

Conejos Connections

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Thoughts from the Principal

Happy May Chamiza!

WOW! Can you believe we're at the end of the 2024-2025 school year?!?! Doesn't seem possible! For those of you who have purchased a 2024-2025 yearbook to capture the memories of the year, they will be arriving soon! A flyer will be sent home with the specific distribution plan to likely occur within the last two weeks of the school year.

As we close out the current school year we are also busy preparing for the 2025-2026 school year. If you have not yet registered your students, please take 15 minutes to do so. Our staff allocations are based on how many students are registered now for next year. So to ensure we know who is slated to teach what grades and to make sure we have enough staff to teach all of our students, we need you to let us know your students will be here for next year. The best way to do that is to register them through ParentVue. This includes any of our incoming kindergartners - so make sure your family and neighbors know registration is now open. Call Jessica in the front office with any questions or wonders. If you would like to provide feedback or suggestions on what type of teacher your child would be most successful with please complete the ['25-'26 Teaching Style Request](#) no later than Friday, May 9th.

There are quite a few opportunities for you and your families in our community coming up. Make sure to check out the attached flyers - the first one is this Tuesday and Wednesday. VVHS Theatre is performing Charming Princes - a show designed for younger children and it's a FREE EVENT! Check out the flyer for details. This coming Friday is Spree - The Substance Prevention Resource and Empowerment Expo, that takes place this coming Friday at Berna Facio from 4-7:30pm. NDI and VVHS will have some summer opportunities as well.

I hope this year has been as wonderful to each of you as it has been to me. I'm sure I will send out a few more messages between now and May 29th, so - until then - let's finish this last month strong and continue to show Albuquerque that Chamiza is the best Elementary School to be part of!

~Principal Dudley

7 Mindsets to support SEL

The Attitude of Gratitude Mindset teaches students the power of gratitude by helping them focus on what's going right instead of what's going wrong. It encourages them to recognize the good things in their lives-what's working, the supportive people around them, and the parts of themselves they value most. By focusing on these positive aspects, students can build a strong foundation for growth and happiness. Research shows that students who practice gratitude regularly tend to feel more optimistic and happier, while experiencing less stress and anxiety.

Parent Teacher Association

A big thank you to our 2024-2025 PTA! We had one board member this year from our existing board, the rest were new. You all did AMAZING this year! Big thanks to Sarah Arroyo for helping transition this years PTA Leadership into their roles. We wish you well on your next adventures! Welcome to our 2025-2026 SY board: PTA President - Robert Philip; PTA Vice President - Sarah Philip; PTA Secretary - Kasey Baca and PTA Treasurer - Alise Adams.

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

5/2 - Spring Fiesta 6-8 pm
5/5-5/9 - Staff Appreciation Week - Share notes of love with all staff who work with your children!
5/5 & 5/6 - PTA Fundraiser @ Texas Roadhouse - see attached flyers. Flyers are date specific
5/7 - Instructional Council Mtg @ 7:45 am
5/9 - Play Day - see attached letter from Coach Nuanes
5/13-5/16 - 4th/5th Grade NDI Performances @ Highland Theater
5/14 - Chamiza TEAMS meetings @ 8:00 am
5/15 - Connecting Kinder Night @ 6:00 pm
5/15-5/21 - EOY iStation/iReady Assessments
5/21 - Instructional Council Mtg @ 7:45 am
5/21 - Volcano Vista High School Graduation @ 9:30 am
5/22 - 5th Grade Field Trip
5/22 - Peter Piper Pizza - EOY Celebration 4:00-8:00 pm
5/26 - Memorial Day - No School
5/28 - EOY Tech Collection
5/28 - 5th Grade Family Event - Details to Come
5/29 - Last Day of School for Students
5/30 - Last Day of School for Staff

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.