

# Conejos Connections

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## Thoughts from the Principal

Happy November Chamiza Community!

This is absolutely my favorite time of year! The weather is cooling down, the leaves have changed, our thoughts have begun transitioning to Thanksgiving - which helps our internal thoughts of thankfulness come into mind.

I'm so thankful for all of the family engagement we've seen over the last few weeks. What an incredible PTA we have supporting this. If you haven't already, I encourage you to join PTA and support the efforts in making this the most memorable experience your children have for their elementary learning. If you're not able to join PTA at this time, you're still able to join the monthly PTA meetings and participate in conversations and decision making.

This month is a bit of a unique month with the time off we have. November 4<sup>th</sup> is off for Election Day (check that off our list!); Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is off for Veteran's Day; Monday and Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> is off for Parent Teacher Conferences; Wednesday through Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup> is off for Thanksgiving Break. Due to the amount of days we have off we cannot encourage you enough to support your children being present daily to maximize their learning opportunities. November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> are off from physically coming to school, but it is an asynchronous learning day - so make sure to take a look at the attached flyer with the learning activities planned for your students.

We're so excited to have our Annual Thanksgiving Day Luncheon again this year. Next Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> please plan on joining us for lunch with your students. To ensure we have enough space lunch times have been tweaked for some of our classes. Please check out the attached flyer to confirm your child's lunch time. If you plan on joining us for lunch the cost of tickets for lunch will be \$5 and will be purchased on the day of the luncheon. If you're able to help serve lunch we would love your support! Please fill out the [Thanksgiving Day Lunch Survey](#) to let us know if you plan on joining and if you're able to volunteer you'll qualify for a free meal!

For the past few years we have an amazing display - 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. Previously submitted pictures will continue to be displayed.

~ Principal Dudley

## 7 Mindsets to support SEL

What a perfect time of year to focus in on the "The Live to Give Mindset". This mindset teaches students about finding purpose and meaning in life by helping others. It encourages students to make a difference, no matter how small, because even small acts of kindness can have a big impact. When students give, it not only makes others happy but also helps them feel good and fulfilled. Research shows that helping others can boost students' happiness, build their confidence, and make them feel more connected to others. It also helps students understand and care about other people more.



## Sharing Love

Have your children out grown clothes or costumes? Donate them to Chamiza! We can use clothes in the health office for students who spill something on themselves, tear clothes while playing, or have an accident. If you have costumes that you kiddos won't use anymore we'll save them for next year for students who need costumes.

## Attendance

We are shooting for different aspects of 100% attendance. Whether it's a grade level who gets 100% one week, the whole school with 100% on a given day - we want to show our students that all of them matter at school 100% of the time! If we can reach 100% we have rewards planned for your students - pizza or donut parties or extra recesses! What supports can you help us out with to reach these goals?

## Upcoming Calendar Events

11/4 - Election Day - No School  
11/5 - Instructional Council @ 7:30 am  
11/11 - Veteran's Day - No School  
11/12 - TEAM Meetings @ 8:00 am  
11/13 - Thanksgiving Day Lunch  
11/13 - PTA General Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm  
11/19 - Instructional Council @ 7:30 am  
11/24-11/25 - Parent Teacher Conferences - Asynch Learning  
11/26-11/28 - Thanksgiving Day Break - No School



## Parent Teacher Association

To help support participation the PTA listened to your needs and has dedicated a consistent day each month for the Monthly General PTA meeting. Please plan on joining virtually, the second Thursday of each month. This is a great way to get involved. If you prefer in person events, they are planning some options that will allow you all to connect in person - but coming to the virtual meetings will help you find that information sooner. See you on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm!

## 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.

