

Conejos Connections

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AIM – Accept. Identify. Move.

I recently came across this post on one of the social media platforms and it spoke volumes to me. I wanted to share it with you all, as we have such a crucial role in supporting our children in their interactions with the world. Please consider the below situation when you are considering how to support your students with portable electronic devices (iPads, Smartphones, social media access, etc).



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Imagine something embarrassing happened to you at school when you were in the 7th grade. Everyone laughed and it was awful and you were mortified. Then a few weeks passed and everyone found new things to laugh about and they moved on. You didn't forget how embarrassed you were, but you could move on too. ❤️

Now imagine you did something embarrassing in 7th grade. And everyone laughed and it was awful. But someone also caught it on Snap Chat. And turned it into a meme. And a Tik Tok. And everyone in school saw it. And took a screen shot of it. And spread it further. And you couldn't get away from it. And no one forgot. And you couldn't either. And people were still re sharing it months later. ❤️

Just sit there and imagine it for a minute.

Kids aren't ready for social media. It starts with us parents. Please share. ❤️

Community Educational Involvement

As testing time quickly approaches us we want to make sure you are aware of some support we need from you all. Please keep smart watches and cell phones at home. Student tests can be invalidated if it appears students are looking online on their watches or their phones (even if it's just to check the time – we can't guarantee that's all they are doing), as it's classified as a testing irregularity. If we see smart watches or phones we will have students turn them off and place them in their backpacks for the remainder of the day. If a student's watch or phone goes off during testing, the administration will be notified and we will confiscate the device until a parent can pick it up. We will be asking that all school issued devices stay on campus during our testing window to ensure they are on campus and charged. A flyer will go home when we return from Spring Break with your student's specific testing dates – please make sure they are on time everyday for testing!

As we continue to increase safety support at Chamiza a few changes have been made by our District Police Department. When family or community members come to Chamiza, prior to buzzing them into the main office we will first ask to see your ID. This will be done by holding it up to the camera, which is connected to the doorbell that buzzes the front office. This will go into effect when we return from Spring Break in April. The door will no longer automatically open when we 'buzz' you in. You will need to physically pull the door open within the 7 second time frame that is allotted. The wheelchair accessible button will continue to be available for the door to be opened automatically.

Thoughts from the Principal

Happy Spring Break Chamiza!

I hope you all are doing well and enjoying the opportunity to visit with your student's teacher to discuss their progress and plans to finish the 2023-2024 school year out strong. As we enter into Spring our technicians have been working hard to switch the HVAC system from heating to cooling. Unfortunately, that means that when it's cool in the morning – we aren't able to heat the school up. On the positive side, it means we should be cool in the afternoon when the sun causes the temperature to rise. Please help make sure your children dress in layers so they stay comfortable in their classrooms. Yearbooks are still on sale for one more day! March 26th is the last day you can order yearbooks for \$25, after that the price will increase to \$30 – and they will only be available on a first come first serve basis. Thank you to the 73 families who have responded to the Quality of Education Survey. This is 24.3% of our community. We will be using the results of this survey to help drive our 90 Day plan for the upcoming school year – please provide feedback so we know what you hope to see at Chamiza.

Please take the next couple of weeks to decompress from busyness and embrace opportunities to create memories as a family. We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday, April 8th.

~Principal Dudley

Upcoming Calendar Events

3/27-4/5- Spring Break

4/11 – PTA Meeting @ 6:30p.m.

4/15-4/19 – Spirit Week: Monday- Decade,, Tuesday-Super Hero Vs. Villian, Wednesday-Sports, Thursday- Student/Teacher reverse, Friday- Dress Your Best.

4/25 – PTA Meeting @ 6:30p.m.

4/26 – No School for Chamiza Students, Staff PD day.

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.