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Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School PTA Newsletter
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IMPORTANT DATES

8/24 Posting Party

8/25-First Day of
School

Principal's Perspective

Dawn Zwibel, Principal

Dear Chaparral Hawks,

We have arrived at the end of another fabulous school year! This year was filled with learning, laughter, and fun. We are proud of our accomplishments and we have tried to make a difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for your help, generous donations of time and money, and for your continued support. We could not have made it without you!

Next year our bell schedule will remain the same, with the first day of school being August 25th. School will start at 8:45 am. The first bell will ring at 8:40 am, and the playground will open at 8:25 am each morning. Dismissal will be at 3:00 except on Time Banking Wednesdays, when we will dismiss at 1:35 pm.

Mark your calendars for our class posting party on August 24th at 3:00 pm. Come enjoy a sweet treat, and find out your child's class assignment. Please join us for our adult only Kindergarten Orientation and Back To School Night on Monday, August 23rd from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm. Class assignments will be posted, and you will attend orientation in the classroom assigned to your child. The informational presentation will be from 4:30-5:15, with a question and answer session from 5:15-5:30. Please leave your kids at home, as this is an adult only event.

Thank you for allowing us to work with your child this year. We look forward to the 2010-2011 school year starting on August 25th for students.

Have a Safe and Happy Summer,
Dawn Zwibel

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President's Message

Carolyn Beckwith, PTA President

Dear Chaparral Families and Staff,

Another school year has come and gone...summer is here! It has been my pleasure to serve as your PTA President for the past two years and I now leave you in the capable hands of your new PTA President, Sharon Stephens. Sharon is a very involved parent here at Chaparral and she will be a strong PTA leader.

Thank you to EVERYONE who supported our PTA, our staff and our students. It is because of your generosity that we continue to work toward meeting the needs at Chaparral. Thank you to my Executive Board and each of the committed chair people who are experts in teamwork. It has been a joy to serve with you. A special thank you to ALL the volunteers who give selflessly throughout the year – you are the heart and soul of Chaparral! Thank you to all of the staff and teachers for your support and friendship.

I wish you all a sun filled, fun filled summer break!

Carolyn Beckwith

President's Message

Sharon Stephens, PTA President 2010-11

To our wonderful Chaparral families,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Sharon Stephens and I am very excited to be your PTA President next year. I have a son going in to 2nd grade and a daughter going in to 1st grade. I would also like to invite you to the first event of the 2010-2011 school year.

On Wednesday, August 24 join us for the Posting Party and Ice Cream Social. School tours will take place at 2pm with the Posting Party at 3pm out on the field. Come find out who your child's teacher is going to be, meet new friends and check out some of the great programs that PTA & Foundation have to offer.

We would also like to announce that we will be once again hosting the Back to School Carnival and are looking for anyone who would like to be a part of the planning committee. A little or a lot we would love for you to be a part of the many great programs PTA offers at Chaparral. Please feel free to contact me at Sharon.ChaparralPTA@gmail.com with any questions or to find out how you can make a difference.

Have a great summer!

Sharon Stephens

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.

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>.

Questions? Contact Jeanine Ramos at jeanineramos@cox.net or 858-674-1621

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.