

Conejos Connections

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Thoughts from the Principal

Happy November Chamizal!

What a relief it is to feel the cooler weather! I'm absolutely loving it and I hope you are too! November is a bit of a different month, as we have a few days off throughout the month. Please help support your students learning by making sure they are present each day, especially knowing we are off at different times (Election Day, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving Break).

We have an amazing start to our Honorary Veteran's Wall. If you or a loved one served in the military we would love to honor you by displaying a picture on our wall. Please email the picture and branch served to heidi.dudley@aps.edu.

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner Day Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, November 21st. We will send a separate schedule out soon that gives the breakdown of when each class is eating - but if you need to come at a different time or you have multiple students in different grade levels please know we can accommodate you joining in on this opportunity. Please complete the RSVP Flyer (no money is due) and return it to your students teacher by November 8th. This will help us ensure we have enough food prepared. If you would like to help serve food, you will be eligible to receive a free meal. A volunteer sign up link will be sent when we send the eating schedule out, so you can determine what will work best for you.

To continue to support our students with their Habits, Skills, and Mindsets of being a 21st Century student and a citizen we will be working on following mindsets: Everything is Possible; Passion First; We are Connected; 100% Accountable; Attitude of Gratitude; Live to Give; and The Time is Now. We will be having a weekly coloring contest for your students - all focused around each of the 7 Mindsets. Ask your students to show you their entry! Each month I'll share information about one of the seven mindsets.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as we can on Thursday, November 21st and we thank you all for your continued support, dedication and partnership in your students education. Have a lovely November!

~Principal Dudley

Attendance

The goal for each grade level will be to increase average daily attendance by 0.5% each month. This last month our attendance rate at Chamiza was: 94.6%. Which includes two of our highest attendance dates so far this year! Keep coming to school, on time!

Parent Teacher Association

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

Please consider joining PTA if you haven't already joined! You can get additional information by visiting <https://chamiza.aps.edu/families/chamiza-pta>

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

- 11/5 - Election Day - No School
- 11/6 - Instructional Council - 7:45-9:00 am
- 11/11 - Veteran's Day - No School
- 11/13 - Chamiza TEAMS - 8:00-9:00 am
- 11/13 - 1st Trimester Report Cards available on ParentVue
- 11/19 - Fall Picture Make Up Day
- 11/20 - Instructional Council - 7:45-9:00 am
- 11/21 - Thanksgiving Day Lunch
- 11/22 - ALICE Drill - Evacuation to Rally Site
- 11/27-11/29 - Thanksgiving Break

7 Mindsets

The Everything is Possible mindset provides an understanding that we are all capable of extraordinary lives. We learn that everything in existence was once just an idea, until someone believed it was possible and turned it into a reality. Embracing this fact allows one to envision a wonderful life, expect greatness, and effectively execute the process of making dreams come true.

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.