

# Conejos Connections

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## Thoughts from the Principal

Happy May Chamizal!

I can't believe we're at the end of the school year already! Doesn't seem possible. Our last day of school will be on Friday, May 31st. To end the year strong and on a fun note we have a few events planned, to name a few - end of year field trips; 5th grade celebrations, Play Days, Peter Piper Pizza EOY Celebrations. Please make sure to look at the events listed in the calendar section below and save the date for the events you are most interested in attending or supporting the school in. Additional information will come out closer to the events for your involvement.

It's been a pleasure serving you and your students this year. If you have not registered please do so now! We want to ensure we have them accounted for when we are finalizing our placements for classroom assignments. If you have not received an email indicating your child's registration has been accepted, it likely means that we are missing documents and require them to be submitted prior to us being able to accept the registration. Please see the Chamiza website for guidance or call Jessica Cooley in the front office.

We are excited to work with you all for the 2024-2025 school year! Thanks for all you do!

~Principal Dudley



## AIM - Accept. Identify. Move.

A key way to help support your students social and emotional needs is by communicating with us the top 3-5 characteristics you feel your student needs in a teacher. Some common characteristics are: Nurturing, Empathetic, Sensitive, Stern, Flexible, Fair, Tough, Disciplined, Strict, Open-Minded, Friendly, Gentle, Understanding, Just, Calm, Creative, Efficient, Motivating, Organized, Patient, Wise. If you are interested in providing input for your student's placement next school year please complete the '24-'25 Teaching Style Request. To ensure we have your input in a timely manner, please complete this form by Friday May 10th. This will allow us time to review responses and connect your students' placement with a teacher who has similar teaching characteristics.



## Community Educational Involvement

### Summer Programming

APS is partnering with NMPED and SWERC to hire literacy instructors to assist APS K-8 Summer Programs. Instructors will be paid \$35 dollars an hour to tutor small groups of students in K-5th or 6-8th grades. Tutors will attend a paid training prior to the start of summer school during the week of June 3rd. Instructors do not need to be a current licensed elementary or an English Language Arts teacher. Applicants can be anyone interested in supporting the improvement of literacy outcomes for all students. Please share this flyer with all staff and members of your school community.

Videos for Families for Financial Literacy Month  
April was National Financial Literacy Month! Check out these APS Families Connected videos that are designed to support families in building their children's financial literacy.

1. Teaching Your Kids About Money:

<https://youtu.be/jGOBJSkd9WQ> (Available in Spanish: <https://youtu.be/FNTs-BF4v2Y?si=s0I07UqVW077L95->)

2. Getting to Know Different Financial Institutions:

[https://youtu.be/U\\_9Jf5TMNfI](https://youtu.be/U_9Jf5TMNfI)

(Available in Spanish: [https://youtu.be/Bk9-ozOP\\_Mw?si=lG70lwoPTEZsmI7c](https://youtu.be/Bk9-ozOP_Mw?si=lG70lwoPTEZsmI7c))

## Upcoming Calendar Events

- 5/3 - Spring Fiesta from 6p.m.-8p.m.
- 5/6-5/10 - Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/16 - NDI Field Trip
- 5/16 - Connecting Kinders @ 5:30
- 5/22-5/23 - Technology Collection
- 5/23 - 5th Grade Field Trip
- 5/24 - No School for Chamiza Students, Staff PD day.
- 5/27 - Memorial Day, No School
- 5/29 - 5th Grade Family Event
- 5/30 - Play Day
- 5/30 - Peter Piper Pizza End of Year Celebration from 4p.m.-8p.m.
- 5/31 - Last Day of School



## 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.