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# Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Pat & Oscars Fundraiser 11/9
- Veterans Day- 11/11
- Parent Conferences 11/16-20
- Thanksgiving Break 11/23-27th
- Thanksgiving Baskets deadline 11/13
- Holiday Tree 11/9-12/1

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## Principal's Perspective

Dawn Zwibel, Principal

### Inspire Your Kids To Learn

If you want to get your kids into learning, but you have a limited budget, try some of the following suggestions for inexpensive ways to inspire young minds (adapted from the PageWise website):

- Help your children appreciate musical styles. Tune into a classical station, and encourage your kids to move to the music. Then switch to jazz. Keep switching stations, and when you're done, talk to your children about how the music made them feel and move.
- Take your child to a story hour at the local library or to a local bookstore. While you're at the library, be sure to check out some books.
- Check out an educational video from the local library.
- Go to the beach and collect driftwood, seashells, seaweed, and other beached treasures. Take the loot home, and help your child make art projects out of the finds. Have an art show. Hang the pieces on the wall, and don't forget to put up strips of paper with the titles of the artwork.
- Visit a state park. Before you go, call or check the Internet for any free programs the park might offer for children.
- Buy some seeds. Ask your child to keep a plant journal, and do the same thing yourself as you watch the plants grow. Compare your observations.
- Go outside at night and look at the stars. Help your child pick out constellations.
- Check out museums, historical societies, and similar sites in the community.

"The work can wait while you show the child the rainbow, but the rainbow won't wait while you do the work."

-Patricia Claf-

Spending time together, no matter what you are doing, is some of the most important work we do with our children.

### REMINDER

Nov. 16-20 is parent conference week and we will be on a minimum day schedule.

The schedule for that week will be  
8:45-12:45

ESS will be offering care to anyone who needs it. Please sign up at the ESS office.

### NO SCHOOL



Wednesday, November 11th-  
Veterans Day



November 23rd-27th-Thanksgiving  
Break

## ***President's Message***

*Carolyn Beckwith, PTA President*

Dear Chaparral Families & Staff,

There has been so much going on – I don't know where to start. First off, thank you for supporting our book fair! Everyone's volunteer and book shopping efforts exceeded our expectations. You are so generous with your time and willingness to support our PTA and school programs. We are truly blessed to be a part of this parent community.

Our BOOGIE Bash was spooktacular! The music was great and the costumes were even better. Everyone had a great time and it was a good time to see families out together.

Thank you for helping with and being a part of the Turkey Trot Jog-a-thon. ALL of the money raised stays right here at Chaparral. Exercise is a win-win for our kids. The Turkey Trot, Fitness Club and P.E. make for some very active, fit and happy kids.

**Remember – NO school on November 11<sup>th</sup>.** We salute all of you who have served or are currently serving our country through your military efforts.

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Break!** I wish you many blessings as you remember all that you are thankful for.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Carolyn Beckwith

# Red Ribbon Week Wrap-Up

## Red Ribbon Week

Thank you, to everyone for making this week a lot of fun!!

Poster Contest

We had a lot of wonderful posters, thank you for taking the time to create a poster.

**“Ask Me, See Me, Be Me”**

A big round of applause for the winners!

**Kindergarten-** Emily Doubrava

**1<sup>st</sup> grade-** 1<sup>st</sup> place-Joi Kuzma

2<sup>nd</sup> place- Taryn Duardo

3<sup>rd</sup> place-Madison Dawson

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade-** 1<sup>st</sup> place- Rayn Cooper

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Madison Kumai

3<sup>rd</sup> place-Carley Voss

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade-** 1<sup>st</sup> Allison Boaz

2<sup>nd</sup> Grace Jahnke

3<sup>rd</sup> Jeffrey Atterbury

**4<sup>th</sup> grade-** 1<sup>st</sup> Jonah Gonzalez

2<sup>nd</sup> Grace Amato

3<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Morris

**5<sup>th</sup> grade-** 1<sup>st</sup> Tierney Kim

2<sup>nd</sup> Kendyll Hoffman

3<sup>rd</sup> Lindsey Grenowich

## *Books!*



*Chaparral students LOVE books!!! Thank you to the families who have recently donated gently used paperbacks to our school library. The kids always appreciate having new books to choose from.*

*Even though our recent book fair brought in MANY new books, we will always accept donations of gently used K-5 books.*

*If you have books lying around your house that your kids have out-grown, please consider donating them. Thanks for continuing to encourage your students to read!!!*

*Just 20 minutes a day makes all the difference in the world!*

Our Fall book fair was a huge success! Our goal this year was to sell 1000 books and we exceeded that by about 600. More than 1600 books were sold! We also earned about \$1500 in books for our library and classrooms! Thanks for coming to the book fair and supporting us!



Thanks also go to our wonderful teachers and staff for their support and for those of you who came out on Thursday night to our family reading night. Finally, a HUGE thank you to our volunteers, without you we could not have had such an awesome event. We'll see you in March at our Spring Book Fair, March 8-12. Mark your calendars!

Keep on reading!

Veronica Brown & Jennifer Boaz

## *Tis the Season!*

**Chaparral is excited to introduce a new Thanksgiving Volunteer Project.**

Many in our community are experiencing financial hardship and we would like to help them! Please join each class in putting together all the ingredients for a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Each class is adopting a family and will provide a feast for them. We need the following items:

Stuffing	Cranberry
Mashed Potato Mix	Can of Sweet Potato
Jar of Applesauce	Marshmallows
Brown Sugar	Turkey pan
Jar of Gravy	Festive Napkins/plates
Candles	
\$5 toward perishables such as turkey, pie, rolls and vegetables.	

