



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Families,

I am sure you are aware that APD has been at our school to help us monitor traffic. APD, traffic engineering and the school administration are working together and have devised a new traffic pattern to ensure the safety of our children. Until we are all accustomed to the new daily routine we will delay recording attendance.

ENTERING THE SCHOOL

- If you drive your children to school and you want to park in the parking lot and walk them in, you will need to head northeast on Homestead and make a left hand turn into the parking lot. From there you will park and walk your children to the building. Do not forget to cross with the staff crossing guard.
- If you drive your children to school and you want to pull through the parent drop off, you must go southwest on Homestead, make a right hand turn and wait in line to pull up in front of the school to drop off your children. You may not make a double right hand turn into the school.

EXITING THE SCHOOL

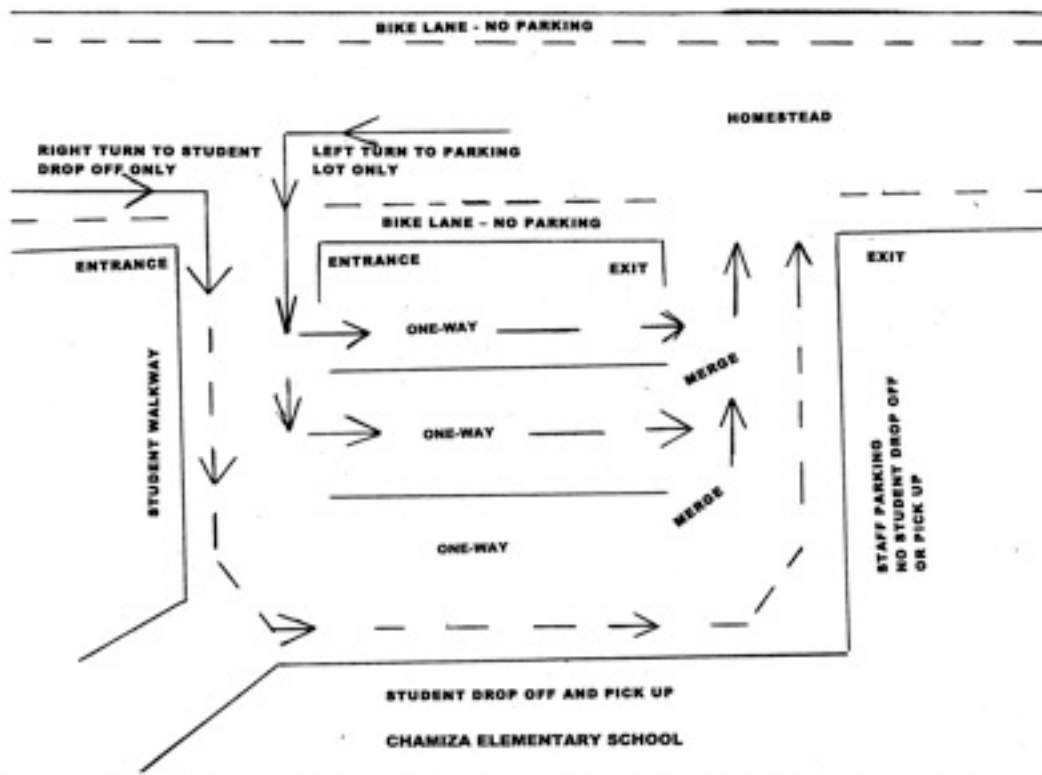
- At this time we are monitoring the traffic leaving the parking lot. If this needs to be adjusted we will notify families when and if that decision is made.

NO PARKING

There is no parking at all on Homestead due to the bike lanes. The staff parking lot is for staff **only**. Families may not park there to drop off or pick up students. When we have special school events we can obtain permission from the city to allow parking on Homestead to accommodate all of our families.

THESE NEW TRAFFIC PATTERNS WILL BE ENFORCED FROM 8:00 AM TO 8:45 AM IN THE MORNING AND 2:30PM TO 3:45PM IN THE AFTERNOON. **(Please see reverse side for a detailed map)**

The new traffic patterns will be effective beginning Monday March 1, 2010. Thank you families in advance for your support and cooperation. I realize that change is difficult but we need to make these changes due to the increase in traffic in front of the school and to provide the safest environment possible for our children. If a few extra minutes will avoid an accident then it is time well spent.





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone! I can't believe how fast this year is passing by! The Science Fair was exciting and a great success for the students! Becky White, Bob Eix, and Kathryn Auh did a tremendous job!! We are excited for the upcoming book fair, we hope to see everyone there! I want to say thank you to all the board members and volunteers of PTA, everyone is working so hard, and it is the children who are benefiting! Please remember its time to start thinking about next year and I encourage everyone to take part in PTA, it is a wonderful experience! Every little bit counts!

