

Conejos Connections

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AIM - Accept. Identify. Move.

AIMS is a way we support students in interacting with others and self identify key components of themselves. An increase of some unique student behaviors are being noticed. From asking peers on dates and flirting to wearing 'Cookie' or 'Pure Blanco' attire - it all seems innocent enough-ish. Dating and flirting are typically innocent behaviors, but when it's preventing our students to focus on learning (because they are the uncomfortable recipients OR they are the overfocused student with feelings) it's time we involve ourselves and support conversations with students that at this age their focus needs to be on how to be a good community member and a good friend, while explaining (when appropriate) deeper relationships are more appropriate when they are older. 'Cookies' is a cannabis company and 'Pure Blanco' is from a company that promotes cocaine. Please help our students represent themselves as strong learners, ready to maximize their opportunities at school. If students are wearing these items, or others that go against our District Dress Code staff are being guided to notify administration so we can provide a change of clothes and/or contacting parents.



Community Educational Involvement

Note from PTA:

The last day to pre order yearbooks for \$25 is March 26, 2024. After March 26th yearbooks will be \$30 and sold on a first come first serve basis until they are gone. Pre Order your students yearbook to make sure you get one.

Yearbook Pictures - To help support the organization of pictures to be considered for the yearbook, please upload any pictures you have from the 2nd semester of the school year no later than Friday, March 8th. The password is Chamiza23-24 <https://books.yearbooks.me/cg/wm7efgqxr5ac5eps9pdhmktgyberktgea>

Note from the Nurse:

Parents please pack an extra set of clothes (Pants, Socks, and Underwear) for your student no matter the grade. We see lots of students that accidentally spill milk or food items on themselves, jump in puddles or mud, or have bathroom accidents. We have a limited supply of extra clothing in the health office and your student would feel more comfortable in their own clothes. Please try to send your student with extra clothes daily.

Thoughts from the Principal

Happy March Chamiza Community!

Such a busy time of year we are approaching. From Spring Book Fair to Staff PD Days and Parent Teacher Conferences to Spring Break it will feel like a whirlwind has hit us. Please make sure your student's Parent Vue profile is updated with the correct email address and telephone number to ensure you are receiving all of the information for our busy month.

We've recently had an increase in students "roasting" or teasing one another at all grade levels. Throughout many conversations with students many of them have shared that they 'roast' or 'tease' with family members and so they feel it's okay. There is a fine balance with a playful 'roast'/tease before it turns mean and into bullying. Please have conversations with your children about the appropriate times to 'roast'/tease and how they identify when it's time to stop (both with their friends and at home). Keeping in mind many times individuals will say they're 'fine' to not look weak in front of peers, with that additional information how would students identify when to stop.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership with your child's education. I appreciate each of your families.

~Principal Dudley

Upcoming Calendar Events

1/16-3/16- Access Testing Window
3/5- Spring Picture Day
3/15-3/26- Scholastic Book Fair
3/19-Instructional Council @3:25pm-4:25pm
3/22- Staff PD Day - No school for students
3/25-3/26 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - No school for students
3/27-4/5- Spring Break



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.