



Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School * PTA * CEF Newsletter
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Principal's Perspective

Hello Chaparral Families,

As our first trimester comes to a close, I would like to reflect on all that we've accomplished. Our students are settled in their classes, and learning at a rapid pace. Fall MAPS testing is complete, and parent teacher conferences were well attended. We appreciate your active participation in your child's education. We celebrated Red Ribbon week with great success! All of our students participated in a variety of activities to promote saying no to drugs, and living a healthy lifestyle. I would like to thank the PTA for all of their hard work promoting the events and activities that our students enjoyed last month.

As the fall and holiday seasons approach, I am reminded of how thankful I am to be part of such a wonderful community of learners. Our parents, staff, and students, help make Chaparral a warm and inviting place to be for everyone. Our parents have been extremely generous in supporting our food drive, paper drive, and gift wrap fundraisers. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Warmly,
Dawn Zwibel



JUST IN TIME FOR HOLIDAY PHOTOS AND CARDS! BEAUTIFUL 10x13 FAMILY PORTRAIT FOR \$30.

You get to choose from several different poses taken of your family, either indoor with a white background or outdoor at Old Poway Park with no additional shipping charges. Chaparral PTA receives \$15 for each registered family plus 10% of the total sales if we have 20 or more families per event. A full range of additional portrait products, holiday cards and

personalized gifts are available.

Sign up online at www.familyportraitfun.com

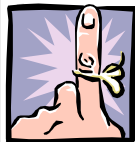
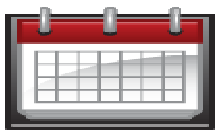
Indoor Event: Thursday, November 13th 4:30-8 pm in the MPR

Outdoor Event: Sunday, November 16th 9 am-12:30 pm at Old Poway Park Contact

Marilyn Leifer at 858 592-6628 or marilynleifer@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events

➤ Turkey Trot	Nov. 12
➤ Family Portrait	Nov. 13
➤ Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 24-28



REMINDERS!!

If you forgot to order giftwrap, you can still order it online!

We are still collecting reams of paper for our paper drive. We have received 350 reams so far, but we need a lot more to get through the school year. You can drop off paper at the office.

Don't forget to set your clocks back on November 2nd, the end of Daylight Savings Time.

Remember there is NO SCHOOL November 24-28!



Chaparral PTA

President's Message

Carolyn Beckwith, PTA President

Dear Chaparral Families and Staff,

I want to extend a BIG thank you to everyone who came to the Spellman Magic Show! It was spectacular and I'm sure your kids are still talking about it. My kids were trying out new magic tricks that night!

Our Turkey Trot Jog-a-thon is coming up. For all you walkers/joggers/runners - this is a lot of fun and a great way to get a little exercise. Last but not least, the funds raised from the Turkey Trot support our P.E. program here at Chaparral. With all the changes this year in the amount of full day classes and the current budget cuts, we could use all the help we can get to ensure our kids continue to benefit from having Mrs. Murray lead them in P.E.

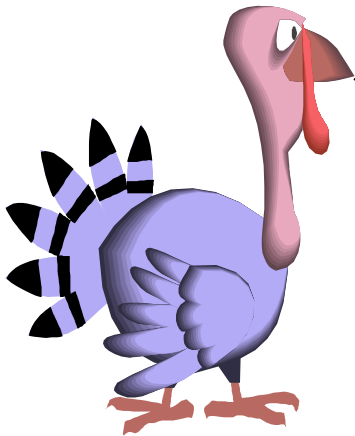
Please be sure to read the information in this newsletter regarding Family Portraits. This will be a great opportunity for you to update those pictures on the mantle!

There will be no school on November 11th. A big salute to all of the veterans and men and women still serving in our armed forces.

Thanksgiving break will be from November 27th - 28th. I wish you and your family many blessings as we have so much to be thankful for.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Carolyn Beckwith



Lace up your running shoes
It's **TURKEY TROT** Time!!!
And remember, 100% of the proceeds
stay right here at Chaparral!!!

When: **Wednesday, November 12th**
K /1st Grades9:00 – 10:00
2nd/4th Grades..... 10:00 – 11:00
3rd/5th Grades.....11:00 – 12:00
Where: **Chaparral Running Track**

Important Date: Please turn in your pledge sheet by Friday, November 7th.

Volunteer Information: We need lots of volunteers to put on a smooth running event. Please contact your Room parent for opportunities or email cwsandiego@aol.com for more information.



Chaparral PTA

Dear Chaparral Families,

WE NEED YOU! to register your Albertsons Preferred or Vons Club savings card so that Chaparral Elementary School can receive up to 4% of your grocery purchase total! The money earned will be used to fund improvements for our SCHOOL to help enhance your child's education (with the aid of technology, computers, Art Corp, etc...).

AND the really great news is that it doesn't cost you a thing!

Here's how you can help:

1.) If you already have an Albertsons Preferred or Vons Club Card, please take the time to register your card by filling-in your info on the form below. Turn it in to the school office.

