



Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School * PTA * CEF Newsletter

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Principal's Perspective

Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year! I am so thrilled to be joining the Chaparral community. Our school looks amazing. The students will be starting school this year in shiny new classrooms.

As you look around the campus, you will notice a "new" feel to our buildings. The classrooms were updated with new carpet, cabinets, and paint. There is a new kitchen, the admin building has been remodeled, and much more! The work on the Multi Purpose Room continues, and landscaping is projected to be completed by January. Playground striping and other finishing touches are scheduled to be completed over the November break. Many thanks to our maintenance department for their hard work this summer.

As State funding continues to decline, we have to be creative about ways to protect our instructional program in our classrooms. One way is to cut back on our use of supplies, such as paper. We are asking your voluntary help in providing basic supplies your child will need at home and school, especially paper.

As always, I welcome your questions, concerns, and suggestions. Please feel free to stop by or call anytime. I look forward to meeting all of you at Back To School Night on August 28th.

Dawn Zwibel, Principal

Important Reminders!!!



This will be the only edition of the Hawks Eye Newsletter that will be printed this year! All future copies will be posted on the PTA website:

www.chaparralpta.com

Did you forget an important PTA date? Go to: www.chaparralpta.com

Do you Need a volunteer form? Go to: www.chaparralpta.com

Want to know who is doing what? Go to: www.chaparralpta.com

Want to know what PTA is all about anyway? Go to: www.chaparralpta.com

Upcoming Events

➤ Back to School Night	Aug. 28
➤ Labor Day - No School	Sept. 1
➤ Room Parent Meeting (9:15 AM in Library)	Sept. 3
➤ School Pictures	Sept. 12
➤ Family Art Night	Sept. 12
➤ Kids Korps Activity	Sept. 12
➤ Gift Wrap Fundraiser	Sept. 5-19
➤ Picture Make-up Day	Sept. 18
➤ Community Gathering/ Spirit Day	Sept. 24
➤ Kids Korps - Eco Day	Sept. 24
➤ Professional Growth Day District Wide - No School	Sept. 29

Get your talons on this information!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Thursday, August 28th

5:45 pm-6:30 pm 4th & 5th grade

6:30-7 pm PTA & GATE Meetings

7-7:45 pm Grades K-3

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY-NO SCHOOL

Monday, September 1st

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH DAY-NO SCHOOL Monday, September 29th



President's Message

Welcome back to school! While the fun of summer vacation has come to an end, the fun and excitement of a new school year is here. We have many things in store for you this year. Please check our PTA calendar on our website regularly at www.chaparralpta.com, to keep up on all the happenings here at Chaparral.

This year we have many family fun nights planned. These are wonderful events where families spend an evening together learning new things or just having a relaxing night out. It all starts with Family Art Night in September! Bring out the inner artist in you or find out if your child is a Picasso in the making.

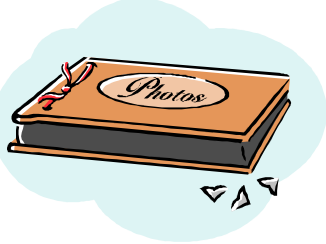
GET READY...our main 'kick-off' event this year isn't until October but it's so big, you won't want to miss it! Prepare to be wowed as we welcome Steve Spellman and his Spellman Magic Spectacular! This is an amazing show! Stay tuned for details and info on ticket sales.

What does P.E., Music, Character Counts, Reflections, Kids Korps, family fun nights, library books, assemblies and teacher accounts have to do with you? EVERYTHING! By becoming a PTA member (membership cost: \$10), your money will help to fund all of these wonderful programs (and more) that are supported by PTA. We could not provide these things without you (yes, even the teachers are PTA members)!

Calling all members! Our first PTA Association meeting is August 28th at 6:30-7 pm, in between the Back-to-School Night sessions. Please come and see how we are working to help support our school.

Your PTA board is here to serve you, our children and our staff. Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments at beckwith@san.rr.com or 858-395-4235. We have so much to look forward to this year and I believe we are off to a great start. See you around campus!

Carolyn Beckwith, PTA President



Chaparral Yearbook-NOW IN COLOR!

A big change is coming to Chaparral's yearbook. The entire yearbook will be in color!! Purchase your yearbook before January 1, 2009 and save \$5.00. The 2008-09 school year is certain to be filled with lots of fun and great memories.

Fill out the order forms from your child's first day of school packets and enclose \$23.00 for each yearbook you wish to order. Yearbooks purchased after December 31, 2008 will cost \$28.00. Purchase now and avoid missing out at the end of the year!

