with homework, play games, make crafts, eat lunch or just visit and talk with them.

Mentor candidates will be asked to have a negative TB test on file (free testing), submit fingerprints and make a solid commitment through June 2008.

For more information on how you can make a difference for a deserving child, please contact Ronda Hatton, Student Services Coordinator at [rhatton@powayusd.com](mailto:rhatton@powayusd.com) or (858) 485-0042 x 4641 or your PTA President, Samantha Worden, at [sworden@san.rr.com](mailto:sworden@san.rr.com).

## Help Us Give Our Children More Play Options At Recess!

The kids LOVE doing crafts!!

Please donate any craft items you might have laying around at home: craft supply left-overs, stickers, stamps, ribbon, glitter, foam shapes, buttons . . . something for the kids to do who don't really play at recess for one reason or another. Donations can be dropped off in the office or brought to Room 46.

Thank you!!!

## FUTURE FIELD TRIP DRIVERS...

*Planning on driving on a fieldtrip??*

*Is your current auto insurance coverage on file in the office?*

If you haven't done so, fill out and return the "Private Vehicle Transportation" form, along with copies of your Driver's License and auto Insurance Policy (which shows insurance coverage limits, expiration date, and names of those covered by the policy).

The sooner you have this information on file with the office, the less chances there are for confusion on field trip day.

*Proof of Insurance Coverage must be updated with the office each year.*

## Volunteer Badges Have Arrived

Pick up your Volunteer Badge in the Office!

## Character Counts Corner

**Congratulations** to our September, Character T-shirt winners!!! The next day to show your pillar Color, is **Oct. 31st!** A few different options to show your Pillar Color: shoes, socks, headbands, clips, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, shoe strings, stripes, stickers, (My all time favorite) A white piece of paper with your pillar Characteristic written in it's color. . . for example - Trustworthiness, written in blue on a white piece of paper. . . you can place this in your pocket or lunch box and show it to me at lunch.

**November** is the Month for all Champions of Respect to invite their Parents to join them for recess.

**Character Coaches** - Thank you, to all our parents who are volunteering their time as Character Coaches. We still have a few classes, in need of a Character Coach. HINT,HINT!!! Questions? e-mail Lourie Archer at [laarcher@hotmail.com](mailto:laarcher@hotmail.com).

## VOLUNTEER CLEARANCE NEWS...

**THANK YOU** to all of our school Volunteers. Your gifts of giving your time are so valuable and greatly appreciated.

A couple of reminders:

- Regular Classroom Volunteers should have submitted, to the office, Megan's Law Level 1 clearance application AND a copy of your current TB test (tests valid for 4 yrs).

- If you still need to take your TB test, please be sure to obtain a copy of the Chaparral Volunteer Parent form, signed by the office, to take to the clinic for your free test. Future tests dates and locations can be obtained either from the office or the PUSD health services website.

Questions? Jeanine Ramos at [jeanineramos@cox.net](mailto:jeanineramos@cox.net).

## PUSD College Fair

- Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Mount Carmel High School.
- Workshops are from 5:30-6:30pm and then open sessions with 93 college reps from 6:30-8:30pm. More details @ [www.powayusd.com/news/college/](http://www.powayusd.com/news/college/).

## Chaparral's



## Kids Korps

Kids Korps had a wonderful turn out for our first three activities! More than 200 students gave up their play time to make "character" flags which were distributed to children along the Poway Days Parade route. Many Kids Korps participants were also responsible for planting the colorful flowers in our newly renovated flower beds. We would like to thank Mark Collins at Evergreen Nursery for his generous donation of the beautiful pansies! Another thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to our annual PTA Food Drive. Your donations will go a long way in keeping the food bank filled at Interfaith Community Services in Escondido.

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. Our September Eco Day generated \$150.50 from the cans and bottles you sent in with your children, all of which will be given to orphans in Tijuana. Our October Eco Day will be on Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please leave your recyclable items by any of the BLUE recycle bins on campus.

