

Conejos Connections

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AIM - Accept. Identify. Move.

One of the ways we continue to move forward with our students' social-emotional well-being is by helping them see that they are part of the bigger picture. Chamiza will be sponsoring two drives as we end the semester. From November 1st through the 16th we will be hosting a food drive supporting the Barrett House Foundation. From November 27th through December 15th we will be sponsoring a supply drive supporting our partner school in Costa Rica. Flyers will be sent out for both drives. Include your students in selecting one to two items for each drive. Discuss with them the needs that we all have, and that sometimes others don't get those needs met. Help them see the items to be Thankful for, while seeing the way to help others.

Educational Involvement

On November 7th students won't have school so teachers can participate in Professional Development. This is a great opportunity for you to help us teach your students what civic duty means. You can do this by modeling what civic duty is for your children by voting on this day. One of the ballot topics will impact Chamiza. Chamiza sits in District 2 - which means we get to elect our School Board Member. We have three candidates running for our district:

- Peggy Muller-Aragon
- Adrian Nogales
- Ronalda K Tome

Thoughts from the Principal

Happy November Chamiza Families!

We have a busy month ahead of us! The APS Skills, Habits, and Mindset Survey will be administered to our 3rd-5th graders this coming Friday, November 3rd. We also have Professional Development Days, Veteran's Day, Day of Kindness, Picture Re-Take Day, and Thanksgiving Day Dinner. With all of these busy times sometimes it's overwhelming and our students ask to stay home. Please don't let them. Encourage them. Remind them that school is a great place for them to learn and expand their minds. The following reasons are valid reasons for your students to stay home: Illness (including chronic illness documented on a health plan, IEP or 504 plan); Limited family emergencies; Family deaths; Medical, health, or legal appointments (for students - not for parents - let us have your students while you take care of you); Religious commitments; College visits (this would likely apply to siblings in high school); Deployment of a military parent/guardian; Limited extenuating circumstances as approved in advance by the school principal (please schedule a time for us to meet if you feel you need this); or Tribal obligations. Please remember that regardless of the reason your child is absent, it still counts as an absence. For each day a student misses it takes three days for us to catch them up. We look forward to seeing all of you for the fun events we have and the great learning that will continue to occur.

Principal Dudley

Upcoming Calendar Events

- 11/1 - APS Skills, Habits and Mindset Survey - 3rd-5th
- 11/1-11/16 - Food Drive supporting the Barrett House Foundation
- 11/6-11/7 - Staff PD Days - No School for Students
- 11/7 - Election Day - Go Vote!
- 11/10 - Veteran's Day - No School
- 11/13-11/17 - Fall Book Fair
- 11/13 - Day of Kindness
- 11/14 - Fall Picture Make-Ups
- 11/15 - Literacy Night 5:30-7:00 pm
- 11/16 - Thanksgiving Day Lunch - Families Welcome!
- 11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break - No School
- 11/27 - Supply Drive Supporting Partner School in Costa Rica
- 11/30 - Monthly General PTA Meeting

Chamiza Mission Statement

At Chamiza Elementary, our mission is to instill the love of learning to create lifelong learners who are academically, socially, and emotionally strong and who know how to advocate for themselves. We achieve this through purposeful communication, consistent teaching, and providing life experiences that help our students grow.

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Community Kindness

Veteran's Day & Kindness Day - Do you have a family member who's a veteran or currently an active service member? Submit their picture, name, and title for our Veteran Hall of Honor. On Kindness Day, November 13th, we will be encouraging students to write a note, card, letter of appreciation, and/or encouragement. Submissions can be emailed to Mrs. Dudley at heidi.dudley@aps.edu OR by text at 505-373-4608

Educational Involvement

Spelling Bee Volunteers Needed:

- Selection of Judges - 3 judges
- Pronouncer
- Record Keeper

Our Spelling Bee will be on December 13th from 1:30-3:00 pm. If you're interested in one of the above roles please email Mrs. Trujillo and Mr. Madrid at monica.trujillo2@aps.edu and noah.madrid@aps.edu.

Thanksgiving Day Lunch is Back!!!



Thursday, November 16th

I'm so excited to share that Thanksgiving Day Dinner Lunch is back! The last few years not having it have certainly been some sad times. But! Mark your calendars - Thanksgiving Day Dinner 11/16 - IS ON!!! For the most part...we are hoping to allow all families an opportunity to purchase a Thanksgiving Day lunch to enjoy with their Chamiza Student. We've unfortunately had a few ovens go down - so...we are currently working with only one oven. We had somebody out today fixing the others - so as long as it gets fixed - come EAT Turkey Dinner! If it doesn't - Come EAT PIE!!! We will keep you posted as the time comes closer. Adults and Siblings \$5 - Exact change would be helpful. To help ensure we have enough dinner (or pie) please let us know if you plan on coming by filling out the survey below. Included in the survey is an opportunity for a free meal! If you are able to help volunteer serving lunch for 45 minutes we will provide you a free meal to enjoy with your student.

Lunch Time for Families to Join

10:45-11:15 Trujillo, MacNeil, Lucero (or below time)

11:00-11:30 Senn, Griego

11:15-11:45 Jarrett, Butterbaugh, Alwin, MacNeil

11:30-12:00 Meyers, Fernando, Black, Trujillo

11:45-12:15 Roberts, Montoya, Blea, Lucero

12:00-12:30 Arling, Madrid, MacErnie



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Mill Levy Bond Voting

The two-mill levy on the Nov. 7 ballot would generate an estimated \$264.7 million for maintenance over six years, starting in tax year 2025. That translates into about \$44 million a year. Some of that money would go to charter schools.

The mill levy would be a continuation of a tax already in place, not a new one. Specifically, the measure would continue a property tax of \$2 per each \$1,000 of net taxable value for property within the APS district. The tax rate would remain the same.

District Family Engagement

We hope you are doing well. At Families Connected, we believe in the power of education and the importance of providing students with opportunities beyond the classroom. That's why we are excited to share a valuable resource with you that can make a significant difference in the lives of our students and their families.

