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Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Labor Day-No School 9/7
- Gift Wrap 9/4-9/18
- Room Parent Meeting 9/9
- Pictures 9/11
- Picture Make-up day 9/17
- Carnival 9/25

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Principal's Perspective

Dawn Zwibel, Principal

Each morning we listen to a daily message from Project Wisdom. Project Wisdom is a collection of one minute messages that are read over the school loud speaker. These messages are rich in history, culture, and literature. They are especially written with primary children in mind. The messages introduce children to the ideas of being more responsible, respectful, and caring human beings. Project Wisdom encourages boys and girls to think about the choices they make and any potential consequences of those choices.

Our messages are broken up into monthly themes. The theme for September is "Respecting Ourselves and Others". Topics discussed during the month of September will include: keeping a positive attitude, respecting the Golden Rule, and respecting self and others.

Project Wisdom is utilized in over 11,000 schools across the country and reaches more than four million students. Be sure to ask your child what the message was today!

"Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best."

-Bob Talbert



Say "Cheese!"

Get those teeth brushed, your hair combed and those smiles ready!

Friday, September 11th is picture day!

Picture make-up day will be **Thursday, September 17th**.

If you have any questions, please contact Serena Duardo duardo1@mac.com

Parent Pointers Teaching Responsibility

- ▶ Teach your child responsibility. Every child should have home chores that they are expected to complete. Allowances might be tied to completing those chores.
- ▶ When appropriate, motivate your child with rewards and consequences.
- ▶ Be understanding with your child when he or she makes a mistake. We all learn from our mistakes.
- ▶ Learning to make wise decisions comes from practice and encouragement.

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President's Message

Carolyn Beckwith, PTA President

We have only been in school for a couple of weeks and it feels like we haven't skipped a beat (a sure sign that summer is too short!). Thank you for attending our first PTA Association meeting. I realize that after many years of squeezing that first meeting in between back to school night sessions, it just isn't enough time for us to answer the many questions that are raised. In an effort to clearly explain the current state of the district/Chaparral budgets and answer any questions or concerns you may have, Ms. Zwibel and I will be heading up a general "town hall" meeting. We encourage EVERYONE to come so that you can walk away informed and comfortable with the decisions that the Chaparral PTA, in conjunction with the Chaparral staff, has made. Stay tuned for date and time on this meeting.

Our first fundraiser is about to kick off! It's Gift Wrap time...but there is so much more than gift-wrap – wait until you see the new catalogue! We encourage everyone to take part as this is one of our BIG fundraisers and we depend on your help to keep our programs afloat. (Please see the framed sign in the school office, under the flag, to get an idea of what PTA funds and where your PTA dollars go!). If everyone does a little bit, BIG things happen!

SAVE THE DATE!!

Back-To-School Carnival is just around the corner - September 25th at Valle Verde Park from 4-7pm. This will be an event to remember! We need your help – this event happens with the help of many volunteers. While we do enlist the help of high school volunteers who earn community service hours, we do need parents too. Please let us know if you can help, even for an hour.

Please consider joining PTA! We have 100% membership from our teachers and we would love your support!

I look forward to seeing you around campus!

BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Friday, September 25th

4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Valle Verde Park

Come celebrate with carnival games, inflatables, food, fun and prizes.

Great fun for the entire family!

Volunteers needed to help with set up, tear down, games and ticket sales.

Please contact Sharon Stephens at
Ssproductions44@yahoo.com

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



**School Fund Raiser
Is Here!**

**Gift Wrap
Sept 4th –Sept 18th**

Contact person –

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ROOM PARENT MEETING

Wednesday 9/9 @ 9:00 a.m.

Location- MPR

Contact person-

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District Announcement

The PUSD Special Education Foundation and the CAC (Community Advisory Committee) are looking for you! We are up and running for the 2009-2010 school year and looking for new members!

Join us to help accomplish our goals to enrich and support all students served by the special education department, through an IEP, 504 plan, or speech services. You are part of the special education family and we want your child to be successful.

Please consider joining us at our next meeting on September 15th, Midland Elementary MPR. The foundation meets from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and the CAC follows, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Come for one or both meetings! To find out a little more about us, you can visit the CAC website at <http://www.powayusd.com/Depts/SpecialEd/CAC/> or the foundation at www.pusdsef.org. If you have any additional questions, email Melissa Lind, Foundation President and CAC Co-Chair at melissalind@san.rr.com. We look forward to meeting you!

Join Chaparral's PTA!

"You should join Chaparral's PTA because PTA membership. . ."

Benefits your child and benefits our schools. Over 30 years of research proves that kids do better when parents are involved. Grades are higher. Test scores improve. Attendance increases.

Connects you to a Network. Parenting is not easy - it helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators in the community. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind.

Means More Informed Parents. Parents involved in PTA understand the challenges schools face and become part of the solution. They support improving education, both locally and legislatively. By developing a closer relationship with parents, student achievement improves, and the school develops a positive reputation in the community.

Boosts Children's Well-being. PTAs focus on what students need to be successful in learning, including nutrition, health, and wellbeing. Whether it is school safety, physical fitness, or healthy breakfasts, PTA works with school administrators to ensure that children are prepared to succeed.

Leverages Volunteer Power. PTA organizes hard-working and dedicated volunteers. Parents are ready and willing to help implement school improvement programs.

Results in School Improvement. By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs and social events – all vital to a school's success.

Makes You a Good Role Model. By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

Gets you Connected and Adds Your Voice to Others. There's no better way to know what's happening in your school. Regularly scheduled meetings are an opportunity for you to share information with other members. Because PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Chaparral's PTA Association Meetings are:

August 27th (Chaparral's Back-to-School Night)

January 15th (Nominating Committee for next year's PTA Board positions)

April 1st (Chaparral's Open House, PTA Board Elections/Audit)

If you haven't joined Chaparral's PTA, please consider doing so! Membership sign-up costs only \$10 per member. Join PTA by filling out the Membership Form in your child's "Back to School" packet (due back with your student on 8/31), by picking up a form from the front office or contact:

Monica Cogger, VP Membership
cogger@sbcglobal.net / 437-4137

