



Hawk's Eye View

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

Dear Chaparral Families,

Our school year is off to a wonderful start! I have thoroughly enjoyed my first two months as principal of Chaparral. Many of you have come to introduce yourself and say hello. It has been such a pleasure to be out in classrooms, getting to know your children.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all of the classroom donations and support with school supplies. As you know, our budget is tighter than it has ever been. Last spring the district chose to focus on "people first, things second". The good news is that all of our teachers in the district were able to return to their classrooms. Keeping that in mind, we are definitely feeling the crunch of a tighter budget. We rely on your generous support to keep our classrooms filled with the necessary supplies our children need everyday.

We will be holding a paper drive during the month of October. **Our goal is to collect 5,000 reams of white copy paper!!** This will supply our classroom teachers for the entire year. Please turn all donations in to our front office, in lieu of the classroom. We will keep the donated paper in a central location for all teachers to use. There will be a sign posted in the front and back of the school, informing everyone where we are in our goal of collecting 5,000 reams. When we reach our goal of 5,000 reams of paper, we will have some type of school wide celebration for our students! We are coming up with great ideas everyday.

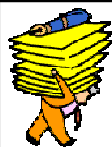
Many of you have asked if we will be holding Community Gathering this school year. We are getting a team of teachers together to review this important tradition, and put a plan in place for the remainder of the school year. I will keep you updated as we make progress toward constructing a meaningful experience for our students and community.

I appreciate the input and feedback I've received so far this school year and I'm looking forward to new ideas.

Sincerely,
Dawn Zwibel,
Principal

Upcoming Events

➤ Paper Drive	Oct. 3
➤ Book Fair	Oct. 6-10
➤ Kids News Day	Oct. 7
➤ Kids Korps Project	Oct. 8
➤ Food Drive	Oct. 13-17
➤ Spellman Magic Show	Oct. 24
➤ Red Ribbon Week	Oct 21-29
➤ Spellman Magic Show	Oct. 24



PAPER DRIVE

Starting Friday, October 3rd, our school is starting a month long school wide paper drive to receive donations of white copy paper. Our school's goal has been set for 5,000 reams of paper. Please be sure to turn in all paper ream donations to the front office where it will be stored in a central location for all our classrooms to use. Be sure to look around the campus for our "Paper Drive Posters" which will be updated weekly to show how many paper reams we have received. Thank you to all our families for being so supportive during these tight budget times. Here's a special cheer to get us started:

Hooray Chaparral! The paper drive is here!

Let's put our hands together And give a great big cheer! Our families are SO supportive
And totally awesome too, Our school has set a super goal
That can't be reached without you!



Chaparral PTA

President's Message

Carolyn Beckwith, PTA President

Dear Chaparral Families & Staff,

This school year has had a great start and we are in full swing here at Chaparral! September was busy...starting with The Morris Brothers assembly, which was a huge success bringing to light issues like bullying, how to deal with conflict and how to be a friend. Family Art Night was also a big success, busting at the seams with so many participants!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first major fundraiser, Gift Wrap! Without successful fundraisers, we wouldn't be able to provide our students with the many programs that we support.

On that note...if you have not yet become a PTA member, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! The membership dues are only \$10 and this is a simple, pain free, no-hassle way to support your children. Remember that these dues, along with fundraisers are the ONLY way we fund amazing programs for our kids. Programs such as Family Fun Nights, P.E., Music, Kids Korps, teacher accounts and SO MUCH MORE. We have 100% membership from our teachers...how about you? Show your support by becoming a PTA member today!

We have some great things in store for you in October! We are 'Going On A Reading Safari' with the Book Fair Oct. 6-10. Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 21-24...helping our kids stay drug free. And our BIG family event is coming...The Spellman Magic Show! Get your tickets early.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Carolyn Beckwith



Friday October 24

6:00-8:00 pm

Spellman Magic Show

Steve Spellman has been featured on HBO, Comedy Central, and the Tonight Show! Don't miss this breathtaking spectacle of incredible sets, glittering costumes, upbeat music and sensational illusions!

Please bring a couple of blankets and don't forget to arrive at 5:00 with your picnic dinner!

TICKET ORDER FORM

Childs Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$6.00 per person (4 and under free)= \$ _____

Please return your order form (with check made out to Chaparral PTA) by Monday October 20th. Tickets sold at the door will cost \$8.00.

www.spellmanmagic.com

Volunteers needed -Contact person- Lourie Archer



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Reading Safari



Don't Forget....The Reading Safari Book Fair is going on Monday, October 6th – Friday October 10th.

The hours are: **Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 8:40-4:30, Wednesday, 8:40-3:00, Friday 8:40-4:00 pm.**

We'll be open for business **Thursday evening, October 9th from 5:30 – 7:00** and we'll be having a Family Reading Night Also. So, have the kids bring a pillow and/or a blanket and be prepared to hear some cool stories in the MPR at 6:00 pm. There will be light refreshments.

