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# Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School PTA Newsletter  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Labor Day—No School 9/6
- School Pictures 9/10
- Room Parent Mtg 9/15 9am in the MPR
- Community Gathering 9/24
- Fall Fundraiser 9/30-10/14
- Back to School Carnival 10/1

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## *Principal's Perspective*

Dawn Zwibel, Principal

Dear Chaparral Hawks,

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 second 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 900 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.

Dawn Zwibel

**CHECK THE PTA WEBSITE AT [WWW.CHAPARRALPTA.COM](http://WWW.CHAPARRALPTA.COM) FOR ALL FUTURE ISSUES OF THE HAWKS EYE NEWSLETTER**

### **2010-11 PTA Board**

President:	Sharon Stephens
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### **Fall Fundraiser**

Gift wrap, gift items, and more! This is a great way to get a jump start on the holidays and support PTA Programs.

**Sept 30th –Oct 14**

Questions? Contact  
**Danielle Maldonado at**  
[d1rmaldonado@yahoo.com](mailto:d1rmaldonado@yahoo.com)

## President's Message

Sharon Stephens, 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, [www.chaparralpta.com](http://www.chaparralpta.com), often to keep up to date with everything happening at Chaparral.

The PTA is proud to offer many great programs including PE, Music, Melody Makers, Teacher Accounts, Grade Level Accounts, Assemblies, Library Books and so much more. With your support we can continue to provide the best for our children at Chaparral.

We are starting our year with the Back-to-School Kick-off Carnival, October 1st 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 and thank you in advance to your support. The more members we have, the larger our voice is for our children.

Chaparral PTA is here to serve you, our children and staff. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or comments at [Sharon.chaparralPTA@gmail.com](mailto:Sharon.chaparralPTA@gmail.com) or 858-413-5100.

<p><b><u>BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL</u></b></p> <p>COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL!</p> <p><b>Friday, October 1st 4:00 PM-7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>Valle Verde Park</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please contact Danielle Maldonado at <a href="mailto:dirmaldonado@yahoo.com">dirmaldonado@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b><u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Room Parent Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, September 15th</b></p> <p><b>9am in the MPR</b></p> <p><b>To be a Room Parent</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You must be a PTA member</li> <li>2. You need your Megan's Law and TB test Clearance</li> </ol> <p>Please check the PTA Website under Volunteer for more information about being a Room Parent and Volunteer Clearance.</p> <p>Questions? Contact Lourie Archer at <a href="mailto:laarcher01@hotmail.com">laarcher01@hotmail.com</a></p>
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**FITNESS CLUB**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Get your running shoes ready!

Fitness club will return mid-September. To help with tracking laps and supporting the kids. Please contact Jessica Fino at [fino.jessica@gmail.com](mailto:fino.jessica@gmail.com)

**Moms' Night Out**

Hosted by the Chaparral Educational Foundation

Silent Auction and Fun to raise funds for Classroom Computers

**Friday, October 22nd**

**Rancho Bernardo Inn**

Tickets \$40 (if purchased before 10/1)

For more info [www.chaparraledfoundation.com](http://www.chaparraledfoundation.com)

**School Pictures**

**Get ready to smile!**

**September 10th**

**September 20 (Make-ups)**

Questions?  
Contact Serena Duardo at [duardo1@mac.com](mailto:duardo1@mac.com)

## PTA Reflections

- Do you love to express your creativity through dance, music, story, or poetry?
- Do you enjoy taking photographs or videotaping your friends?
- Do you imagine having your drawings displayed in a special exhibit?

This wonderful program is a chance for you to be able to unleash your artistic talents by creating works of art for fun and recognition in the following six areas:

- \* Dance Choreography
- \* Musical Composition
- \* Photography
- \* Literature
- \* Film/Video Production
- \* Visual Arts

Participate in PTA's Reflections Program by joining thousands of other students as they create entries based on the 2010-2011 theme,

### **“Together we can...”**

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

Entry forms and category guidelines/descriptions are available in the Library (LRC)

*Deadline to turn in entries is Friday, October 29, 2010*

*(please place all completed submissions on the table in the PTA Room)*

All Chaparral students are encouraged to participate in this creative opportunity to exercise their artistic talents. Do you have artistic skills in more than one category? If so, you can submit more than one entry.

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

Participation in the Reflections Program is organized by school grade. Student works are critiqued against others in the same grade division. This allows recognition and judging of artworks by appropriate developmental age and skill levels. The four grade divisions are as follows: Primary - Preschool through Grade 2 or up to age 7; Intermediate Grades 3-5 or ages 8-10; Middle/Junior Grades 6-8 or ages 11-13; and Senior Grades 9-12 or ages 14+ .