Unwrap the Joy

FALL FUNDRAISER 2008 - SEPTEMBER 5th-19th

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 throughout the school year.

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 5th.
Orders are due to your child's teacher by September 19th.**

Are you a PTA Member?

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

Red Ribbon Week **Melody Makers**
Hospitality
Room Parents **Family Fun Nights**
School Pictures **Kids Korps**
Teacher Appreciation **Reflections**
Fitness Club **Olympic Field Day**
Character Counts **Book Fair** **Mentor Program**
5th Grade Promotion **Jog-a-thon/Turkey Trot**
Music Program

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

Go to www.chaparralpta.com and click "Membership" for more information!!!

School Supplies

Did you know that instead of purchasing supplies from the supply list, you can donate money directly to your child's teacher's PTA account so they can purchase the supplies they need? Just make sure you write your child's teacher's name on your check so those funds can be earmarked for that specific teacher account.



2008-09 PTA Board

President:	Carolyn Beckwith
Executive VP:	Samantha Worden
1st VP Volunteer Coord.:	Jeanine Ramos
2nd VP Ways & Means:	Selina Dudley
3rd VP Membership:	Paola Collins
4th VP - Communications:	Kelly Batten
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Treasurer:	Tracy O'Connor
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Parliamentarian:	Jennifer Boaz
PTA Teacher Rep.:	Liz Sabin

PTA-Soaring to new Heights 2008-09 Goals

- Promote an open-door policy within our school community.
- Improve communication with staff, teachers, parents, other Chaparral organizations, and the community.
- Increase awareness among the parents and community of the benefits to your children 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!

Save the Date!

We will be going on a **READING SAFARI** during the week of October 6-10th! That's right – our fall book fair is scheduled and we are now calling all volunteers! Mark your calendars and if you're interested in helping out with decorating or working the fair, please contact Jennifer Boaz at jrboaz@earthlink.net or Veronica Brown at tebrown@jps.net. For more information click on the book fair link from the PTA Website.





Say "Cheese!"

Get those teeth brushed, your hair combed and those smiles ready!



Friday, September 12th is picture day and Gerardy Photography will be on campus to capture all those wonderful Chaparral smiles.

Picture make-up day will be **Thursday, September 18th**. The T/TH preschool class will also have their pictures taken on the 18th.

Be on the lookout for more information and order forms in your child's Friday folder in early September.

If you have any questions, please contact Serena Duardo at (858) 673-1605 or at duardo1@mac.com and Norina Colburn at (858) 487-7988 or norinacolburn@san.rr.com.

Room Parent Meeting

September 3rd
9:15 – 10:15 A.M.



Calling all PTA members/volunteers who would like a picture volunteer badge.

Gerardy Photography will be on campus Friday, September 12th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 2:00-3:00 p.m. to take your picture. If you already have a picture volunteer badge, please stop by to receive the 2008-2009 sticker for the new school year.

Attention Volunteers!

Thank you in advance for enhancing our school with your precious time. We wanted to be sure to let you know of a few things you might need before volunteering in the classroom.

1. Please be sure you have a **Level I (Megan's Law) or Level II clearance through the District**. If you completed the paperwork last year, you are cleared for this year. If you are a new volunteer, please complete the forms that were included in the 1st day packets (and can be also downloaded from our school's website at www.chaparralpta.com) or come by to any one of our PTA Volunteer Clearance Dates.
2. Please be sure to complete the **Volunteer Code of Conduct Form**.
3. Please be sure to have a **current TB test** (which is good for 4 years) on file with the school office. The district is no longer providing testing, so you must visit your personal physician to get the 2 part test. If you are unsure if your TB test needs to be redone please contact Jeanine Ramos or visit the office.
4. Pictures for **volunteer name badges** are offered by the PTA for all PTA members/volunteers. On **Friday, September 12th**, all volunteers can come in to have their picture taken between **9-10 am**, and **2-3 pm** If you already have a name badge, come during that time to have it updated with a sticker for the new school year.
5. Please be sure to always **sign in to the Volunteer Log** located in the school office.
6. If you will be driving on a field trip this year, please be sure to see the office for an **updated insurance form**. This needs to be done each year.

It is *never* too late to volunteer for an event! Just send me your name and email address and I will add you to our volunteer list.

If you need further information or have any other questions about volunteering, please contact Jeanine Ramos, PTA Volunteer Coordinator, at jeanineramos@cox.net or 674-1621.

