

Conejos Connections

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AIM - Accept. Identify. Move.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter 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 hosted a food drive supporting the Barrett House Foundation, with a goal of donating 300 items - we surpassed that goal!!! We collected and donated 311 items! Way to go Chamiza! Between now and December 15th we will be sponsoring a supply drive supporting our partner school in Costa Rica. Discuss with them the needs that we all have, and that sometimes others don't get those needs met. In the season of giving, help them identify what would be important to them.

Thoughts from the Principal

Happy December Chamiza Families,

For so many of us this time of year is always a special time. But it's also an emotional time. More often than not it's a stressful time. It's a time of hope and wonder. While we are all feeling these emotions, please remember that so are our children. Please make sure to visit with your students about the plans during Winter Break (are you still working? since they won't be in school, do they know where they will go?). Visit with them about your holiday traditions and how others have different traditions (and holidays they celebrate) and regardless of what each family does, it's special - because it's your family's. However you spend your December, I wish your family the most memorable time and treasured experiences.

~Principal Dudley

Community Educational Involvement

I'm excited to share that we have an opportunity to visit the Capital on Thursday, January 25th. Each school that is selected is limited to 25 students. This visit is the ultimate civics lesson where students visit the famous Roundhouse, participate in town halls with their legislators and see our democracy in action. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to students who attend. Students who attend will need to be brought to school earlier than normal and possibly picked up later than normal. If you're interested in this opportunity for your student please complete the survey to the right (link is embedded in the email) no later than January 12th. If more than 25 students are listed, various components will be used to determine who is able to attend. Something we will consider: 3rd-5th grade students will be given preference; names will be selected in the order the survey was answered; ability to chaperone (the maximum number we will need is 3).



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Upcoming Calendar Events

12/5 - Instructional Council @ 6:45 am
12/8-12/14 - MOY iStation/iReady Assessments
12/11-12/15 - Spirit Week
12/11-12/15- Costa Rica Supply Drive
12/11 - NDI Assembly
12/13 - Spelling Bee Assembly @ 1:30 pm in the Cafeteria
12/13 - Title I Family Unity Night @ 5:00 pm
12/19 - Instructional Council @ 3:25 pm
12/21 - Last Day of the 1st Semester
12/22-1/9 - Winter Break
1/10 - First Day Back for Students

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.