You can also register your Von's Club Card at www.escrip.com. Be sure to select Chaparral Education Foundation ID# 5862333 as the group to support."

OR

2.) If you don't have an Albertsons Preferred Card or a Vons Club Card, make sure to sign-up for one the next time you are shopping. Then register your card (see above).

Don't stop there ... if you recruit a friend to register their card, too, we could increase the Albertsons and Vons \$ contributions to Chaparral by as much as 100%.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your support !

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Register to Use Your Albertsons Preferred Card

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Preferred Card Number _____

(If you need your Preferred Savings Card Number, call 1-800-696-6419)

Register to Use Your Vons Club Card

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Preferred Card Number _____



"The Box Top Monkey and Hula Monkeys thank you for sending in your Box Tops! We've been counting and counting and will have our totals for you in the next Hawk's Eye. Keep Clipping that free money for our school!"



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Counselor's Corner

**“Take Control of Homework
So It Doesn't Control You”**

Homework is actually a GOOD thing. It helps students to –

- Practice what they've learned during the day.
- Establish study habits that will be critical in college or post high school training.
- Prepare for their classes.
- Get a sense of progress.

Parents can assist their children by doing the following:

- Set the mood – create a good study area with everything they need.
 - Know where to begin – prioritize and be flexible.
 - Study at the same time each day when possible.
- Keep things in perspective – know how much weight each assignment carries and use your time accordingly.
- Help students to get more involved i.e. show them how to take notes, underline sections and discuss the material with a peer, parent or teacher.
 - Assist younger students to organize the information.
 - Help them to take advantage of any free time to review notes, prepare or start homework.
 - Allow them to study with a friend or sibling if it isn't too distracting.
- Celebrate their achievements for meeting goals.

It's never too early to start good study habits. Parents are the key to this happening at home. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child or the counseling program at Chaparral. I can be reached at (858) 485-0042 X4168 or by e-mail at mengblom@powayusd.com.

2008-2009 GATE Testing Information

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) involves services for students whose cognitive needs may require modified classroom curriculum and instruction to accommodate their learning differences and ensure their achievement. Parents may request GATE testing for students in grades 2-7.

If you believe that your child may require GATE services, there are two opportunities for your child to be evaluated this school year. You will find general information about GATE services and GATE test information from the GATE link on the PUSD Website (<http://www.powayusd.com/teaching/learning/gate/>).

2008 – 2009 GATE Testing Information

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Request Submission Window</u>
SCHOOL SITE /SCHOOL DAY TESTING– FALL ONLY! Monday, December 8 - Friday, December 12 @ each school site during the school day. <i>*Each school will determine their testing date within this 5 day window.</i>	September 8, 2008 – November 4, 2008
DISTRICTWIDE SATURDAY TESTING! Saturday, March 28, 2009 @ Morning Creek Elementary School	December 15, 2008 – February 23, 2009

To request GATE testing for your child, complete a *GATE Parent Questionnaire/Test Consent* form online through the PUSD GATE webpage (<http://www.powayusd.com/teaching/learning/gate/>) or in your child's school office. *Requests for GATE Testing will only be taken during the request submission window dates.*



Chaparral PTA

Red Ribbon Week

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Poster contest!

The winners were

Kamran Jalisi, Ashley Doubrava, Natalia Sande, Jenifer Morris, Eric Sennhanser,



Our Bookfair Safari was a hit!!! Thanks to all the parents, staff, students and volunteers for supporting our Fall Book Fair. This was a very successful fair!!! We had some amazing volunteers and this fair would not have been so successful without you. We appreciate all the families who came to our Family Reading Night!!! We had some TERRIFIC readers!!! A big thank you to: Miss Zwibel, Miss. Westmoreland, Miss Glady, Mrs. Wellnitz and Mr. Staples. Because of everyone's support we were able to provide our library with more than \$600 worth of new books and new classroom books totaling nearly \$800. Wow!! Look for Clifford again in March. Our spring fair will go from March 9 – 13th. See you then!



Lost and Found

Have you noticed your child's back pack is a little lighter these days? Have you been looking for that favorite baseball hat? What about your daughter's sweater or headband? Please take a moment and stop by our lost and found.

Character Counts



Dear Parents,

Remember how fun it use to be, playing handball and two square? Come re-live the moments and join your Champions of Trustworthiness at recess. Let your third grader show you how they are an example of Good character. You have 2 recesses to choose from, 10:45-11:05 or right after lunch 1:20-1:40.

Yours truly,
Lourie Archer

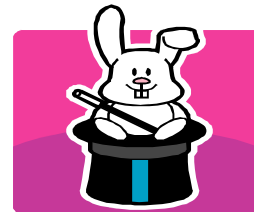
P.S. Don't forget to wear sunscreen and your running shoes.

Please don't forget to sign in at the office

Spellman Magic Show

A grand applause to all those parents who helped make this family fun night a big success.

Thank you for your time and energy,
Lourie Archer



ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

If your child is going to be absent from school, you need call the attendance hotline at (858) 485-0042 ext. 4202