

CHAPARRAL ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL  
17250 TANNIN DRIVE  
POWAY, CA 92064

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Book Fair**  
3/7—3/11
- **Family Reading Night** 3/10
- **Spell-A-Thon**  
3/16
- **Rummage Sale**  
3/19
- **Island's Fine Burger Fundraiser**  
3/23
- **Fun Run**  
3/26
- **Kids Korps**  
3/30

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# Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School PTA Newsletter  
Principal: Dawn Zwibel PTA President: Sharon Stephens  
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## Principal's Perspective

Dawn Zwibel, Principal

Dear Chaparral Hawks,

Currently, our classrooms are preparing for this year's **California Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program**. The STAR program requires all school districts throughout the state to annually use the same standardized tests to assess the achievement of students in the areas of reading, mathematics, and language arts.

There are three components of the STAR program:

1. The **California Content Standards Test (CST)**: These tests are administered to all students in grades 2 to 11. They are designed to measure achievement of the California State Academic Standards. All students are evaluated in language arts and mathematics. All fifth grade students also take a California Standards Science test specifically aligned with their current course of study. **These tests will be administered from April 20th through April 29th.**
2. The **California Alternative Program Assessment (CAPA)** is administered only to students enrolled in the special education program who, for any reason, should not participate in the above tests. The CAPA is administered in a one-to-one setting in April and May.

Teachers will be reviewing concepts and skills during the year to refresh students and activate prior learning. **Absenteeism during the test period creates problems for students.** Those who miss testing sessions with their regular class will be given make-up sessions in supervised small group settings. However, most students prefer to take the test along with their classmates, and do much better in a setting with their own teacher.

The STAR yields individual score reports for each student that will be mailed home in August.

At Chaparral, we feel that our students are prepared to do quite well on these assessments. Here are some things that you can do to help your child to do their best on these exams:

- Get plenty of rest each night.
- Eat a nutritious breakfast before coming to school. Avoid sugary cereals and make sure to add protein such as eggs, yogurt, or milk.
- Arrive on time, as students who arrive after testing starts will not be admitted to class.
- Explain that the tests will show how much your child has learned. Encourage your child to do his/her best, but don't put so much emphasis that he/she feels stressed out.

## President's Message

Sharon Stephens, PTA President

Dear Chaparral Families & Staff,

It is hard to believe we have already passed the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and that we are heading into Spring. First, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser. It was a success but we still have a little way to go to ensure that we can fund PE and Music next year. Your support is appreciated. Also a GIANT thank you to Danielle Maldonado and Jennifer Kuzma for their tireless work on organizing this fundraiser. It was a huge undertaking and they worked daily to make it happen.

We have a lot of great things coming up in March. Our Spring Book Fair is taking place the beginning of March with the Family Reading Night on March 10<sup>th</sup>. CEF has their annual Spell-a-thon and for the first time they will host a Rummage Sale. This is a great opportunity for Spring cleaning with the benefits going to the Foundation! The end of March brings our annual Fun Run. This is a great event that brings the school together for a 5K run and fun.

I hope that everyone has had an opportunity to look at the various positions available on the PTA Board. This is your chance to get involved. There are many programs that are looking for someone like you to chair or co-chair. The official ballot will be submitted on March 15<sup>th</sup> so don't miss your chance to get involved.

Finally, thank you again to everyone for your support of Chaparral PTA and all of the programs we are able to bring to Chaparral. It is because of your support that we are able to bring our children great opportunities to learn in this difficult economic time. Let's keep pulling together so that we can continue to nurture our children with art, music and the support they need to learn.

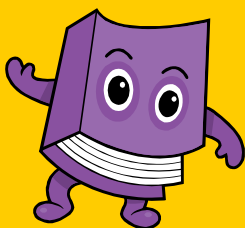
Sincerely,  
Sharon



**Chaparral's Spring Book Fair dates are: March 7<sup>th</sup> – March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Chaparral's PTA will be hosting our Spring Family Reading Night once again in the evening on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm in the MPR.

**\*\*\*We are looking for volunteers interested in reading a book from the Book Fair to children and their families during our Family Reading Night event.\*\*\***



Please contact: Monica Cogger at [cogger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cogger@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested. The kids think this is the GREATEST thing ever!!! We'd love to have your help!!!