For more information about Kids Korps, please contact Sue Sullivan at [suewt@san.rr.com](mailto:suewt@san.rr.com) or 673-4433.

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



**Attn: Chaparral Military families...**

### **WE WANT TO SEE YOU!**

We are looking for parents, guardians, brothers/sisters (or someone else close to you in your family) currently serving in our military forces to help keep our country safe. We would like to honor them in our *Chaparral Military Showcase Box* in the library.

Please send pictures and a little info about this person to: Lourie Archer, Chaparral PTA. If you have questions, please contact Lourie @ 858-487-8807 or [laarcher01@hotmail.com](mailto:laarcher01@hotmail.com).

*(Please mark child's name/teacher on the back of all photos, we will return them to you after being displayed.)*

## Union-Tribune

### **Kids' News Day**

*A benefit for Children's Hospital and Health Center*

Kids' News Day is a special edition of the Union-Tribune that covers the advances being made and the lives being changed at Children's Hospital and Health Center.

**Chaparral students** along with their parents and teachers will be selling the Union Tribune Kids' News Day edition of the newspaper on the morning of **Tuesday, October 23rd**. Volunteers will be in front of Chaparral School as well as along the back cul-de-sac. Newspapers sell for **\$1.00**.

**Help kids for a lifetime.**

All proceeds benefit Children's Hospital and Health Center.

### **A Message From The Food & Nutrition Office . . .**

Your Child and the cafeteria . . .

To ensure that pre-paid monies are correctly credited to your child, please include the following information on your check or pre-paid envelopes:

- Student's Name
- Student's ID # or Classroom #

Parents can monitor their child's account balance by logging onto [www.mylunchmoney.com](http://www.mylunchmoney.com) or calling the Food and Nutrition Office at (858)668-2570.

Julie Peterson, SNS  
Food & Nutrition Area Supervisor  
[jpeterson@powayusd.com](mailto:jpeterson@powayusd.com)



### **Karaoke Machine Needed!**

**Mrs. Fisher (our children's beloved Music teacher) is in need of a new or gently used multi-disc CD Player or karaoke machine. If anyone has one to donate, you may bring it to the office.**

**Thank you !!!**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Entry deadline is Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

Questions?? Contact Darcy Balcomb @ [dbalcomb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbalcomb@sbcglobal.net) or 487-5061.



## 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).

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

## Speech Department Needs You!

The Speech Department is in need of the following items: \*printer ink (black and color for a hp DeskJet 845c printer), \*self-laminating paper, \*electric pencil sharpener, \*printer paper, \*Clorox wipes, \*tissues, \*construction paper, \*2 Staples stacking file crates, \*velcro, \*Avery 5202 white folder labels, \*basic CD player, \*extension cord, \*white out tape, \*flavored tongue depressors, \*little hand held mirrors, \*blank CD's, and \*4 metal incline desktop file sorters (eight compartments).

Any contributions would be greatly appreciated!

*Thank you in advance from the Speech Department!!*

## Chaparral Education Foundation News:

### CEF Parking Lot Raffle Winner!!

Congratulations to Bronwyn Cory-Boyle, winner of the Chaparral Education Foundation's Parking Lot raffle! The Boyle family will have access to their own parking spot in the front of the school until January 2008. Thank you to all of the families that participated in the raffle! Your donations help fund the new technology on campus, as well as Art Corps and literature. *Look for a new flyer in January to participate in a chance to enjoy a personal parking spot for the second half of the school year!!*

### Art Corps

**Thank you to the 90 families that have helped fund Art Corps this year with their donations.** You are among the 20% of Chaparral families that have financially supported Art Corps, a program that teaches art in every classroom and benefits every child. Because of you, we have received a total of **\$1,890** in contributions. Art Corps costs approximately **\$10,000** per year for licensing, instruction and supplies, and is funded purely by contributions to the Chaparral Education Foundation.

Donations to CEF are always accepted through the school office.