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Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Book Fair 10/5
-10/9
- Family Reading
Night 10/8
- Kids News
Day 10/20
- Boogie Bash &
Spaghetti Dinner 10/30

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Principal's Perspective

Dawn Zwibel, Principal

Hello Chaparral Hawks,

You might have noticed a Chaparral Foundation flyer that went home on Friday, September 25th. The flyer was attached to an envelope. This is a very important fundraising drive for our school. With your support, we hope to continue both our music, and counseling program for our kids. The California budget crisis is now being felt directly by our students. Services, programs, and supplies have been cut. Many more stand in jeopardy of being eliminated. Please take a moment to read through the information outlined in the letter. We cannot continue to provide the types of enriching programs and services that you are accustomed to, without your help. Thank you for your support.

Our Project Wisdom focus for the month of October is *Making a Difference*. Each day, our morning message will focus on positive ways that our students can make a difference on campus, and in the community. Community Gathering will now take place on the last Friday of each month. Please join us the last Friday of each month, for this Chaparral tradition!

"The only dreams impossible to reach are the ones you never pursue."

-Michael Deckman

Chaparral appreciates all the time and energy that our wonderful volunteers add to our school. Remember that you must have a current TB test on file in the office and your Megan's Law turned in *before* you help in our classrooms.

Thanks again, the office.

Volunteer Badges

Volunteer badges are ready for pick-up in the office (unless you had your picture taken on picture make-up day).

Also, please note that if you do not see your badge in the box, the office is still missing either the Megan's Law or a cur-



Starting a Conversation

► Talk about what the Golden Rule ("Do unto others as you would have them do unto you") means.

► One day in the week ahead, talk about what this quote means: "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

► Remind your child that "A good sport is always a winner." Talk about what that statement means.

President's Message

Carolyn Beckwith, PTA President

Back to School Carnival was a blast! Thank you to everyone who helped this year, from set up to tear down and everything in between. We had so many wonderful volunteers who gave so much of their time. We enjoyed games, food, music and so much more - the kids especially loved soaking their teachers and Ms. Zwibel...thank you all for being such good sports! A special thank you to Sharon Stephens, who not only spent countless hours planning all the details, she also managed to come in under budget. Way to go Sharon!

Thank you for participating in our first fundraiser of the year with Gift Wrap. We appreciate your efforts and support. As you know, our fundraisers are our only means of keeping programs and events alive and well for our children at Chaparral. Again, if you have any questions as to what programs the PTA supports, please see the framed poster on the wall in the office, under the flag. As always, don't hesitate to call or email me.

Our fall Book Fair starts Monday! This is a wonderful time for kids to dive into new books and check out new authors. If you would like to volunteer but have limited time - book fair is perfect for you. There are many time slots available to help out during book fair.

This month we are also looking forward to Red Ribbon and Character Counts Week! We are switching things up this year with a family fun dance on October 30th - the BOOgie Bash. Don't miss out on a great evening of costumes with family and friends!

Have a happy and safe Halloween!

Book Fair!

October 5-9th- In the library

Hours:

Monday and Tuesday 8:20 AM-4:30 PM

Wednesday 8:20 AM-3:00 PM

Thursday 8:20 AM-4:30 PM & 5:30 -7:30 PM

Friday 8:20 AM-4:00 PM

Please donate your spare change or loose dollars-Scholastic matches a book for every dollar we collect and gives it to charity.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to work a shift or two, please contact Veronica Brown at tebrown@ips.com or Jennifer Boaz at jrboaz@earthlink.net.

Mentor Program

There are many different reasons why a child might need a mentor in their life: new to Chaparral; they don't have many friends / feeling left out; they're being bullied at recess/lunch; self esteem problems or a hard time fitting in socially; divorce or death in the family... the reasons are endless, but the results are priceless!

Our Mentor Program matches community volunteers, parents, senior citizens, high school/college students with those students that have been identified as needing extra support academically, socially or emotionally. The students are identified by their teachers or the office staff to be included into the program. The volunteer time commitment is once a week, for about 30 minutes. You do not need a counseling degree to be a child's friend, just a positive attitude and a strong sense of commitment.

Please contact Samantha Worden @ samanthaworden@san.rr.com for more information on how you can help in this rewarding program.

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?

Here's your chance to unleash your artistic talents by creating works of art for fun and recognition in the following six areas:

- * Dance Choreography
- * Film/Video Production
- * Literature
- * Photography
- * Musical Composition
- * Visual Arts

Participate in PTA's Reflections Program by joining thousands of other students as they create entries based on the 2009-2010 theme,

“Beauty is...”

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

Entry Packets will be available from your teacher or in the LRC in September.

Deadline to turn in entries is Friday, October 30, 2009

(Please place all completed submissions on the table in the PTA office)

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, submit more than one entry.

Consider your experiences and dream up a project that will mesmerize your audience! Most of all, HAVE FUN!!

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 674-1621

Around the Nest**BOOGIE BASH!**

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH FOR A NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN WITH MUSIC, DANCING, SPAGHETTI & FUN.

BORRELLI'S WILL BE THERE TO SERVE SPAGHETTI TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE CHAPARRAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

AFTER YOU FILL YOUR TUMMIES COME IN TO BOOGIE IN THE MPR.

**COSTUMES WELCOME
(PLEASE NO MASKS, WEAPONS OR SCARY COSTUMES)**

5-6:30PM

**CHAPARRAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION SPAGHETTI FEED FUNDRAISER
(LUNCH TABLES)**

6-8PM

**CHAPARRAL PTA BOOGIE BASH
(MPR)**

*Family Reading Night*

Thursday, October 8th

6:00-7:00 PM

We will have storytellers in the MPR and will offer refreshments. We will also be raffling off free books and other goodies!

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 20th**. Volunteers will be in front of Chaparral School as well as along the back cul-de-sac. Newspapers sell for **\$1.00**.