



Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School * PTA * CEF Newsletter

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Principal's Message

On behalf of our entire Chaparral family, I want to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to PUSD and our entire community for their amazing generosity and kindness after the fire. Each day, we are contacted by people who offer help and support to our families and colleagues who have been displaced and lost their homes. Even our friends, who visited last year from Quebec, called to see if there was anything we needed and to let us know we are in their thoughts.

The PUSD Wellness Department, under the direction of Dr. Elaine Cofrancesco, with support from our Superintendent Dr. Don Phillips and his cabinet, have made sure that counselors will be at our site each week as long as such support is needed.

The Chaparral staff and I sincerely wish each and every one of you a wonderful holiday break surrounded by those you love!

In Friendship,
Holly Brommer, Principal

Upcoming Events

• Community Gathering	Nov. 28
• Kids Korps Activity	Nov. 28
• Melody Makers Concert	Dec. 6
• M.M. Assemblies	Dec. 7
• Holiday Shop	Dec. 10 -14
• Community Gathering	Dec. 19
• Winter Break	Dec. 24 -31

Please Do NOT Park in the RED

Recently, some of our Chaparral families have been electing to park in the RED NO PARKING ZONE when dropping off and picking up children each day. This causes traffic problems and delays for other families trying to get in and out of the parking lots to collect/drop off their own children.

Please remember that all families are wanting to pick up and/or drop off their children in a safe and timely manner and please be considerate of others and **refrain from parking in the no parking zones** designated with RED painted curbs.

Thank you for being considerate of others!

A Message From Your PTA President

(Due to the recent turn of events, Samantha is not currently able to prepare a President's message this month. However, she thanks everyone for the support and understanding that has been extended to her and looks forward to communicating with you in next month's issue.)

RED RIBBON WEEK WRAP UP

"I've Got Better Things To Do Than Drugs"

Although Red Ribbon Week (RRW) has come and gone at Chaparral, we hope the lessons learned this year will keep our children safe as they navigate the many years of school ahead.

We kicked things off on 10/23 with Red Ribbons for every student. Students had an opportunity to win a prize for wearing their Red Ribbons all week. The RRW poster contest involved many of our students who shared their positive message and wonderful artwork. There were so many great posters; one in each grade was selected for a prize package. The winning posters will be displayed in the front office. Chaparral students attended an assembly on Friday, November 9. We were treated to a presentation from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), including a helicopter landing. The agents provided a very informative talk about making healthy, positive choices in life without drugs. Chaparral students really enjoyed this special show with a positive message.

RRW provides an opportunity to discuss tough issues and reinforce family values, but it is so important to keep at it year round. Talk with your kids while driving them somewhere or at the dinner table; just be sure to listen to what they have to say too! Communication is the anti-drug! RRW was an overall success due to all the wonderful participation and support at Chaparral. Wishing you a Healthy, Happy Thanksgiving surrounded by Family and Friends.

Mona Ross,
Red Ribbon Week Coordinator

Holiday Shop

December 10-14th

Provided merely for your convenience, the Holiday Shop is a safe place for Chaparral children to shop for their families. This is not a fundraiser, there is no mark-up and absolutely no obligation.

Questions??? Selina Dudley @ (760)484-6332

Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays

Chaparral will be participating in the PUSD PTA's "Adopt-a-Family" program this holiday season. The "Adopt-A-Family" program began six years ago when a local PTA identified a need to financially support struggling families in our own community. Over the past six years the program has grown from helping one hundred families, to helping over five hundred families in our school district last year. The program will also help families affected by the fires.

A "Giving Tree" will be placed in the library from November 26th - December 7th. On the tree will be sponsor forms for various gift cards which the PTA will purchase on your behalf for the families Chaparral is adopting. Please stop by and fill out a sponsor form. Your check should be payable to Chaparral PTA and is 100% tax deductible. Please show your caring spirit.

For more information, please contact Sue Sullivan at 673-4433 or suewt@san.rr.com.

PTA Raffle The Winners Are!!!

- Hilda Gonzales - winner of \$100 **FAMILY PORTRAIT FUN**
- Joan Tournoux - winner of \$50 meat voucher from **BISHER QUALITY MEAT OF POWAY**
- Kathy Provoast - winner of ground coffee from **STARBUCKS**

Thank you: *Family Portrait Fun, Bisher Quality Meat of Poway, Starbucks and all who participated!!!*

Melody Makers Concert December 6th @ 7pm in the MPR!!! *Don't miss this fun event!!!*

Gift Wrap Questions/Comments???

If you have any questions/comments about Gift Wrap, please feel free to contact Selina Dudley at (760)484-6332.

Chaparral Family Dinner Night

All Chaparral Families are invited to

A Family-Style Spaghetti Dinner

courtesy of Borrelli's

to benefit Chaparral families affected by the fires.

Friday, December 7, 2007

5:30 - 8:00p.m.

Dinner is FREE and will be served in the Chaparral MPR

Great Food!!



Music!



