

# Conejos Connections

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## AIM - Accept. Identify. Move.

### EXPLORA FAMILY NIGHT

#### RSVP Here



One of the best ways to support your children in processing their emotions is simply by spending time with them. Showing them you accept them for who they are and enjoy spending time together supports their overall growth. Consider spending time together at our Annual Explora Family Night on Thursday, September 22nd from 6:00-8:00 pm. Dinner will be served. Need a ride? We've got the bus. We do need at least 50 riders for the bus, so consider riding the bus to ensure we have enough riders for all of our families to participate.

## Annual Title I Meeting/Open House

Come join us for a pizza dinner and to learn about what makes Chamiza a Title I School and how we're using money to support the learning of your students! Classrooms will be open for families to visit after our Title I meeting.



RSVP how many will be joining for dinner so we make sure to have the right amount of food.

## Thoughts from the Principal

Happy September Chamiza Families!

What an amazing start it's been to the 2023-2024 school year. I hope that you all have found joy in learning this last month. It was great to see so many of you at our Back to School Bash at Peter Piper Pizza! We look forward to hanging out with you again soon! We have a variety of events this month and we hope to see you at some, if not all, of them. Please make sure to use the QR codes above to RSVP to the different events by Wednesday, September 6th. This information is crucial for us to maximize our options and the quantity of food ordered. This month also begins the twist of the new schedule our Board of Education voted on. This is the first year that we will have the Friday before Labor Day off AND students will also have the Tuesday after Labor Day off. We hope you get to spend some quality time as a family over the long weekend. When your student will be absent from school, please make sure to call the attendance line OR enter the absence online in ParentVue. Please help us increase our attendance this year by only having your student miss when absolutely necessary. If you're not feeling, but your child is - please send them to school. If you have concerns with getting your child to school, please contact our school counselor to discuss the support our district has available for you. Please remember we are here to partner with you in ensuring your student becomes a lifelong learner. Have a great September and see you soon!

Principal Dudley

## Upcoming Calendar Events

- 9/1 - No School - Labor Day Break
- 9/4 - No School - Labor Day
- 9/5 - Instructional Council 6:45-7:45
- 9/5 - Staff PD Day - No School for Students
- 9/7 - Title I Annual Meeting & Dinner 5:00-6:00
- 9/8 - Open House 6:00-7:00
- 9/19 - Instructional Council @ 3:25 pm
- 9/21 - Explora Night - Please RSVP
- 9/22 - Jog-A-Thon - Schedule to Come

## Chamiza Mission Statement

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## Volunteering Guidance

There are two categories of volunteers who receive differing levels of background check clearances and badging: Unsupervised School Volunteers and Supervised School Volunteers.

If you want to help out in the classroom and support school-wide PTA events, such as Jog-A-Thon, then you'll need a Supervised School Volunteer Clearance. You can apply for this clearance online at <https://www.aps.edu/community/volunteer-with-aps>. You can attend field trips as a sponsor with this clearance.

If you want to volunteer in the above ways AND attend field trips as a lead/preferred volunteer then the best option for you is an Unsupervised School Volunteer Clearance. You can apply by emailing Principal Dudley @ Heidi.dudley@aps.edu the following information and she will initiate the application process:

- Name
- DOB
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Street Address
- Last four of SSN

## Safety Supports

To ensure our continued site safety at the beginning of each year we practice four emergency drills. Two fire drills, a shelter-in-place drill, and an evacuation drill. We will be conducting our final Emergency Drill on Wednesday, September 13th, which will be our evacuation drill. Our Evacuation Drill guidelines require us to fully evacuate our school site to a safe location. This drill will occur in the morning, to ensure students are not walking in the heat of the day. We anticipate the entire drill to last approximately 30 minutes. Please visit with your students to remind them of the importance of drills and listening/following directions provided by their teachers. Wearing tennis shoes is a plus!

Please remember that in our parent drop-off/pick-up lines, we ask families to stay in their vehicles. If you would like to give your students a hug and kiss goodbye or a hug to greet them at the end of the day, please park in the parking lot and walk to the front of the school. When families exit their vehicles in line it adds an additional risk for injury as well as significantly slows down the line.

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Successful Conejos read for at least 15 minutes each day! You can read a magazine, a comic book, a cook book, directions for video games. What's your favorite way to read? Write Principal Dudley a note to share your favorite way for a chance to win a \$15 Barnes & Noble Gift Card!