# BOOK FAIR CARNIVAL

Your Ticket to Read!

## Step right up to volunteer!

Dates: Monday, March 7th- Friday, March 11th 2011

Step right up and help our Book Fair Carnival! Our school is putting on an exciting reading event for our students, and we need some help to make it happen. Join our volunteer team to:

- Bring creative flair to signs and decorations
- Secure community sponsorships
- Help serve food and refreshments
- Organize and put things in place
- Offer a helping hand, set up, or pack up
- Help shoppers of all ages find the perfect book



We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes.

Contact: Monica Cogger to volunteer at [cogger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cogger@sbcglobal.net)

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If you attended the February Fun & Friendship Dance you can view the photographs by going to [www.snapfish.com](http://www.snapfish.com). Please look for the link to the photos in an email from your room parent.

**Calling All PTA Members!**  
**Here's your opportunity to serve in the PTA!**  
**Below is a list of the Positions available!**

**If you are interested in any position, please contact the  
 Nominating Committee:**

**Monica Cogger, [cogger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cogger@sbcglobal.net)**

**Lourie Archer, [laarcher01@hotmail.com](mailto:laarcher01@hotmail.com)**

**Tina Bartholomew, [tina@irpnetwork.com](mailto:tina@irpnetwork.com)**

**Paula Collins, [anapaulacollins@gmail.com](mailto:anapaulacollins@gmail.com)**

**Or the Chairperson Vanessa Springett, [vspringett9@cs.com](mailto:vspringett9@cs.com)**

**Check out [chaparralpta.com](http://chaparralpta.com) for Program Descriptions.  
 Appointed positions can be co-chaired.**

**Proposed Ballot for the 2011 / 2012 -- PTA Executive**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Currently held by:</b>
President	Sharon Stephens
Executive Vice President	Carolyn Beckwith
1 <sup>st</sup> VP – Volunteer Coordinator	Kelly Batten
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP – Ways & Means	Danielle Maldonado
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP – Membership	Monica Cogger
4 <sup>th</sup> VP – Communications	Wanda Agosto
Recording Secretary	Jennifer Kuzma
Corresponding Secretary	Jessica Fino
Treasurer	Beverly Whitman
Auditor	Jeanine Ramos
Historian	Norina Colborn
Parliamentarian	Sunah Feng
Financial Secretary	Afsaneh Towns
Teacher Representative	Amy Fousek/Christine Glady

## Proposed Ballot for the 2011 / 2012 -- Appointed Board

Position	Currently held by:
Assemblies Coordinator	Deidre Mooney
Book Fair	Monica Cogger / Liza Book
Carnival	Danielle Maldonado
Character Counts	Lourie Archer
Directory	Jessica Fino
Family Fun Nights / Movies etc.	Lourie Archer
Family Fun Dances	Tracy O'Connor / Norina Colborn
Gift Wrap	Danielle Maldonado
Fitness Club	Chris Dickson/Jessica Fino
Fun Run	Jessica Fino
Hospitality	Angelea Bruce/Lisa Voss
Jog-a-thon	Felicia Rattray/ Erica Shuh
Kids Korps / Community	Paola Collins/Cristiane Goto
Marquee Maintenance	Leah Brahin
Melody Makers	Cheri Shanmugam
MM Administrator	Norina Colborn
Mentor Program	Sunah Feng
Music Program	Kathy Fisher
Olympic Field Day	Carolyn Beckwith
PE	Eileen Murray
PTA Website	Tracy O'Connor
Red Ribbon Week	Lourie Archer
Reflections	Jeanine Ramos/Lisa Dickey
Room Parent Coordinator	Lourie Archer
School Pictures	Serena Duardo
Yearbook	Melissa Hoffman
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion	Monica Cogger/Jeanine Ramos

**GIRL SCOUTS TROOP ORGANIZER WANTED:**

**KINDERGARTEN DAISY TROOP IS FORMING.**

**. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT ALISON LIZARRAGA AT [MOMIPOWAY@COX.NET](mailto:MOMIPOWAY@COX.NET)**

## PTA Membership News.....

THANK YOU again to all of the Chaparral families who have joined PTA. Your PTA Membership benefits YOUR student, each classroom and Chaparral as a whole. Thank you for your dedication and partnership! All PTA Cards and LEGOLAND Admission Vouchers have now been distributed. They were sent home with students last week. Please email Monica Cogger at [cogger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cogger@sbcglobal.net) if for some reason, you have not received yours.