We'll need additional volunteers for the evening event, so if you're interested, please contact Jennifer Boaz at jrboaz@earthlink.net or Veronica Brown at tebrown@jps.net

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KIDS KORPS

Kids Korps had a wonderful turn out for our first two activities! More than 200 students gave up their play time to make doggie toys for abandoned dogs in Mexico in addition to picking up trash and sorting recyclables during our monthly Eco Day. Our next service project will be on Oct 8th when we will be planting colorful flowers in our school's renovated flower beds!

It is time for our annual Food Drive October 13th -17th! The food bank cupboards at Interfaith Community Services in Escondido are alarmingly low. With the onset of colder weather, it is crucial for the well being of our homeless and low income population that the cupboards be restocked. If you can, please take a few moments to clean out your cupboard and help our cause. Food collection crates will be placed in your child's classroom. Please show your compassion and empower your children to make a difference!!

Please recycle aluminum cans and plastic CRV bottles and bring them to school on our monthly Eco Days which are the last Wednesdays of the month. Our September Eco Day generated \$60.00 from the cans and bottles you sent in with your children, all of which will be given to orphans in Tijuana. Our October Eco Day will be on Wednesday October 29th. Please leave your recyclable items by any of the BLUE recycle bins on campus.

For more information about Kids Korps, please contact Sue Sullivan at suemariesullivan@gmail.com or 967-7611.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Did you forget to turn in your PTA membership form? Don't worry, you can still become a PTA member! Simply go to the PTA website at www.chaparralpta.com and download the membership form and turn it in to your child's teacher or to the office. We need your help to keep up the wonderful programs PTA supports.





RED RIBBON WEEK

October 21-24

Dear Chaparral Parents and Guardians:

Beginning October 21, students will be taking part in a week long, district wide program called Red Ribbon Week, which is designed to create an awareness concerning the problems related to the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs.

The theme this year for Chaparral Elementary School is:

“SHOW GOOD CHARACTER BY BEING DRUG FREE!”

Red Ribbon Week was formed to honor the memory of Federal Agent Enrique Camarena who was murdered in 1985 by the drug cartel in Mexico. It is a nationwide program designed to demonstrate a commitment to a drug-free America. As movies and music bombard us with the myth that alcohol, tobacco and drug use is acceptable, Red Ribbon Week activities will help to dispel this myth and provide us a means of communication. Chaparral is a zero tolerance school and Red Ribbon Week is an opportunity to discuss this policy.

Red Ribbon Week focuses on educating students about healthy choices, especially the choice to avoid drugs. The need for drug prevention efforts never diminishes. Each year there are millions of new students just starting their journey through school who have not yet heard the anti-drug messages expressed during Red Ribbon Week. This week will focus on making positive choices, and student health and safety. You can take advantage of this time to open a dialogue at home and discuss issues like peer pressure and making the right choices for a healthy future.

Our celebration at Chaparral will involve story telling, a special assembly with the Spellman Magic Show appropriate for each grade level, class activities, and a poster contest. The effectiveness of Red Ribbon Week is measured by how well we prepare our children for the challenges they will face in the immediate years ahead.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Dawn Zwibel,
Principal

Mona Ross
Red Ribbon Week Coordinator



RED RIBBON WEEK ACTIVITIES

Monday 10/20

- Students will receive their **Red Ribbons** from the Teacher. Please write your name on the back and leave in your desk or backpack.

Tuesday 10/21

- **Red Ribbon** drawing during Morning Announcements.
Students can create a poster during lunch recess. Prizes will be awarded in each grade for the most original poster based on the theme. Announce the winners at the Community Gathering on 10/29.

Wednesday 10/22

Turn your back on drugs- Wear your clothes backwards.

- Red Ribbon drawing during Morning Announcements.

Thursday 10/23

Support Red Ribbon Week wear RED

- Red Ribbon drawing during Morning Announcements.

Friday 10/24

Show your Character wear as many pillar colors as possible

- Red Ribbon drawing during Morning Announcements.
- All Posters must be turned in to the office.

Spellman Magic Show – 6pm.

Please be a part of this very important week!!

Contact Person – Lourie Archer
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Honoring the Anniversary of the Witchcreek Fire

The anniversary of San Diego's most devastating wildfire is fast approaching. How will your family honor this time? Last October our neighbors, friends and some of our own families were devastated by fast moving, indiscriminate fires that have changed us all forever. All lost some and some lost all. As San Diegans we came together in full force – neighbor helping neighbor. It is hard to believe that that was an entire year ago. Most families are still displaced and deal with the daily stress of agonizing over whether they will and/or can rebuild. Some have chosen to move on to another home as the pain and stress have become unbearable. Neighbors drive past “for sale” signs posted on empty lots but, like with any tragedy, hope remains. Look around. Where there was once nothing but charred remains Mother Nature is bursting forth. We are strong; we are survivors.

