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Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School PTA Newsletter
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IMPORTANT DATES

- Back to school night 8/27
- PTA Association meeting 8/27
- Volunteer badge pictures 8/28
- Gift Wrap 9/4-9/18
- Carnival 9/18
- Labor Day- No School 9/7

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Principal's Perspective

Dawn Zwibel, Principal

The new school year is off to a great start! I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the PTA and Foundation for hosting our first annual "Class Posting Party." Hundreds of students attended to share a sweet treat, and discover who their new teacher would be.

As you know, building classes for K-5 is an enormous task involving over 850 unique and special children. Therefore, all class placement decisions are made at grade level team meetings, with my involvement. Many factors are taken into account in this process. These factors include class size requirements, boy/girl ratio, special needs student ability, social factors, and possible looping and multiage situations. Our goal is to create balanced classrooms that meet the needs of your child (ren). Therefore, class placements are final. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT! Thursday, August 27th

Grades K-3 5:45-6:30 PM
Grades 4-5 7:00-7:45 PM

PTA Association Mtg 6:00-7:00 PM MPR
GATE Meeting 6:30-7:00 PM LRC

2009-10 PTA Board

President:	Carolyn Beckwith
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Getting the
School Year Off
To a Good Start

- ▶ Set a firm, reasonable bed time. Kids need plenty of rest, especially as they readjust to the school-year schedule.
- ▶ Take time for a healthful breakfast each day. Children who eat well before school have the energy to take full advantage of important morning instruction.
- ▶ Find a place for everything, and put everything in its place. The beginning of the year is the time to set routines that will avoid lost backpacks and materials.

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President's Message

Carolyn Beckwith, PTA President

Hello and welcome back everyone! As summer vacation comes to a close we are heading into an exciting school year with many programs and events that are sure to keep your kids smiling! Please visit our PTA website often to keep up to date with everything happening at Chaparral: www.chaparralpta.com.

Once again, we have many family fun activities planned for you this year. All PTA events are organized with the whole family in mind. The more the merrier! You'll notice some new favorites coming back and some old favorites as well.

We are starting our year with the Back-to-School Kick-off Carnival, September 18th at Valle Verde Park from 4-7pm. Join us for music, games, prizes, food, family and friends! Don't miss out on this great family event! Stay tuned for more details as the event gets closer.

Please consider becoming a PTA member. Now is the time to join! Please see more detailed information in the Membership section below and thank you in advance to your support.

Our first PTA Association meeting will be held August 27th from 6:30 – 7pm between Back To School Night sessions. We value your presence and input! I look forward to seeing you there...join PTA – have a voice!

Chaparral PTA is here to serve you, our children and staff. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or comments at beckwith@san.rr.com or 858-395-4235.

Reminder to
check the
Chaparral
PTA website
for all future
editions of the
Hawk's Eye!

www.chaparralpta.com

BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL IS BACK-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL!

Friday, September 18th

4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Valle Verde Park

Come celebrate with carnival games, inflatables, food, fun and prizes. Great fun for the entire family!

Volunteers needed to help with set up, tear down, games and ticket sales.

Please contact Sharon Stephens at Ssproductions44@yahoo.com

Join PTA Today!

Take a look at some of the important programs PTA supports:

Reflections

Red Ribbon Week

Family Fun Nights

Room Parents

School Pictures

5th Grade Promotion

Melody Makers

Character Counts

Olympic Field Day

Fitness Club

P.E.

Hospitality
Teacher Appreciation

Book Fair

Kids Korps

Jog-a-thon
Teacher Accounts

We couldn't do any of this without your support.

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

IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Volunteer Badges

Calling all PTA members/volunteers who would like a picture volunteer badge. Gerardy Photography will be on campus to take your picture on Friday, **August 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (for those with last names beginning with A-M)** and from **9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (for those with last names beginning with N-Z)**. If you already have a picture volunteer badge, please stop by to receive the 2009-2010 sticker for the new school year.

VOLUNTEER CLEARANCE

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

Thurs., August 27th

- one hour prior to PTA mtg. (front entrance gates of school)

Fri., August 28th

- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (during picture day for Volunteer Badges)

Wed., September 9th

- 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. (after room parent mtg.)

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 2009-2010 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.

NEW 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, you can obtain a copy of the Megan's Law form by downloading it from our school's website at www.chaparralpta.com, coming by during any one of our PTA Volunteer Clearance Dates, or visiting the office.
 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. 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, August 28th, volunteers can come in to have their picture taken between 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. 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 that you have submitted a Megan's Law background check, have a current TB test on file with the office, and have given the office an updated insurance form. This needs to be done each year.
 7. And it's 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.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

-Aesop

Around the Nest

School Fund Raiser Coming your way

Gift Wrap
Sept 4th –Sept 18th



Contact person –
Lourie Archer
laarcher01@hotmail.com

Perspective Room Parents

1. **When/Where do I sign-up?** Back to school night, Aug. 27th/ Your child's classroom
2. **Do I need to be a PTA member?** Yes
3. **Once I sign-up will there be a meeting?** Yes, Wednesday 9/9 @ 9:00 a.m. (location to be announced)

Contact person- Lourie Archer
laarcher01@hotmail.com

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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 6th 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. 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 in the next few weeks.

Please recycle aluminum cans and plastic CRV bottles and bring them to school on our "Eco Day"s which will be held on 8/26, 10/28, 12/16, 2/24 and 4/28. For "Eco Day" the kids help sort the recycled items, clean the school playground and we discuss the importance of recycling. Last year our collection efforts yielded \$450.00 which will be 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 suemariesullivan@gmail.com or 967-

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

Put
Yourself
in the
PTA
Picture



Join Chaparral's PTA!

With more than one million members, California State PTA is the largest volunteer organization in the state dedicated to improving the well being of all children and youth.

Joining Chaparral's PTA supports local, state and national efforts to improve the education of children and the lives of families. Membership provides the opportunity for individuals to raise their voices with others throughout the state and nation to protect children's rights. Membership ensures that PTA's voice is heard on issues affecting young people as well as providing opportunities for parent education, communication and leadership development. The MORE members we have join at Chaparral, the STRONGER OUR VOICE!

Chaparral's PTA supports your child through numerous programs including: funding for higher-quality learning programs, Music (Melody Makers), Physical Education (PE), Teacher/Classroom Accounts (for Preschool, PEPP, K-5th grades), Literacy Enhancements, Library Books, Grants, Critical Skills, Book Fair, Fitness Club, Family Fun Nights, Character Counts, School Assemblies, and so much MORE!

**Membership is per individual (not family) and must be renewed each year.
Cost per membership is a one time annual tax-deductible fee of \$10 per member.**

Please consider purchasing additional individual PTA Memberships for each Parent, for Step-Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, caregivers, neighbors and/or friends.

EACH MEMBER COUNTS. EACH MEMBER HAS A VOICE.

Watch for Membership updates, benefits and information in each issue of Chaparral's Hawk's Eye. Chaparral's Membership Committee will continue to work on increasing membership year round. Our goals for Membership are high, and we look to our Chaparral families to help us soar to new heights. More than ever, our schools rely on parents to help further our children's education!

Please join Chaparral's PTA by filling out the Membership Form located in your child's "Back to School" packet.

For questions, please contact:
Monica Cogger, VP Membership
cogger@sbcglobal.net / 858-437-4137

FITNESS CLUB

Get your running shoes ready!

Fitness club will return on Tuesday, September 15th.
Running days will be Tuesday's, Thursday's and
Friday's