## NOT A PTA MEMBER??? THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN!

**We'd love for you to join. There is still time to become a Chaparral PTA member and there is no better time than now. Please fill out the attached form with \$10 payment (per Membership) and send it back to school with your student (checks may be made to: Chaparral PTA (by March 4, 2011)).**

In this year of unprecedented school budgets and economic challenges, the mission of the 112-year-old PTA becomes ever more crucial for the future of children in our state and nation. Now more than ever, PTA is a rallying point for parents and teachers who resolve to build a stronger and more cohesive school community and a culture of success for all students.

The #1 reason to join the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is to benefit YOUR child. Benefits of PTA Membership affect each child in the classroom, the individual member and the Chaparral community as a whole. Parents and school staff working together embrace partnership and share power. PTA gives parents a voice in important decisions about their children in their school.

### **PTA Membership (annual tax-deductible fee) \$10.00**

Memberships are individual (not per family) and are specific to each school & school year. More than ever, our schools rely on parents to help further our children's education. EACH MEMBER COUNTS. EACH MEMBER HAS A VOICE.

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

## ***PRESCHOOL AT CHAPARRAL***

Chaparral Preschool registration has begun! For more information, please go to the link... <http://powayusd.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/preschool/>

The internet form needs to be filled out and submitted to the district office. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Keesling at [ekesling@powayusd.com](mailto:ekesling@powayusd.com)

## 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 and school year.

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 along with a "Buy One Get One FREE" LEGOLAND admission voucher.

**Please print clearly**

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Member Name (SELF):</b> _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Phone #: _____</p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Member Name:</b> _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Phone #: _____</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Member Name:</b> _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Phone #: _____</p>	<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Member Name:</b> _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Phone #: _____</p>

**IMPORTANT: Name of your student(s)) at Chaparral (and their Grade). Be sure to list last name if different. Cards/Voucher will be sent home with your oldest student.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

**While never mandatory, please mark your calendars to attend Chaparral's PTA Association Meetings.**

**Next Association Meeting Date is April 15th.**

These meetings convey important up-to-date school information and Member input is invaluable and always welcome. Meetings are held in the MPR. Times are TBA.



What's the Buzz?  
 Students are busy preparing for Chaparral Educational Foundation's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Spell-A-Thon on March 16th!! Each grade will compete to win a classroom spelling bee trophy for the most words

spelled correctly in their grade! There will also be a Popsicle party for the classroom in each grade with the most pledges. Keep up the studying and don't forget to ask your friends, neighbors and relatives to sponsor your student. Funds raised support the Art Corps program and Technology. After the Spell-A-Thon each student will receive a coupon to enjoy a frozen yogurt compliments of Golden Spoon. 2-3 volunteers are needed from each classroom for correcting after the test at 10:00 a.m. in the MPR. To volunteer sign up at Volunteer Spot, simply click on the link below and sign up under your student's teacher:

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/5523456343927320122>

For questions contact:  
 Jeanne Lombardo @ [fanof51@san.rr.com](mailto:fanof51@san.rr.com) or 858-774-1696  
 Tonja Anderson @ [tanderson@san.rr.com](mailto:tanderson@san.rr.com) or 619-204-8502



**Did you know that we are now on Facebook?  
 Join the Group: Chaparral Elementary PTA to stay informed of the school events!!!**



The fun run will be  
 March 26 at 8:30 am.  
 Registration is \$8 ahead of  
 time \$12 day of the race.  
 Any interested volunteers,  
 please call Jessica Fino  
 (619) 518-1298

## BHMS PTSA 2011-2012

Do you have a BHMS student or is your 5th grader moving on to BHMS?

Being a BHMS PTSA board member is a great way to get involved with the middle school and stay up-to-date on the latest news/events. We meet in the evening on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the staff lounge. The nominating committee is looking for parents who are interested in serving for the 2011-2012 school year.

The following Executive Board positions are currently open: President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Volunteer Facilitator, 4<sup>th</sup> VP Ways & Means, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Auditor, Historian, Parliamentarian. Thank you for your consideration!