*100% of all donations will benefit the PUSD Fire Relief Fund
(donations can be designated to Chaparral)*

PUSD 2007-8 GATE Testing

The Saturday, November 3rd GATE Testing has been postponed to **Saturday, January 12, 2008 at Highland Ranch Elementary**. Only the students who had signed up for the November 3rd GATE Test will be allowed to test on January 12th.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Request Submission Window</u>
Saturday, November 3, 2007 postponed to Jan 12, 2008 (8:30 AM - Noon)	Sept. 4, 2007 - Oct. 5, 2007
Saturday, February 2, 2008 @ SCES (8:30 AM - Noon)	Nov. 5, 2007 - Jan. 7, 2008
Thursday, May 1, 2008 @ MCES (4:30-8:00 PM)	Feb. 4, 2008 - Mar. 28, 2008

Requests for GATE Testing 2007-8

- Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) involved 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 for GATE Testing in grades 2-7.
- If you believe that your child may require GATE services, there are three opportunities for your child to be evaluated. First, choose a GATE Testing date. Next, submit a request during the request submission window for the date you've chosen by completing a Parent Questionnaire/Test Consent form.
 - New this year! Online requests for GATE testing are available through our GATE webpage on the PUSD Website. To complete an online form, go to <http://www.powayusd.com/teaching/learning/gate> and double click on the 2007-2008 Testing Info tab for special login instructions and Learning Point link.
 - Or, these forms are available in your child's school office during the Request Submission Windows.

THANK YOU BARON'S!!!

Chaparral PTA would like to thank Baron's Marketplace in RB for donating 123 pumpkins to Chaparral students. That's 3 students in every class! These pumpkins were rewarded to students for a variety of reasons: good character, doing well in school, class raffle, etc.

Thank you for your generosity!!!



Family Portrait Fundraiser

Family Portrait Fun is back again this year and, because of the fires, a new date for portraits has been scheduled. 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:

- Sunday, November 25th

Sign up for appointments and get more information at www.familyportraitfun.com.

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



Box Tops Monkey Business

Congratulations to Mrs. Nichiguchi's 2nd grade class! The Box Top Monkey will "hang out" in their classroom for the next month. Thanks for collecting 496 Box Tops!

The Hula Monkeys are dancing in Mrs. Dorr's 3rd grade class for the next month. Thanks for collecting 194 Box Tops!

Our total school count for just two months was 4,500 Box Tops! That's \$450.00 for our school! Keep saving those Box Tops to see if your class will get the Box Top or Hula Monkeys next!

Thank you from your Box Top Coordinator:
Kathy Provoast

Don't Miss The Band & Orchestra Concert Holiday Presentation!

When: December 11th at 9:00 a.m.
Where: Chaparral MPR

***Thank you, Kathy Fawcett, for your dedication to our children!!!*

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Kids Korps

Our most sincere thoughts are with all our Chaparral families who suffered as a result of the devastating wildfires. Several dozen families not only lost their homes, but lost precious keepsakes such as pictures of their children growing up. Many of you have wanted to reach out to these families in whatever way possible. One easy, yet monumental way to help is to dig out your own photos, negatives and digital files to recreate pictures for these families. Big envelopes with the following family names will be tacked to Chaparral's library entry-way for you to use to deposit the photo copies.

Barad- Krisztina, Danny & Adam
 Brewer- Kevin & Alycia
 Chandler- Dakota & Devon
 Fridolfs- Hunter & Ryan
 Heumann- Karrson
 Hull- Chloe
 Justin- Kate & Michael
 Conner- Katie (BHMS)
 Kinnick- Zachary
 Marcus- Jonathon & Matthew
 Martin- Emily & Haley
 Nideffer- Jason & Jeffrey
 Van Heel- Cade, Jake & Brock
 Worden- Makayla, Brice & Ryan
 Stofell- Alex, Shannon & JT (RBHS/BHMS)

If you are a family who has lost pictures and would like to be included in our efforts, please contact Sue Sullivan. Also, if you know a family not on this list who might benefit from photos that you have, feel free to print them out and pass them on!!!

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 November Eco Day will be on Wednesday November 28th. 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 or 673-4433.

Remember to "LEAD BY EXAMPLE!"



Chaparral PTA



Yearbook News...

PICTURES ARE NEEDED!!!! Pictures of the following events are still needed for:

- All grades (Class field trips, class parties, class plays, etc.)
- Community Gathering/Spirit Days
- Kick-off Carnival
- Student Elections
- Red Ribbon Week & Helicopter Landing
- Monster Bash
- P.E. /Music
- Lunch/Recess
- Playground fun
- Art Corps

You can now turn in pictures by burning them on a CD, or emailing them to me at cfolts@san.rr.com. If you would like to send in hard copies of the photos, the photo sizes are 2x3 up to 4x6. Remember, all that you need to include is the grade level and activity on the CD or back of the picture. The yearbook photo box is located in the school office on the bookshelf.

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW FOR \$20.00!!! If you are unsure if you have already purchased a yearbook, you can check with your teacher, check with the school office, or contact me at the number listed below. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, please complete the form below. Place the completed form and payment (made payable to Chaparral PTA) in a white envelope and mark it **Yearbook Purchase, Attn: Linda Folts, Yearbook Coordinator**. You may bring the payment to the school office or have your child bring the envelope to their teacher.

A limited number of yearbooks will be available for purchase at the end of the year at a cost of \$25.00.

If you have any questions please contact Linda Folts at cfolts@san.rr.com or 858-485-9387.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

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Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher(s): _____

Total yearbooks ordered: _____ Total amount: \$ _____