Making Volunteering Easy!

For your convenience, we will be available at the following times and locations to process the LEVEL 1 clearance paperwork:

- Thurs., August 28th** Back to School Night-One hour prior to PTA General Membership Meeting
- Wed., September 3rd** 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. (after room parent meeting)
- Fri., September 12th** 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 am
2:00 p.m.-- 3:00 p.m.

Please bring a valid driver's license/photo ID

If you already have a volunteer badge, please stop by the above times to receive the 2008-2009 sticker for the new school year. If you cannot make it on any of the days above, please contact Jeanine Ramos at jeanineramos@cox.net OR 674-1621.



Character Counts!

Hi Champions of Character,

The first community gathering day to wear your Pillar colors, is on August 27th.

Kindergarten- Fairness (Orange pillar color)
1st grade-Citizenship (Purple)
2nd grade-Caring (Red)

3rd grade-Trustworthiness (Blue)
4th grade-Responsibility (Green)
5th grade-Respect (Yellow)

Top 5 ways to show your Pillar Color:

1. A piece of paper at lunch with your pillar character written in it's color. (*Example: Respect would be written in yellow.*)
2. A shirt with the color somewhere on it
3. Braces with yellow bands
4. A Sticker (Mrs. Sullivan, has wonderful ideas on how you can demonstrate good character)
5. Shoelaces

Parents please be on the lookout, for Character Coach signups during back to school night.

See you around,

Lourie Archer - Character Coach Chairperson

laarcher01@hotmail.com



**SEND YOUR
LOVE WITH
A "HAWK'S
EGG" ONLY
\$10**

Now you can show your support for Chaparral by sponsoring a "Hawk's Egg" in the directory. For just \$10, it's a great way to send a special message to your child or teacher(s)... "good luck", "best wishes for a great year", "congratulations" to a 5th-grader; "thanks" to a special teacher(s)...any loving message you'd like to send. Proceeds will help offset the cost of producing the directory. Please contact Rose Ruppert at: druppert@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Forms are in the PTA First Day packets!



Save the date...

Family Art Night, Friday, September 12th, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Spend an evening creating a masterpiece with your child.

All ages can participate and take home a masterpiece.

Limited space and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Look for more info to come home soon!

Contact: Jennifer Boaz at jrboaz@earthlink.net or Samantha Worden at samanthaworden@san.rr.com



The Chaparral PTA would like to thank Erin Earl of Starbucks Coffee on 11922 Bernardo Plaza Drive, next to Vons, for their generous donation of coffee for our principal meet & greet the first day of school.



Attention Chaparral Singers

It's time to register for Melody Makers! We begin rehearsals at 8:00 AM Tuesday, September 16 (K-2nd Grades) and Thursday, September 18th (3rd-5th Grades). We have some exciting music to learn so come join the fun.

For more information or to receive sign-up information please email Holly Franz at ChaparralMelodyMakers@gmail.com.



Abra Cadabra!

Are you ready for some magic, fun, and excitement?
Well you won't want to miss this year's fabulous family event, the Spellman Magic Spectacular!

Mark your calendars for the evening of October 24th so you don't miss out!

Be on the lookout for ticket sales. See you there!



A Special Thank You!

Thank you to the Chaparral PTA host committee, Angelea Bruce, Rose Ruppert, and all the volunteers for the wonderful Ice Cream Social! It was great to have our new principal and some of our awesome teachers come out to enjoy a cool treat on a busy day. We had the opportunity to serve over 500 people!



HELP WANTED!

Chaparral is looking for lunch supervisors from 11:00 am-1:40 pm. If you are an enthusiastic adult who loves working with children, please contact Yoenda Dornan at the office at 485-0042 or ydoernan@guhsd.net. Supervisors are paid \$10/hr.

Chaparral's



Kids Korps

Welcome back to what is sure to be a wonderful year! PTA's Kids Korps has an exciting line up of activities for our 5th 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 next week.

Please recycle aluminum cans and plastic CRV bottles and bring them to school on our monthly "Eco Day" which is the last Wednesdays of each 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 \$1,000.00 of which 100% was donated to Casa de Emmanuel Orphanage in Tijuana. Great job Chap-pies!!

Volunteers—we need you!! If you are interested in helping during one or more of our Kids Korps activities, please contact Sue Sullivan at suemariesullivan@gmail.com or 967-7611.

Remember to "LEAD BY EXAMPLE!"

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

If your child is going to be absent from school, you need call the attendance hotline at (858) 475-0042 ext. 4202