The Reflections Program is structured for PTAs to recognize students at the local unit, council, PTA district, state and national levels. Entries are first judged at the local unit level, where selected works are chosen to represent the PTA at each subsequent level. Once entries reach the level of the California State PTA, entries may be selected for submission to the National PTA. Award of Excellence and Awards of Merit are recognized at the annual National PTA convention and are displayed as part of the program's traveling exhibit.

### **YOU COULD WIN \$100 FROM THE PTA!**

Enter the National PTA Reflections Program Theme Search for 2012-2013!

The National PTA is looking for a theme for its Reflections Program for 2012-2013. The student who submits the winning entry will receive \$100, and his or her theme will be presented at the 2011 National PTA Convention. Entry forms will be available in the Library (LRC) starting Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. **Entry deadline is Friday, October 1st.** Please place submissions, folded in half, in the PTA lock box located in the front office.

Reflections Questions? Contact Jeanine Ramos at [jeanineramos@cox.net](mailto:jeanineramos@cox.net) or 858-674-1621

## Join Chaparral's PTA!

Put Yourself in the PTA Picture



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!** Please join Chaparral's Membership Committee. One Representative is needed for each grade for the 2010-11 school year. Goals for the Membership Committee are to increase PTA Membership. Last year, we increased Chaparral's PTA Membership by OVER 100 MEMBERS!! Let's top that this year!

Volunteers will help promote membership, increase membership in each grade/classroom, distribute PTA membership cards and LEGOLAND admissions vouchers (by grade level) and if available, volunteer to attend various school functions to promote membership (at a Membership table/display). Increasing membership will be an ongoing effort throughout the school year. We'd love your help!

Contact **Monica Cogger, VP of Membership** at [cogger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cogger@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer. Please include grade you wish to represent (must have one child in that particular grade, please). **THANK YOU!**

### HAVE YOU JOINED?

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!

**REMEMBER** Chaparral's PTA supports your child through numerous programs including: funding for higher-quality learning programs, Music, 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 or visit the front Office for a PTA Membership form.**

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

## PTA Programs!

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

- Music
- Character Counts
- Physical Education
- Teacher Accounts
- Red Ribbon Week
- Olympic Field Day
- Kids Korps
- Book Fair
- Family Fun Nights
- Back to School Carnival
- Fitness Club
- Hospitality
- 5th Grade Promotion
- Melody Makers
- School Pictures
- Teacher Appreciation
- Jog-a-thon
- Room Parents
- Reflections
- Library Books
- Family Fun Run
- Assemblies

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

Go to [www.chaparralpta.com](http://www.chaparralpta.com) and click "Membership" for more information.

## Chaparral Mentor Program

Calling all Parents, Grandparents, and Caring Adults....

Make a commitment to Support Our Students, Be a Positive Influence, and Turn your Beliefs into Action. Join the 2010-2011 Chaparral Elementary Mentor Program. Volunteer Today!

During the school year, Mentors meet with students once a week for an hour. The Mentor program focuses on creating friendships among students and adults. Through those friendships, literacy and social skills are strengthened. This is not a tutoring program, but a chance for mentors to become strong role models in a fun, relaxed environment, while reinforcing the importance of learning.

Mentors and students meet at the school library, the outdoor cafeteria, or on the playground to read together, work on crafts, play sports, or just talk about the current events in their lives.

To Become a Volunteer, contact  
Sunah Feng at [sunahfeng@gmail.com](mailto:sunahfeng@gmail.com)

## Pertussis (whooping cough) information

Important Message from Poway Unified School District

Pertussis is spread through the air when an ill person coughs or sneezes. Infants and young children are at highest risk of life threatening complications from the disease. Their symptoms most often include cold symptoms such as runny nose, slight fever, and occasional cough. The cough becomes worse, turning into coughing spasms that may be followed by:

- a crowing (whooping) sound on breathing in
- vomiting or gagging, choking or turning blue

In older children and adults, pertussis symptoms include aggravating coughing attacks that last for two weeks or longer and may be accompanied by vomiting, gagging, and sticky mucus production. These attacks may worsen at night. Between the coughing attacks, the person may feel well and have no symptoms.

If your child starts to show symptoms of pertussis:

Consult your healthcare provider and let them know your child may have been exposed to someone ill with pertussis. This disease is treated with specific antibiotics.

Notify the school if your doctor suspects your child is ill with pertussis. Ill children should stay home until completion of five days of antibiotic therapy to prevent spreading the disease to others.

To help protect against getting ill from pertussis:

1. Check with your doctor to see if you and your family are up-to-date with the appropriate number of DTaP (childhood) or Tdap (adolescent and adult) vaccine doses.
2. Wash hands frequently.