Samantha Worden	<a href="mailto:sworden@san.rr.com">sworden@san.rr.com</a>
Mary Shihadeh	<a href="mailto:shihadeh@sbcglobal.net">shihadeh@sbcglobal.net</a>
Lisa Harter	<a href="mailto:theharter4@san.rr.com">theharter4@san.rr.com</a>

Start collecting your "items" now  
donate and shop



**Saturday**  
**March 19th, 2011**  
**7:00 to 11:00 a.m.**  
**Chaparral MPR**

All proceeds will help support the Chaparral Educational Foundation.

We will be collecting your donations at the front and back of the school parking lot at the following times the week of: March 14<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 - 9 a.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Furniture and all other donations can be dropped off all day Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> until 3:30 p.m. in the MPR, except during drop off and pick-up times due to the buses.

We can accept:

- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| ❖ Gently Used Clothing & Shoes  | ❖ Housewares         |
| ❖ Holiday decorations           | ❖ Sporting Equipment |
| ❖ Toys                          | ❖ Stuffed Animals    |
| ❖ Furniture                     | ❖ Tools              |
| ❖ Baby items                    | ❖ Knick-knacks       |
| ❖ Appliances (in working order) | ❖ Bicycles           |
| ❖ Books                         | ❖ Jewelry            |

Sorry, we are unable to accept: mattresses and non-operational or broken items.

If you have any questions, please contact;

Coleen McGrath at [cmcgrath1@san.rr.com](mailto:cmcgrath1@san.rr.com) or Lisa Harter at [theharter4@san.rr.com](mailto:theharter4@san.rr.com)



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**ISLANDS PRESENTS:**  
**CHAPARRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**RESTAURANT NIGHT**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011**

**TIME: 4PM TO 9PM**

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## Rancho Bernardo Community Council's Sidewalk Chalk Event

Chalk it up at the first annual Rancho Bernardo Community Council's Sidewalk Chalk Event. This event will be opened to students of all ages as well as adults. The event will include free door prizes for those who pre-register, free refreshments and free chalk. Prizes will be given in all categories.

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2011  
Check in time: 7:30 - 8:30 am

Judging Times: 11 am for elementary age students, 1 pm for middle school students, 2 pm for high school students, 3 pm for adults.

Location: Rancho Bernardo Community Park,  
18448 West Bernardo Drive



Applications will be available on the RB Community Council web site ([www.RBCommunityCouncil.com](http://www.RBCommunityCouncil.com)), the RB library, all community clubs as well as some businesses by mid-March. Sign up early to reserve your spot!

## BIG BOOK SALE

The Mira Mesa Public Library is having a big book sale at the end of April.



They have a very large stock of children's books and AV, plenty of fiction and nonfiction and generally a selection of items for every interest including books in Vietnamese, Chinese, Spanish and other languages.

The Big Book Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30 during regular library hours.

Fri 9:30-5:30  
Sat 9:30-2:30

ADDRESS:  
8405 New Salem St.  
San Diego CA 92126  
PHONE: (858) 538-8165

If you have any questions, please email Lois Horowitz, President, Mira Mesa Friends of the Library at [mka15050@hotmail.com](mailto:mka15050@hotmail.com)

## *Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!*

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser. It was a success but we still have a little way to go to ensure that we can fund PE, Music and the other great PTA programs next year. If you have not turned in your money yet please do so ASAP! Your support is appreciated.



Sincerely,  
Sharon Stephens, PTA President



## 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 or the Hawk's Eye (newsletter) for clearance verification dates at school.

**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. Level 2 volunteers will have to go to Livescan at SDUSD to be fingerprinted.

**Go to:** <http://powayusd.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/news/volunteers.html> for more information.

**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.

### **TB SKIN TEST CLINIC SCHEDULE 2011**

<u>Skin Test</u>	<u>Reading of Test</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
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.

### **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: 8-815-4132*

*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.*

### **CHAPARRAL'S KIDS KORPS**

**Please recycle aluminum cans and plastic CRV bottles and bring them to school on our "Eco Day's which will be held on 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. Efforts in the past have 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 Paola Collins at [anapaulacollins@gmail.com](mailto:anapaulacollins@gmail.com)**