Here are some ways to honor the anniversary with your family:

- Count your blessings. Great and small. Go around the dinner table and give one another a compliment. Say the things you feel in your heart.
- Go for a walk with your family. Be quiet and listen to Mother Nature.
- Spend time with your pets. Studies have shown that petting a dog or cat can actually lower your blood pressure thus, pet owners live longer!
- Turn off the television. Media coverage of this anniversary may feel overwhelming to some. Be especially aware of your children's reactions to these images. Small children may not realize that these events are not happening currently.
- Reassure one another that all of our feelings are okay. They are not right or wrong; they just are. We do not go through the stages of grief in the same order or at the same time. It is okay to feel sad and angry. It is also okay not to feel sad or angry.
- Encourage positive stress management by being a role model for healthy eating, regular exercise and at least 8 hours of sleep a night. Share a hug.

Here are some ways that our community will honor the anniversary:

RB Healing Field – October 18-20, Rancho Bernardo Community Park 18448 West Bernardo Drive. Opening Ceremony is on October 18 at 9:00 A.M. Presented by Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club. 1,100 American flags will cover an acre of land. Each flag represents a home that was lost or damaged in the Witchcreek fire. Check out www.RBHealingfield.com for more information.

Witchcreek Fire Anniversary Event – October 22 6-8 P.M. Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center 18448 West Bernardo Drive. Please join Councilmember Brian Maienschein and your friends and neighbors in some fall festival fun and games for the whole family. Local restaurants will be providing a “taste of North County”.

Should you or your family need further support or assistance please contact:

*Molly Engblom, School Counselor, After the Fires Fund Grant
Chaparral Elementary School
858-485-0042 X4168 or mengblom@cox.net*

Counseling Corner

Hello, I wanted to introduce my self to the Chaparral families. My name is Molly Engblom and I am the school counselor assigned to Chaparral Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. 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.

One of the most important things you can do as a parent is to positively emphasize your child's strengths. Children need to realize that they have unique abilities and qualities to be proud of. Develop your child's strengths by maintaining an active curiosity in their interests. Praise your child for their successes with words like “hard-working” or “talented.” These words help children to succeed without worrying about letting anyone down. According to the Too Good for Drugs Program, “Children need encouragement like plants need water.”

Which Parent Will I Be?

“I got two A's,” the small boy cried.
His voice was filled with glee.
His father very bluntly asked,
“Why didn't you get three?”

“Mom, I've got the dishes done,”
The girl called from the door.
Her mother very calmly said,
“Did you sweep the floor?”

The children next door
Seem happy and content.
The same things happened over there,
But this is how it went:

“I've got two A's,” the small boy cried.
His voice was filled with glee.
His father proudly said, “That's great;
I'm glad you belong to me.”

“Mom, I've got the dishes done,”
The girl called from the door.
Her mother smiled and softly said,
“Each day I love you more.”

“I've mowed the grass,” the tall girl said,
“And put the mower away.”
Her father answered with much joy,
“You've made my happy day.”



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Union-Tribune

Kids' News Day



A benefit for Children's Hospital and Health Center

Kids' News Day is a special edition of the Union-Tribune that covers the advances being made in the lives being changed at Children's Hospital and Health Center.

Chaparral students along with their parents and teachers will be selling the Union Tribune Kids' News Day edition of the newspaper on the morning of **Tuesday, October 7th**. Volunteers will be in front of Chaparral School as well as along the back cul-de-sac. Newspapers sell for **\$1.00**.

THANKS

Thank you to our volunteers for being so patient and supportive in ensuring the continued safety of our school community by turning in all the required paperwork for volunteering. Our school and children benefit tremendously from everything that you do.

Jeanine Ramos
1st VP Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer Name Badges

Another **BIG** thank you goes out to our parent volunteers for being very patient while standing in line and waiting to take your volunteer picture badges. Once we have received your volunteer badges and verified that all of your clearance documentation has been turned in, we will contact you to give you your badge.

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.



WANTED!

Character-noun

A type of person that you are
Coach-Verb

To teach somebody something

Please take a look at your calendars, and see if you can squeeze in 6 hours to be a Character Coach in Your Child's classroom.

Teachers still in need of a Character Coach
Mrs. Voorhees, Ms Gladly and Ms. Fousek, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs Sabin, Mrs Bellinghiere-Hall, Mrs. Nishiguchi, Mrs. Seawright, Mrs Barkell & Mrs. Boyle, Ms. Barid, Mrs Dwyer, Mrs. Embrey, Mrs. McDonnell, Ms. O'Beirne, Mrs Smyth, Ms. Sousa, Mr. Carson, Mrs. Dorr, Mrs. Helson, Mr. Kolp, Mrs. James, Mr. Francois

ART NIGHT GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you to Foundation and Art Corps for helping PTA put on their first Family Art Night! It was a big success in spite of having to turn away so many people. We'll try and do another one this school year and hope to have more spots available.

A special thanks to Mr. Staples, Mrs. Rinehart and Mr. Kolp for letting us use their classrooms!

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

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