## 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 7th 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 9/29, 10/27, 11/17, 12/15, 1/26, 2/23, 3/30, 4/27 and 5/25. For "Eco Day" the kids help sort the recycled items, clean the school playground and we discuss the importance of recycling. Volunteers—we need you!!

If you are interested in helping during one or more of our Kids Korps activities, please contact Paola Collins at [anapaulacollins@gmail.com](mailto:anapaulacollins@gmail.com)

If you have any additional questions regarding pertussis, you may call the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Epidemiology and Immunization Services at 1-866-358-2966 and press 5 to speak with a Public Health Nurse.

This information is also on the PUSD homepage at [www.powayusd.com](http://www.powayusd.com) under the Hot Topics link

**VOLUNTEER SCREENINGS AND TB TESTS**

**BACKGROUND CLEARANCES**--Poway Unified School District conducts background clearances for all District volunteers in accordance to the School Board Policy. Volunteers must be processed and cleared before they will be allowed to work at the school.

**Level 1:** Volunteers who work under the direct supervision and in the presence of a teacher or district employee. These volunteers will be cleared through a "Megan's Law" database at the local sheriff's department. Please check the Chaparral Elementary website/PTA website for Megan's Law forms and Volunteer Code of Conduct forms

**Level 2:** Volunteers who have the opportunity for significant unsupervised contact with students. These volunteers will be fingerprinted so that they may be cleared through the California Department of Justice. **Volunteers will not be processed for fingerprinting without a "Request for Volunteer Background Clearance Level II" form signed by the principal**

**Megan's Law – Level I, Volunteer Code of Conduct & Transfer forms** are available on the PUSD website: <http://powayusd.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/volunteer/>

**TB SCREENING** -- All volunteers who work with students in any capacity are required by law to have a Tuberculin Test, which is good for four years. The Poway Unified School District offers free TB clinics during the school year. See the clinic schedule below or you can download a clinic schedule at the PUSD website: <http://powayusd.sdcoe.k12.ca.us>

**Transfers** - A **transfer form** is available for volunteers to complete if they wish to add their names to schools their students are currently attending or delete their names from schools they no longer attend.

Questions? Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kelly Batten at [kellybatten@att.net](mailto:kellybatten@att.net)

## TB SKIN TEST CLINIC SCHEDULE 2010 - 2011

**Volunteers must have Volunteer Verification Form**  
(Obtain from school site).

**PLEASE NOTE!**

*The TB Skin Test provided by PUSD is a two-step process:  
Step 1 - Obtaining Skin Test  
Step 2 - Reading of Skin Test (48 hours later)  
You must complete both steps for your test to be valid.  
Tests results are good for 4 years.  
If you have questions please contact*

*Health Services  
Internal: 858-815-4132  
External: 858-668-4132*

**If you are acutely ill, have been diagnosed with tuberculosis, have had a live vaccine (MMR) within the last four weeks, or are undergoing immunosuppressive therapy, contact a Resource Nurse at Health Services (858-668-4132) PRIOR to attending a clinic.**

<u>Skin Test</u>	<u>Reading of Test</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, 8/31/10	Thursday, 9/2/10	7:30-8:30am	Valley Elementary
Tuesday, 9/7/10	Thursday, 9/9/10	8:30-9:30am	Los Penasquitos-
Tuesday, 9/14/10	Thursday, 9/16/10	<b>6:30-7:30pm*</b>	Abraxas H.S.
Tuesday, 9/21/10	Thursday, 9/23/10	8:00-9:00am	Westwood Elem.
Tuesday, 9/28/10	Thursday, 9/30/10	<b>6:30-7:30pm*</b>	Oak Valley M.S.
Tuesday, 10/5/10	Thursday, 10/7/10	8:00-9:00am	Painted Rock Elem
Tuesday, 10/19/10	Thursday, 10/21/10	2:45-4:00pm	Abraxas H.S.
Tuesday, 11/16/10	Thursday, 11/18/10	2:45-4:00pm	Abraxas H.S.
Tuesday, 12/14/10	Thursday, 12/16/10	2:45-4:00pm	Abraxas H.S.
Tuesday, 1/11/11	Thursday, 1/13/11	2:45-4:00pm	Abraxas H.S.
Tuesday, 2/8/11	Thursday, 2/10/11	2:45-4:00pm	Abraxas H.S.
Tuesday, 3/15/11	Thursday, 3/17/11	2:45-4:00pm	Abraxas H.S.
Tuesday, 4/19/11	Thursday, 4/21/11	2:45-4:00pm	Abraxas H.S.
Tuesday, 5/17/11	Thursday, 5/19/11	2:45-4:00pm	Abraxas H.S.

\*These are Evening Clinic from 6:30—7:30pm