

Conejos Connections

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Thoughts from the Principal

Happy March Chamiza!

January felt like the month that never ended. February felt...what February? We're in March? How did that happen?? A few updates, reminders and thoughts for you all to consider.

We've received notifications that many students haven't been able to upload money on their account because they are still trying to upload money through the old system, please make sure to use the new system – myschoolbooks.com.

Please ensure you're communicating with your student prior to the school day about after school plans. Changes in after school plans cause anxiousness, confusion and often lead to students not being where they are slated to be. If you have an emergency and need to communicate a change, please follow the guidance that is listed on the Chamiza website. Only emergency change of plans can be communicated.

Please take a moment or two to log into Parent Vue and review your Emergency Contacts – make sure they are up to date. If we can't get in touch with you who do you want us to contact in the event of an emergency? If we can't get in touch with you or an emergency contact we have to contact CYFD and the police department.

Peek A Boo Can Change the World. Take a look at this [TED Talk video](#). Spending quality time with your kiddos – regardless of their age is so impactful. Have a conversation with them. We've had an uptick of cyberbullying from home time. These conversations and peer interactions at home do impact school time. Students come to school and are emotional or preoccupied from the topics of the interactions they are having out of school hours on SnapChat, Text Messaging, Instagram, etc. Please look at your students conversations these platforms.

Student cell phones at school are increasing. If you are choosing to send your student with their cell phone to school please know that if it's broken or lost there is nothing that we are able to do. If your student is caught with their cell phone out at school it will be confiscated and you will need to pick it up from administration. If you are sending it for safety reasons, remind your student to leave it in their backpack. Our guidance to students is it should be off and out of site from 9:00-4:15 pm.

~Principal Dudley

Attendance

To report an absence you can either call our attendance line at 505-897-5174 and then press 2 or submit it through parentvue.

Excused Absences: Absences may be excused for the following reasons with proper notification: Illness; Limited family emergencies; Family deaths; Medical, health or legal appointments; Religious commitments; College visits; Deployment of a military parent/guardian; Limited extenuating circumstances as approved in advance by the school principal; Tribal obligations. Other absences are

Parent Teacher Association

PTA – The 2024-2025 Chamiza yearbooks are available for order anytime between now and next Friday, March 14. Order forms went home in backpacks in January. Orders can be placed online [here](#) (passcode is 847411) or via the order form with exact cash or check. A few extra copies of the order forms will be available in the box outside the "Parent Room" door should you need one.

Please consider joining PTA if you haven't already joined! You can get additional information by visiting

<https://chamiza.aps.edu/families/chamiza-pta>

Upcoming Calendar Events

3/3 – 5th Grade Field Trip

3/4 – APS District Kinder Round Up @ Valley High School from 4:30-6:30 pm

3/5 – Instructional Council @ 7:45 am

3/10 – APS District Kinder Round Up @ Berna Facio from 4:30-6:30 pm

3/11 – Science Fair Judging

3/11 – Spring Pictures

3/11 – SCS Field Trip

3/13 – Mystery "Science Fair" Night @ 6 pm

3/17-3/21 – Spring Break – No School

7 Mindsets

The We Are Connected Mindset encourages a sense of connectedness to others. It shows us that life is happier and more meaningful when we build good relationships. This mindset teaches students to be kind, work well with others, and appreciate friendships. It also helps them see that they're never truly alone—friends, family, teachers, and their community are always there to help. Research shows that students who have supportive relationships are healthier, both as they grow up and later in life.

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.

Parent and Community Involvement



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

