# Conejos Connections

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## Thoughts from the Principal

Dear Chamiza Families,
March is shaping up to be an exciting and busy month filled with celebrations of learning, opportunities for family involvement, and important school events. Thank you for continuing to partner with us to support our students and our school community!

Our students have been working incredibly hard preparing their projects, and we are excited to begin Science Fair Presentations and Judging throughout the week. We will wrap up this exciting learning experience with our Mystery Science Fair Presentation Night on March 5th – we can't wait to celebrate our young scientists and the curiosity, creativity, and perseverance they have demonstrated!

We are finishing up another incredible round of Genius Hour this month! Students have explored their interests, built new skills, and engaged in meaningful learning experiences. A special thank you to our community partners: 🚔 Albuquerque Police Department (APD) and🍩 Krispy Kreme. Your partnership helps make these authentic learning opportunities possible for our students!

Registration for the upcoming school year has begun. Please, please register your students as soon as possible. Early registration helps us: Plan staffing, build balanced classes, and prepare resources and schedules. Thank you for helping us plan ahead!

There will be no in-person school learning on Thursday and Friday, March 26th and 27th for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Students will participate in asynchronous learning opportunities while families attend conferences. This is an important time to connect about your child's growth and progress. This will lead directly into our Spring Break week which begins Monday, March 30. We hope all of our Chamiza families enjoy a safe, restful, and fun break together!

Thank you for being such an important part of the Chamiza community. Together, we continue to help our students grow academically, socially, and emotionally – one percent at a time.

Principal Dudley
Grow by 1%

## Parent Teacher Association

Our PTA is selling Chamiza Yearbooks throughout the month of March! Be sure to place your order before sales close! Pre-ordering ensures:

- The best price
- A guaranteed copy for your child
- A lasting memory of the school year

Joining PTA meetings is one of the easiest ways to stay informed and involved in our school community. We hope to see many of you there! Our next one is scheduled for March 21th at 7:00 pm on the Zoom platform! You can join us in your pjs!

## Staying Involved & Providing Feedback

Just a reminder that Chamiza's Instructional Council serves as our school's site leadership team, helping guide important decisions that impact teaching, learning, and our school community. We warmly encourage all members of our community to participate and share their voice. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7:30-8:50 AM. If you would like to attend, please email Principal Dudley to receive a calendar invitation.

## 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.

## Upcoming Calendar Events

3/2 - Science Fair Presentations and Judging
3/4 - Instructional Council @ 7:30 am
3/5 - Mystery Science Night Fair @ 5:30 pm
3/11 - Team Meetings @ 8:00 am
3/12 - PTA General Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm
3/17 - Spring Picture Day
3/18 - Instructional Council @ 7:30 am
3/26-3/27 - Parent Teacher Conferences/ Asynch Learning Days
3/30-4/3 - Spring Break