Each child will be decorating a leaf that will be pasted to the box in their classes.

We are doing this instead of the Thanksgiving Food drive to help the kids make more of a connection of how their thoughtfulness can bring joy to a specific family (families are anonymous however they do attend Poway Schools)

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email. Your Room Parents will have the sign-up sheet so the meal will be complete. Please email them with your first and second choices so they can organize the baskets. Please start bringing in your items immediately, the deadline is Nov 13.

Thanks

Ginger

[GingerCouvrette@Yahoo.com](mailto:GingerCouvrette@Yahoo.com)



### **Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays**

Chaparral will be participating in the PUSD PTA's "Adopt-a-Family" program this holiday season. The "Adopt-A-Family" program began eight years ago when a local PTA identified a need to financially support struggling families in our own community. Over the past eight years the program has grown from helping one hundred families, to helping over five hundred families in our school district last year.

A "Giving Tree" will be placed in the library from November 9<sup>th</sup> - December 1<sup>st</sup>. Hanging on the tree will be ornaments with wish items from five families. Please select an ornament, log it and your name on the corresponding sheet next to the tree, purchase the item then return it (unwrapped) to the donation box in the office with the ornament attached.

Thank you for showing your caring spirit!

For more information, please contact Sue Sullivan at 967-7611 or

[suemariesullivan@gmail.com](mailto:suemariesullivan@gmail.com).

## *Photos Needed*

### WON'T YOU KINDLY PITCH IN?

I'm calling in favors to all my fellow amateur Chaparral photographers!

(That means you, Moms and Dads!)

What can I say..... I wish I could, but it's hard to be everywhere at once! So please help me out and make sure YOUR child gets his or her well-deserved face-time in our 2009-2010 Chaparral yearbook! I'm looking for photos from any and all school events that you may have attended! (this includes Preschool, PEPP and Special Ed classes, too, please!)

Every photo helps! Field trips, class parties and special projects, 5thGrade Band, Melody Makers, any before or after-school special Chaparral events, fitness club, P.E. and playground activities, Community Gatherings, Kids Korps, Art Corp, candid shots, etc!

I know each teacher / grade has their own special events. I'd love to include those photos too, if I can get enough of them!

Currently I am in need of photos from the following events:

#### **August:**

Welcome Back Ice Cream Social (before school started)

First day of school candid photos

Back to School Night

August Community Gathering and Kid's Korp

#### **September:**

Morris Brothers Assembly

Back to School Kick-Off Carnival

September Community Gathering and Kid's Korp

#### **October:**

Fall Book Fair—Clifford photos, too!

Red Ribbon and Character Counts Week

Family Reading Night

Borrelli's Spaghetti Night and Boogie Bash

October Community Gathering

Kids Korp (Kid's News Day)

5th Grade STAR OF INDIA photos

5th Grade Ballroom Dancing

If there were any other significant events or class field trips I have not mentioned that have occurred from August through October, please send those my way too, or let me know about them and I will send out an email to find my mom and dad photographers that took them!

I'll also be looking for the following photos in **November:**

Turkey Trot

Peter and the Wolf Assembly

November Community Gathering

Kids Korps

Any other special November activities, (incl. STAR OF INDIA trips in November)

#### **Requirements:**

I need some INFO please: The more information you can give me to the particular event, the better! I'm looking for the grade level, teacher's name, (if applicable) name of event, approx. date or month taken and your child's name in particular so I can be sure to include them. Please also include your name and email address so I can contact you if I need too. Digital photos work the best: Please do not tamper with the resolution or dimension of the photos so I can crop or make changes to photos if needed. The larger the file size, the better! Photos smaller than 250kb may turn out grainy, especially if altered and therefore may be unusable. I cannot guarantee I will use the photos you send me, so please do not expect all the photos to be added to the yearbook. The more photos you send me, the better the chances I'll use them!

If you cannot give me a digital photo I'll certainly take other forms, though it's not recommended. If I have enough digital photos for a particular event chances are I will probably use those over a printed photo, unless the photo is exceptional. Original photos require extra work. In order to use it I would need to scan it to add it to the yearbook. BUT, if printed photos are your only means of getting me pictures, then I'll happily take them. It's best to burn them on a C.D.: If you can, the best way for me to use the photos is digitally on a C.D. You can drop them off in the office in the photo box provided or email them to me if you have 5 or fewer. My email address is [keeponcropping@yahoo.com](mailto:keeponcropping@yahoo.com). I would prefer a C.D. though. Please place as much information on the CD and photo as you can. It is not necessary to rename all your photos unless there is specific information you want or need me to know.

Want your photo's back? If you give me a C.D. or an original photo and you would like to get it back please let me know. I will do my best to make sure get it back to you, though I will not guarantee it.

Feel free to email me with any questions you might have. Thanks in advance for helping me to create a great Yearbook this year!

Sincerely,

Melissa Hoffman

Chaparral Yearbook Chair

## *Around the Nest*



# Supporting Chaparral Elementary School has never tasted so good!

Monday, November 9th  
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Pat & Oscar's - Carmel Mountain Ranch  
12045 Carmel Mountain Road  
San Diego, CA 92128  
858.592.0222

20% of all the proceeds will be donated to Chaparral Elementary School  
when you present this flyer at the time of purchase.

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