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Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Minimum Day
12/18
- Winter Break
12/21-1/1
- 5th grade
band concert
12/8
- Melody Mak-
ers 12/11
- Toys for Tots
Deadline 12/16

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Principal's Perspective

Dawn Zwibel, Principal

Dear Chaparral Families,

It is hard to believe that it is December already. Winter has arrived, along with the busy holiday season. I want to thank you for your participation in the parent-teacher conferences held in November. Thank you for the time you spent with each of your child's teachers. We appreciate the support and camaraderie we experience with our parent community. Without you, our students could not be successful.

As our holiday break approaches, I would like to encourage you to work with your children at home. The brain knows no holidays, and continues to function everyday. Focus on challenging your child to learn something new during the break. Your continued commitment to support your child's learning enhances progress in all academic areas.

'Tis the season to give thanks for our many blessings, and here at Chaparral we have much to be thankful for: dedicated teachers, motivated and talented students, supportive parents, rigorous curriculum, and much more. I am particularly thankful for each teacher and dedicated staff member on this campus. Every day they choose to be here with integrity, enthusiasm, and professionalism. It takes a large and active community to create a thriving school, and we are grateful for your ongoing involvement in the education of your child or children at Chaparral. May you and your family have a wonderful holiday season!

We wish you all the best for the holidays. Our last day of school is **Friday, December 18, 2009. Remember that this is a minimum day, and dismissal will be at 12:45 pm.** We will see you in the New Year on Monday, January 4, 2010!

"All children are gifted. Some just open their presents later than others."

-Author Unknown

President's Message

Carolyn Beckwith, PTA President

Dear Chaparral Families & Staff,

Just as we're getting back into the swing of things after our Thanksgiving break, we only have a couple of short weeks left before we are off for another break, and then we welcome 2010 and the remainder of our school year. The PTA has many wonderful events planned as we head into the new year...Family Art Night and Movie Night just to name a couple.

The Melody Makers concert is just around the corner – see newsletter for more information.

No school December 21 – January 1...enjoy your holiday!

Wishing you many blessings and a happy holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Carolyn

AN EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS...

Melody Makers Holiday Concert

Come listen to the beautiful voices of Chaparral's Melody Makers. They have worked hard all year for their holiday performance.



Performances have been split to accommodate all families.

December 11th @ 6pm & 7:30pm - Chaparral MPR

1st show 6:00pm- All Melody Makers w/ last name A-L

2nd show 7:30 –All Melody Makers w/last name M-Z

Holly Franz @ ChaparralMelodyMakers@gmail.com



Thursday December 17th
2: 00 p.m. to Closing

Stop in for a taste of Baja at Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill
And raise money for Chaparral Elementary School
Thank you for supporting our School, you're great!

2 locations to choose from
Rancho Bernardo & Carmel Mountain Ranch

Please remember to bring your flyer or else we won't get credit
Need a flyer?



You can Email laarcher01@hotmail.com, or pick one up in the office.

Don't Forget!

Toys for Tots

Girl scout Troop 8001 is collecting Toys for local
Military families.

Please help them make a child's Christmas a little brighter.
You can drop off your unwrapped toy in the office.

Please have them in by December 16th.

For more information, please contact Jessica Peterson @ 521-8832



A MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Come hear the Chaparral
Band and String Ensembles **FIRST**
Performance including...

"Aunt Rhodie's Appetite"

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009

at 9:30 A.M.

Chaparral MP Room



Around the Nest**Welcome New and Returning
Chaparral PTA Members**

Chaparral's PTA Membership has increased over 100+ members since last year!! We thank you for your membership and commitment to our students.

If you have not had a chance to sign up for membership, it's not too late. Please fill out the attached form and return it to school with your student. Remember.... the MORE members we have join at Chaparral, the STRONGER OUR VOICE!

Each member counts and each member has a voice.

PTA Membership Cards and **Legoland** Free Admission Vouchers were sent home with your student right before Thanksgiving break. If you have not received yours, please expect them within the next week or so as we are waiting on additional cards to arrive and to be printed.

Mark your calendar to join us at our next two PTA Association meetings:

- January 29th

(Nominating Committee announced for next year's PTA Board positions)

- April 23rd

(PTA Board Position Elections and Audit)

*Meetings are held in Chaparral's MPR (unless announced otherwise)

We look forward to seeing you!

Thanks again for your commitment to the children at Chaparral, California, and across the nation. PTA is the oldest and largest volunteer association working exclusively on behalf of all children and youth. You have joined millions of dedicated and caring members who share a commitment to children and education. PTA appreciates your support and invites you to take advantage of all the benefits that your PTA membership provides you.

Please visit the California State PTA website at www.capta.org.

Visit the National PTA website at www.pta.org

(Access "members only" offerings by using the username and password provided to you on the back of your PTA Membership Card)

There is still time to join Chaparral's PTA. Fill out the Membership Form on the next page and return it to school with your student.

Thank you!

For questions, please contact:

Monica Cogger, VP Membership

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Membership

Chaparral PTA Membership Form

Membership (one time tax-deductible fee)

One Individual PTA Member = \$10.00

Memberships are individual (not per family) and are specific to each school.

Please consider purchasing additional individual PTA Memberships for each Parent, for Step-Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, caregivers, neighbors and/or friends. More than ever, our schools rely on parents to help further our children's education. EACH MEMBER COUNTS. EACH MEMBER HAS A VOICE.

Every member will receive an individual PTA Membership Card and a "Buy One Get One FREE" voucher for admission to LEGOLAND. In addition, for *each* individual membership purchased, you'll be entered into a random drawing in November for a special prize (TBA). The more individual memberships purchased the more chances you have to win!

Please print clearly

1st Member Name (SELF): _____	2nd Member Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Phone #: _____	Phone #: _____
3rd Member Name: _____	4th Member Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Phone #: _____	Phone #: _____

Name of your student(s) at Chaparral/Grade:

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

Thank you for becoming a member of your PTA!

Total # of memberships: _____ = Total amount enclosed: \$ _____