Conejos Connections

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Thoughts from the Principal

Dear Chamiza Families,

November is a time to connect, celebrate learning, and give thanks. Thank you for supporting our students and staff! Please review Upcoming Calendar Events for this busy month.

Your Voice Matters: Instructional Council

Instructional Council helps guide Chamiza's budget, scheduling, professional development, and school priorities. All community members are encouraged to attend and share their perspectives! Meetings are the first and third Wednesdays, 7:30–8:50 a.m.—November 4 and 18.

Honoring Our Veterans

Help us recognize our community's veterans! Email a photo, the veteran's name, their connection to a Chamiza student, and their military branch and years of service to heidi.dudley@aps.edu by Tuesday, November 10. We will print and display submissions and reuse photos from previous years.

Fall Book Fair

Our Book Fair begins Monday, November 16! Hours are being finalized around our part-time librarian's schedule and will be shared closer to opening day.

Coffee with the Principal

Join me to share questions, wonders, and celebrations:

- November 17: 8:30–9:30 a.m.
- November 30: 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Wishing your family a restful Thanksgiving Break. Be safe, eat well, and make memories!
Warmly,
Principal Dudley

Stay Connected – Family Involvement

Join Us for Our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch

Join your student for Thanksgiving lunch! Please remind all guests to hold their ID up to the entry camera for about 5 seconds, then enter to sign in and purchase tickets.
Meals: $5/adult; $4/child who does not attend Chamiza.
RSVP by Friday, November 13, using the same form to sign up to volunteer. Serve and enjoy a free meal! For example, first-grade families can serve from 11:00–11:45, then eat with their student from 11:45–12:15.
Family Lunch RSVP and Volunteer Form

Lunch Group	Time
Sensory Lunch Window	11:00–11:30 a.m.
5th Grade	11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
1st Grade	11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
4th Grade & PreK	12:00–12:30 p.m.
Kindergarten	12:15–12:45 p.m.
2nd/3rd Grade	1:00–1:30 p.m.

- Join our PTA meeting via Zoom on Thursday, November 12, from 7–8 p.m. to stay informed, share ideas, and support Chamiza.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are November 23–24. Watch for your homeroom teacher's sign-up to celebrate growth, discuss progress, and plan next steps together.

Attendance

With the changing of the season we are see lots of students with the sniffles or colds. Here is how you tell when you should send your student to school or keep them home.

Send your student to school if:

- They have a runny nose or just a cough, but no other symptoms.
- They haven't taken any fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours, and haven't had a fever during that time.
- They haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.

Keep me at home if:

- They have a temperature highter than 100.4 degrees.
- They're throwing up or have diarrhea.
- Their eyes are pink and crusty.

If you keep me home, remember to call my school immediately to report my absence!

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

11 /2 Feild trip to UNM PIT
11/3 Election Day no School
11/4 IC Meeting @7:30 am
11/10 Fall Picture Retakes @9:30 am - 10:00 am
11/11 Veterans Day no School
11/12 PTA Meeting @ 5:30 pm
11/16-11/24 BookFair
11/17 Coffee with the Principal @ 8:30 am
11/18 IC Meeting @ 7:30 am
11/19 Thanksgiving Day Lunch
11/23-11/24 Parent Teacher Conferences
11/25-11/27 Thanksgiving Break
11/30 Coffee witht he Principal @3:30 pm