

# Conejos Connections

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## Thoughts from the Principal

Dear Chamiza Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful and restful Spring Break filled with time to recharge and connect with family. It was truly a pleasure meeting with so many of you during Parent-Teacher Conferences prior to break—your partnership continues to make a meaningful difference in your child's success.

### State Testing is Here

Our students have been working hard all year, and now it's time to show what they know! Please note the following testing dates:

- 5th Grade Science: Thursday, April 9, Friday, April 10, & Monday, April 13
- ELA (Grades 3-5): Wednesday, April 15 & Friday, April 17
- Math (Grades 3-5): Monday, April 20 & Wednesday, April 22

How families can help at home:

- Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep
- Provide a healthy breakfast each morning
- Send them with a snack if appropriate
- Make sure they arrive on time (students who are late may need to test separately from their peers)

Every small step helps—let's continue to "Grow by 1/2" each day!

### Schoolwide Dance Party Incentive

While we did not meet our goal for the Quality of Education Survey to earn the dance party, we are incredibly proud to share that Chamiza had the highest response rate at 58%—thank you for your voice and partnership!

Now, we have a new goal:

100% Early Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year = Schoolwide Dance Party!

Because of your strong survey participation, if we meet this goal, we will also provide refreshments at the dance party! Let's work together to reach 100%!

### Month of the Military Child

April is the Month of the Military Child, and we are proud to honor the strength and resilience of our military-connected students.

Wear Purple on Wednesday, April 15th to show your support!

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to Chamiza. Together, we are building a strong, supportive community where every child can succeed—one small step at a time.

With appreciation,  
Principal Dudley

## Parent Teacher Association

Preorder your yearbook by Friday April 10th for \$30 to guarantee your student's copy. After April 10th, a limited number of yearbooks will be available for \$40 on a first come, first serve basis. We recommend preordering to take advantage of the early bird price and guarantee your copy! Orders can be submitted with exact cash, check payable to Chamiza Elementary PTA or online.

## Online Registration

Please log in to parentvue and complete the 2026-2027 registration if you haven't already done so. Two forms of proof of residence are required every year. If you are registering a new student, a birth certificate and immunization record are required. Please upload required documents into the registration before you submit it.

## 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

- 3/30-4/3 - Spring Break
- 4/8 - Mic Drop Literacy Night @ 5:00pm
- 4/9 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Testing
- 4/9 - PTA Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 4/10 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Testing
- 4/13 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Testing
- 4/15 - Instructional Council @ 7:30 am
- 4/15 - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Testing
- 4/17 - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Testing
- 4/20 - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Testing
- 4/22 - PreK Staff PD - No School for PreK Students
- 4/22 - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Testing