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Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Martin Luther King Day-No School 1/18
- Family Art Night 1/22
- PTA General Association Meeting 1/29

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Principal's Perspective

Dawn Zwibel, Principal

Dear Chaparral Hawks,

I wish you all the best for the New Year and hope that you had a happy and restful holiday vacation. We are starting 2010 off with focus on the very important character of "Citizenship" in support of our "Character Counts" program. Our Words of Wisdom messages each morning will focus on being a caring citizen of Chaparral Elementary.

I would like to share with you, an article called "It Takes Wisdom" by Jim Fay and the Love and Logic foundation. I thought that it was an interesting perspective and one that I had never thought of.

Jeremy, a recent business school graduate, got his dream job. He did so well that he was invited to a retreat with the big shots of the company. Not only did he get to attend, but he also had a chance to rub elbows with the top man, the CEO of the company. Almost jittery, he approached his idol. "Sir, I was told that I could ask you a question. And what I want to ask is what it takes to become as successful as you?" "Well, young man. Success like mine takes a whole series of good decisions." "Oh sir, I'm sure that's true, but what does it take to make those good decisions?" "Well, here's the hard part, son" the older man responded with pride. "It takes wisdom." "Oh, thank you sir. But that creates a burning question for me. "How do you acquire such wisdom?" "Bad decisions, son. It takes a whole lot of bad decisions. Wisdom comes from learning from your mistakes."

The authors of Love and Logic meet many parents who are afraid for their kids to make the poor decisions it takes to gain wisdom about how the real world works. I hope you are not one of those parents. But if you are, this gentle reminder comes from my heart. Bruised knees and bruised emotions are the building blocks of wisdom and personal strength. Don't steal that from the kids you love so much.

Jim Fay

Love and Logic Foundation @ www.loveandlogic.com

"Your best teacher is your last mistake."

-Ralph Nader

President's Message*Carolyn Beckwith, PTA President*

Dear Chaparral Families and Staff,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful time off with family, friends and maybe even a little snow.

If this month flies by as fast as December, we will be enjoying Family Art Night soon. Please join us on January 22nd for an evening of art! You may have a little Picasso in the making so be sure to bring your young ones...you never know how art will inspire them!

YOU'RE INVITED!!! Our next PTA Association Meeting will be held January 29th at 10am, after Community Gathering. Please come for the latest updates on our budget and other info – not to mention coffee and treats! Thank you to all of our PTA members for taking time out of your busy schedules to be involved.

Mark your calendars early for our February PTA Family Fun Night – Movie Night! Come in your jammies, bring a pillow and enjoy a movie with family and friends, February 5th (time to be determined).

As always, please don't hesitate to talk to me or any of our Executive Board members if you have questions or concerns.

Carolyn Beckwith

Fundraiser



Come join us for an evening of Soup, Salad and don't forget the yummy muffins and dessert bar.

Chaparral Fundraiser night at Souplantation
17210 Bernardo Center Dr.
January 20th
5pm – 8pm

Don't forget to bring your flyer! A flyer must be presented at time of purchase, for our school to receive credit. (Flyers can be picked up in the office or contact Lourie Archer- laarcher01@hotmail.com)



Events

Ident-A-Kid

Mark your calendars for February 26th!

Ident-A-Kid will be offering emergency identification cards with the Spring pictures. The cards contain a picture of your child in addition to their height, weight and finger prints. They are offering 3 cards for \$10.

Protect your children!



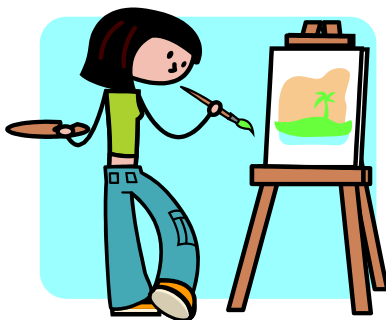
Attention budding Picasso's!

Mark your calendars: FAMILY ART NIGHT, Friday, January 22nd from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Spend an evening creating a masterpiece with your child. You'll be able to choose from three different projects.

All ages can participate but children must be accompanied by an adult. There is limited space so RSVP's will be necessary. Flyers will be sent home this week. If you would like to volunteer to help coordinate,

contact jrboaz@earthlink.net.



Around the Nest**ATTENTION****Chaparral PTA Members****Mark your calendar for the
next PTA Association meeting ...**

Friday, January 29th
10:am in the MPR
(directly after Community Gathering)

Coffee and Pastries will be served.

Agenda items include:

Nominating Committee announced for next year's PTA Board positions.

If you have not received your **PTA Membership Cards** and **Legoland** Free Admission Vouchers by the end of this week, please contact Monica Cogger at cogger@sbcglobal.net.

It's not too late to become a PTA member. Membership is only \$10. 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".

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)

Thank you.

For questions, please contact:

Monica Cogger, VP Membership

cogger@sbcglobal.net / 858-437-4137

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): _____ Address: _____ Email: _____ Phone #: _____	2nd Member Name: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____ Phone #: _____
3rd Member Name: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____ Phone #: _____ _____	4th Member Name: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____ Phone #: _____

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

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Thank you for becoming a member of your PTA!

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