Frances Esparza
Chamiza PTA President

LIBRARIAN NOTES

Please join us at our second Book Fair. We'll open on Thursday, March 4th and close on Friday, March 12th. We try to have the Book Fair and parent-teacher conferences coincide so that parents may reward their students with a gift that also supports their education. Hope to see you there!

On a different note I wanted to share some internet sites that might help your student with schoolwork or just be fun for leisure activities. For school: Our **Chamiza catalog** may be accessed from home at <http://209.189.173.18> This will enable a student to check on the availability of a book, or locate a title and author.

World Book Online is a free resource (to the best of my knowledge) for research and provides two choices World book Kids (easier reading level) and World Book Student (upper elementary and above). You can access this by going to www.worldbookonline.com

SIRS Discoverer is an online database of reference books, magazines, newspapers, and pictures, to which APS subscribes for our students. You can reach this site at <http://discoverer.sirs.com/> The login is FUN; the password is LIZARD.

Just for fun, students can try **National Geographic for Kids** at <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/> This site has kid-friendly games, videos, stories and activities for nature lovers.

Parents who want to evaluate video content can visit **Common Sense Media** at www.common Sense Media.org This site provides reviews and rates movies, websites, TV, games, books and music for children between the ages of 2 and 17.

Diana Zavitz



BOOK FAIR NEWS

Book Fair will be opening it's doors soon. There are lots of great books on the menu and there will be something for even the pickiest readers. Make sure to stop in where we will serve you up some great books.

Book Fair dates and times

Thursday, March 4th 8am-4pm
Friday, March 5th 8am-4pm
Monday, March 8th 8am-4pm
Tuesday, March 9th 8am-4pm
Wednesday, March 10th 8am-6pm*
Thursday, March 11th 8am-6pm*
Friday, March 12th 8am-12pm

*Book Fair is staying open later Wednesday, March 10th and Thursday, March 11th to allow for families to come shop after school and work.

Parent/Teacher conferences are March 11th, and 12th. Books are a great way to reward your child's progress, and, don't forget that your purchase directly benefits Chamiza. Money earned through Book Fair pays for special events and assemblies like the Wanagi Wolf Fund/Rescue and National Geographic to visit our school. It also pays for extra curricular activities like Battle of the Books and Land of Enchantment Book Club.

We are again promoting a great program called ONE for BOOKS. Donations collected will help put books in the hands of Chamiza children in need. As a bonus, Scholastic will donate one book for every dollar collected to one of these charitable organizations: Toys For Tots, Kids In Distressed Situations, Inc (K.I.D.S.), and National Center for Family Literacy. For example, our school was able to raise over 257 dollars from the fall Book Fair! Scholastic was able to donate 257 books because of our school. Thank you so much!

Hope to see you at Book Fair!!

Interested in working a shift, please contact the Book Fair Chairpersons Becky White at rawn64@q.com or Chantille Robnett at chantille1@hotmail.com.





STAFF APPRECIATION

The staff appreciation committee gave Valentine's gifts of chocolate bars in pretty bags to all the staff members in February. Thanks so much to Jennifer Lioce and Sky Jenkins for donating some of the chocolate bars - we appreciate it!

We could really use some volunteers to provide food donations during the parent teacher conferences in March. We will have a couple grab and go snack days, so if you are willing to bring in any type of individually wrapped snack foods, we would appreciate it! Some ideas are granola bars, bags of trail mix or peanuts, bags of chips, fruit cups, individual cheese sticks, a case of water bottles, or anything else that will give the teachers a boost to get through conference week.

There will be "PTA donation" bins in the teachers' lounge March 8 and 9. Please label your donation with your name and "PTA" and leave it in a bin or the refrigerator before Wednesday, March 10. Thanks very much!

Shannon Konefal and Sandy Dierks
Staff Appreciation Committee

DATES TO REMEMBER **MARCH 2010**

March 4 - 12....BOOK FAIR

March 5.....PICTURE DAY

March 10....EDUCATION ASSISTANTS DAY!

March 11-12...NO SCHOOL...PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES.

MARCH 14....DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

March 15-19..SPRING RECESS



THANK YOU TO...

Todd & Jenny Kellett for the amazing lost and found organization. It looks wonderful!!

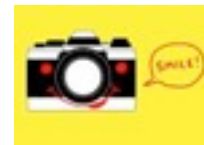


The lost and found is located in front of the Cafeteria. Please stop by to see if anything belongs to you; otherwise, everything will be donated over Spring Break. Thanks!



THANK YOU TO...

