2011 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

It's hard to believe that we have been in school for a whole month already, but we are off and rolling! Once again, I'd like to thank the entire Chaparral community for being so welcoming and supportive! I have thoroughly enjoyed my transition to Chaparral. Thank you to all the parents who came out to Back-to-School Night! We had a great turn out. Thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped in some way or another! Your help and time is greatly appreciated by staff and students.

Sincerely,

Red Ribbon Week
October 24-28

Thank you for your financial generosity in participating in the PFA SOS Fundraiser

Hats off to our two very important school community groups – PFA & SSC. We are enthused and excited to see so many returning and new faces at the meetings. Our PFA meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 pm in the Music Room and our SSC normally meets on the third Thursday at 3:00 pm. This month, SSC will meet on Oct. 13th. Please feel welcomed to come and “check out what’s happening” at either or both. Your “voice” is very valuable!

PFA Officers:
Heather Sotolongo
Kelly Reis
Marci Colomey
Melinda Warren
Susie Weisman & Kathy Settles
Elizabeth Saelzler
Kate Martinez
Michelle Coats
JoAnne Tatar

SSC Members
Monica Curlin
Hilary Campbell
Michael Crozier
Jenny Haushalter
Jennifer Randell
Jeff Olson/Kathy Thomas
Rob Muir
Jessica Uy
Donna Jackson
Debra Zasadzinski

Alternate:
Traffic Report

To all the drivers in the morning who are pulling clear up to the next available spot when dropping of your child(ren). If there is no curbside spot available, consider pulling into the “bus lane” drop-off outside Rooms 1-3. We have wonderful volunteers to assist your child. However, this is a “drop-off ONLY” lane. All it takes is one parent getting out of the car to back up the traffic........even if it is just for a few seconds to watch your child walk to class. Also, thank you for NEVER leaving your car unattended on the north side of Chaparral Dr. in front of the school. Again, thank you to the amazing volunteers who help us out each morning with the crosswalks and drop-off.

Some other traffic concerns that have been reported:

- Students getting out of cars on Mills while parents stopped at light/in no stopping zone
- Cars blocking crosswalks
- Crosswalks not being utilized
- Neighbor’s driveways being used for U-turns

Please join the Chaparral Staff and Volunteers in keeping our students safe and traffic flowing.

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Congratulations: API 916

Wow! A huge “way-to-go” to all the students, teachers and parents who worked so hard, spent numerous hours studying, participating, paying attention and learning. Our API (academic performance indicator) on the Spring 2011 CST (California Standards Test) was 916!

BUILDING BLOCKS OF SUCCESS

This year, Chaparral will continue on it’s Journey to Success with Building Blocks of Success. Last year, the entire school read Coach John Wooden’s book Inch and Miles: The Journey to Success. This is a fabulous book based on his world renowned Pyramid of Success, but from a child’s perspective. The building blocks will be our monthly themes, and quotes or phrases as our “thought for the week.” The entire pyramid is on the next page.

October’s Themes: Friendship and Loyalty

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Chaparral has a new website! Please visit us:
http://ces-claremont-ca.schoolloop.com
Understand, it is still under construction, but being updated daily!
Pyramid of **SUCCESS**

**PERSONAL BEST!**
- **POISE**
  - Just be yourself!
- **CONFIDENCE**
  - You must believe in yourself if you expect others to believe in you.

**FITNESS**
- Act, eat, and think right.

**SKILL**
- Practice makes perfect.

**TEAM SPIRIT**
- Be eager to help your team.

**SELF-CONTROL**
- Control yourself so others won't have to.

**ALERTNESS**
- What you learn after you know it all is what counts.

**ACTION**
- Be quick, but don’t hurry.

**DETERMINATION**
- Slow and steady gets you ready.

**HARD WORK**
- Failing to prepare is preparing to fail.

**FRIENDSHIP**
- To make friends, be a friend.

**LOYALTY**
- Be trustworthy.

**COOPERATION**
- Be more interested in finding the best way, not in having your way.

**ENTHUSIASM**
- Make each day special.
Classroom Banners
Due Friday, October 28

The Classroom Banners will be coming in shortly and if the classroom names and suggestions are any indication, they will – once again - be absolutely incredible! Each banner has the distinct personality of the classroom and they are such a delight, not to mention how they liven up our MPR. Again this year, all classrooms will be “announced” as the students walk around the blacktop at the Halloween parade on Oct. 31st by displaying their classroom banner. Thank you very much to all the parents who have volunteered for this task! It is such a school and classroom team building event!

Attendance Counts!
Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and about themselves. Start building this habit at an early age so they know right away that going to school on time every day is important. Good attendance is an important skill that will help children do well in school, college, and a job.

“When should I keep my child home from school?” When child has:
- A fever of 100 or higher
- Persistent vomiting/diarrhea
- Excessive tiredness or lack of appetite
- Intense headache, sore throat, body aches, chills or earache
- Persistent, productive cough

To return to school:
- Student must be fever free for 24 hrs
- No vomiting/diarrhea in 24 hrs
- Appetite and energy level returned

For more tools and tips for parents, visit: www.attendanceworks.org/tools/for-parents/

Claremont After-School Tutoring Programs (CLASP)
CUSD students in grades K-6 are invited to register for CLASP which provides homework help, mentoring, a healthy snack, and recreation at four conveniently local sites in Claremont. CLASP is a nonprofit organization that works in collaboration with CUSD and the City of Claremont to offer after-school programs off school sites to CUSD students. Registration forms are available at your school office or may be downloaded at the CLASP website at www.clasp4kids.org. Please call Maia Dean, CLASP director, at 624-9693 Ext. 314 or email her at claspooffice@gmail.com for more information. Volunteer positions available!

Library Birthday Books
Would you like your son or daughter to leave a legacy in the library? On their birthday, donate a new, hardback book to the library. They will have their name announced on Fridays by Mrs. Olesniak and a placard will be placed inside the book with their name and birth date. All Chaparral students will be able to check it out for many years! Just come by the office to pick up a sheet of suggested books for both primary and upper. Happy Reading!! - Mrs. Hamann, Librarian

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE BEST PARTY IN TOWN!
It's still not too late to attend the Roadrunner Golf Classic Dinner and Auction on Monday, October 17 @ 5:30 PM at Via Verde Country Club in San Dimas. It's an awesome time to meet new Chaparral families and socialize with old friends and teachers. Dinner is $40.00 - the excitement and fun is priceless. Childcare is free! Call Charlie Gale @ 626-5656, Marc Furstman @ 815-9821 or Chris Gardner @ 227-7553 for additional details.