Dear Parents,

October was a fabulous month! Our staff has been working diligently at setting goals and preparing their students for success. Our first district benchmark has been administered, and we are eager to share those results with our families during conferences. In addition, we have kicked off Mileage Club! We have many students who have completed 5 miles and a couple of students who have hit the 10-30 mile mark!

Let’s aim for 100!

On October 11, the state released official API/AYP results. Chaparral’s 2012 API score is 930 which is a 14 point gain. In addition, Chaparral made all of its AYP goals. Nice job Roadrunners!

We ended October with Red Ribbon Week in which the students supported the cause by wearing red, crazy hats, crazy hair, clothes inside and out, and even sweats! We had several students join us on the turf for Mileage Club to support Anti-Bullying! Those that came up on Wednesday, Oct. 24th, received a “bull” charm to add to their Mileage Club bracelet! And of course, our Halloween Parade was great fun! The students and staff were extremely creative with their costumes. Our Principal for a Day, Rojan Shivaram, did a great job helping me lead the parade.

We are excited to say that Chaparral will be holding a Spelling Bee this December. In late November, classes and grade levels (3rd - 6th) will be holding mini spelling bees. The grade level winners will go onto the Chaparral Spelling Bee which will be held on Friday, December 14th. One winner will represent Chaparral at the Inland Valley Spelling Bee which is affiliated with the Scripps National Spelling Bee. This will be a great way to kick-off our annual Spell-a-thon held in January!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Dr. Olesniewicz
Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up November 8th – November 16th. This entire week and a half will be MINIMUM DAY RELEASE for all students in Grades K - 6. Please mark your calendars and make arrangements to pick up your child(ren) at 1:00 pm. As always, your patience with the traffic and putting student safety as a priority is appreciated. This is such an important opportunity to sit down together and review your child’s learning progress, strengths and recommendations for improvement. We expect and value 100% participation and we truly appreciate any inconvenience that you might encounter as you rearrange schedules to conference with your child’s teacher.

Golf Tournament was a Huge Success!
The Chaparral Staff would like to thank the entire Roadrunner Classic Committee: Charlie Gale, Marc Furstman, Jim Gaynor, David Carpenter, Kelly Reis, Todd Hummer, Chris Gardner, Kim Hinson, Nick Silver, Heather Sotolongo, Michael Landa, Michael Crozier, Tom Kachlik and Jennifer Randell. And a special thanks to Shalon Hummer and Staci Entrup for their hard work on the classroom baskets and to Kate Martinez for decorations. In addition, thank you to Nancy Stamm and Donna Jackson in the office for all of their assistance and communication! It was truly a team effort and all of these individuals worked so hard to ensure a successful event! APPLAUSE!

Annual Book Fair Help Needed
Attention Chaparral Families! Our annual book fair is coming up. We are looking for some volunteers to help make it successful. The dates are from Nov. 8th through Nov. 15th. Please contact Cheryl Lin @ (951) 236-6453 or E-mail; lin_cheryl@yahoo.com

Bike Riders
Please ride in an alert and safe manner while obeying all traffic laws. As a reminder:

- Wear your helmet at all times
- Make sure you have a lock
- Walk your bike when on the sidewalk and yield to pedestrians
- Walk your bike at all times when on campus
- You must be in grade 3-6 in order to ride your bike to Chaparral

If you are traveling south on Mills Dr. in the bike lane, especially during arrival, please dismount your bicycle about 50 yards (parallel to the handball court) and move to the sidewalk where you can walk your bike the rest of the way onto campus. Arriving cars that are turning right (west) onto Chaparral Dr. tend to be a lot bigger than bicycles. There have been quite a few “close calls.” A bit too close for comfort.
BUILDING BLOCK OF SUCCESS
(From Inch & Miles, by John Wooden)

Cooperation
I’m one of millions in our hive.
It looks confused as we all strive.
We buzz around throughout the day.
Cooperation’s our sweet way.
Work as one in all you do,
When you help others, they’ll help you.
Seek to know what someone needs.
Then pitch right in and you’ll succeed!

Thoughts for the week:

11/2  Utmost concern for what’s right, rather than who’s right
11/9  Work as one in a group setting, each having responsibilities to make sure the group is successful
11/16 Work to stick together and get along
Joint effort for a bigger cause


Chaparral Birthday Book Club

Happy Birthday and thank you to the following students who have “left a legacy” (AKA gave a birthday book in their honor) to our Library for many others to enjoy!

Brookelin Dahlem 9/9/12 SkippyjonJones
Cassidy Sparks 9/25/12 Dragonwings
The Whipping Boy
Wringer; Dear Mr. Henshaw
Megan Beck 9/27/12 13 Curses
Clayton Scott 9/28/12 Travel Team
Tommy Hernandez 9/30/12 Flat Stanley Collections
Emily Arias 10/4/12 Dork Diaries
Elena Cangahuala 10/7/12 Abner & Me
Sophia Rivasplata 10/10/12 Judy Moody Twice as Moody
Andrea Chen 10/4/12 Dork Diaries
Shannon Schnorr-Carns 10/12/12 Yes
Carter Zell 10/26/12 My Life as a Stuntboy

Giving Tree

Once again, Chaparral Elementary will be hosting a “Giving Tree.” This beautiful tree will be located in the front office during the month of December. It will be full of paper holiday ornaments with an item of need (clothing) or a simple “feel good” gift suggestion. These gifts will be donated to half a dozen Chaparral families who are experiencing difficult times. So many of us are blessed in many ways and this one simple gesture can mean a great deal to other people.
Thank you for looking for the details.
Your participation is appreciated!
Hi! My name is Grace. I am a 4th grader at Chaparral. Homework is not always easy. Trust me; I know. If you find homework normally hard, you should try some of these tips that I use all the time:

- drink plenty of water
- work on a hard surface
- eat a fuel-up snack
- take 2 or 3 minute breaks every 10 or 20 minutes
- don’t be afraid to ask for help
- try not to be distracted

If loud noises go on in your house, you should ask your parents what the quietest place is.

If your sibling bugs you...
- go in a room with a shut door
- ask your parents to tell them to please be quiet
- if your parents aren’t home, try telling them nicely not to bug you or occupy them with something else

PFA Needs Your Help

PFA is looking for a parent to chair this year’s Family Fun Night in June. We have many parents signed up to help out, but the Chair position is open. If interested, please contact Suzie Weisman at 909-447-0733 or the front office.

ELD Highlights

A great website for parents of English Language Learners (ELL) is www.colorado.org. Here are some simple things you can do at home to help your child read, learn, and succeed.

- Let your child know you believe in him or her
- Talk, sing, and read with your child
- Involve your extended family
- Limit your child’s TV watching
- Have a positive attitude toward school & learning
- Make sure your child does homework

The website goes much more in depth and has lots of information to share with families.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for Chaparral’s Student Council President and Vice President took place! Congratulations to Jason Weisman, President, and Grace Dorantes, Vice President, and all the candidates who ran a super race and made incredible speeches to the upper grade student body. Student Council Reps have been chosen from each upper grade classroom. Mr. Dahl and Mr. Olson are our Student Council Advisors. Keep watching for more Student Council events and information.