Thank you to Mrs. Janet Sanchez, Jolene Wolfley and everyone for participating in the Valentine's Post office tradition. The students really loved getting their Valentine's cards and goodies!!



PICTURE DAY

School pictures are **Friday, March 5th**. Class pictures will be done at this time and individual pictures are also available. Thank you.

Irene Vaughn
School Pictures Chair



SCIENCE EXPO 2010

The Conejo Cafe was host to some brilliant scientists on February 25th. Students had a chance to "show their science stuff" and we were all treated to some awesome displays of imagination and know-how. A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped to make it a very successful Expo: Kathryn Auh, Janis Hirsh, Penny Vincent, Deborah Henwood, Susie Peck, April and Mike Arviso, Mike Bachicha, Ana Dabria, Gary Kelly, Frances Esparza, Jenny Kellett, Kathy Korte, Jerrod Mirabal, Melissa Auh, David Sanchez, Mark Winn, Rolanda Maez, and Jan Sargent.

Thanks to J'mi Dean for hosting the Starlab Portable Planetarium during Science Night. It was a fun way to learn about the stars and constellations.

We are very proud of all our future scientists!



Becky White
Science Expo Committee



BOX TOPS CONTEST RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. SWISHER'S FOURTH GRADE CLASS FOR WINNING THE BOX TOP CONTEST and the pizza party.

Also, a big thanks to all of the other classes who participated in this year's contest. This is one of the biggest collections I have seen in a while, with over \$1000 in box tops collected. Special notice should be given to Ms. Chacon's and Ms. Cook's classes who came in second and third with each class collection over 1100 box tops. There were also many other classes who turned in more than 500 box tops this year. The money earned will be put into the PTA fund and will be used to help support the school.

Keep collecting your box tops and soup labels and we will begin the fun again in the fall. Thanks again for everyone's support in making this event successful.

Terri Abadie
Box Top Coordinator



2010 -2011 CHAMIZA PTA BOARD

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in holding an office or chairing/co-chairing a committee for the 2010-2011 school year. Available positions include the following:

Officers:
President Vice-President
Treasurer Secretary



Committees:
Book Fair Celebration of Children
Jog-a-thon Staff Appreciation
Marquee Silent Auction
Pictures Ultra Fun Day
Box Tops/Soup Labels Chamiza Gear
Fifth Grade Celebration Newsletter
School Agendas Yearbook
Kindergarten Parent Event Science Expo
Clothing Bank

Please contact **Kathryn Auh at 899-4104** if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!!

YEARBOOK NEWS

The yearbook layout has been completed and it is off to press! A Big THANK YOU to all who provided pictures for this year's book. Your contributions were very much appreciated and helped make the 2009-2010 addition of the Chamiza Yearbook look awesome. Watch for news in next month's newsletter for information on how to pre-order your copy!! Thanks again!

Denise Winn
Chamiza Yearbook Chairperson



Quote
of the Month, by
Mary Schluter,
Counselor

"One of the most obvious fact about grownups to a child is that they have forgotten what it is like to be a child."...**Randall Jarrell**





SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SHAC)

Presenting your 2010 Health Council:

Chair: Kim Williams, RN

Teachers: Paul Nurre and Susan Womble

Parents: Donna Amaya, Ana Dabria, Cindy Ford, Barbara & Ernest Gurule, Cheryl Hauge, and Meredith Smith.

SHAC NEWS/CORNER

We want our school to be a safe place where our students are healthy and happy in their learning experience. To help ensure this, **please follow these guidelines** : please do not send your students to school if he/she has **a fever (more than 100.F), persistent cough, vomiting or diarrhea within 24 hours of the school day.** The student should be fever, vomiting and/or diarrhea FREE (without medication) for **24 hours** before returning to school.

REYE'S SYNDROME.

Reye's Syndrome, a deadly disease, strikes swiftly and can attack any child, teen, or adult without warning. All body organs are affected, with the liver and brain suffering most seriously.

While the cause and cure remain unknown, research has **established a link between Reye's Syndrome and the use of aspirin and other salicylate containing medications, over the counter products, and topical use products.**

For more information, go to the Reye's Syndrome web site – www.reyessyndrome.org .

SHAC Committee



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & REMINDERS

Attendance Line:
(505) 897-5176

Main Office Line:
(505) 897-5174

Breakfast: 8:10 am
(There is **NO** duty coverage before 8:10)

First Bell: 8:22 am
Classes Begin: 8:25
(A signature, and a tardy slip is required with every late arrival)

Dismissal: 3:11 pm
(M, T, TH, F)
12:20 pm (W)

**MARCH 14, 2010
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME!
DON'T FORGET TO
CHANGE YOUR
CLOCK!**

