

# Conejos Connections

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## Thoughts from the Principal

Happy October Chamiza!

Each spring we ask families for feedback about our school through the Quality of Education and Family Engagement Survey. This last year we had 39% of our families complete the survey. The feedback shared with us was that we were doing a great job at welcoming families to our school, respecting you as valuable partners in your children's education and communicating well. We also learned that we can do a better job at communicating when your children are upset about a situation at school, as well as better communicate our site discipline plan to ensure you know we are following the same practices for all students on how they are disciplined.

Last year we also started asking our 3rd-5th graders how they felt about school. Some of the information they shared with us was that 72% of students feel they know how to manage their emotions, thoughts and behaviors in different situations; while only 53% of students believe they can succeed in achieving academic outcomes. It was interesting to see that 75% of students feel their teachers hold them to high expectations around effort, understanding, persistence and performance in class. We were sad to see that 51% of students perceive a sense of physical and psychological safety at school.

The big question is - what will we do with all of this information. To start, we've redesigned our volunteer processes to ensure families are aware of how to be involved in a variety of ways. By being involved we will learn how to better communicate with families to let you all know the opportunities we have at Chamiza, as well as policies and procedures we have in place. Please consider volunteering on a Chamiza Team. Details of our teams will be shared at conferences

To better meet the needs of our students Ms. Luna will be conducting small group lessons to hone in on the needs of students and to let them know they aren't alone. Mrs. Dudley will be creating a Principal Advisory Council made up of students - so we can work directly with students on how to have meaningful changes at Chamiza that make sense to them.

Please continue to let us know what we are doing well and what we can improve upon. Education is truly a partnership and we're so happy we are able to partner with each of you. Have a great October!

~Principal Dudley

## Site Safety

To ensure we're prepared in the event of an emergency each student will be issued two Reunification Cards. Please watch this [reunification video](#) to ensure you know when you'll need it. Cards will be distributed during conferences.

## Parent Teacher Association

Join us Tuesday, October 2nd @ 5:45 pm for our General Monthly Meeting! We'll be discussing a variety of events we have scheduled - from supporting Balloons Aloft to a fundraiser at Slim Chicken to Trunk or Treat.

Families can upload your Chamiza photos throughout the year to be considered for the yearbook! [This](#) is the link. The password is Chamiza2024-2025.

## Parent and Community Involvement



Please complete the [Chamiza Volunteer Sign Up survey](#) if you would like to volunteer on a regular basis.



## Upcoming Calendar Events

9/30-10/9 - Fall Book Fair

10/2 - Instructional Council @ 7:45 am

10/2 - Monthly General PTA Meeting @ 5:45 pm

10/4 - Balloons Aloft (Time TBD - Before School)

10/9-10/10 - Parent Teacher Conferences - No school for students

10/11 - Fall Break - No school

10/14 - Indigenous People's Day - No School

10/14 - Slim Chicken's Fundraiser

10/16 - Instructional Council @ 7:45 am

10/22 - Fall Pictures

10/25 - Trunk or Treat @ 6:00 pm

10/28-11/1 - Red Ribbon Week Awareness

10/29 - Explora Night @ 6 pm

10/31 - Storybook Parade

## 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.