

Chaparral Elementary

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Attendance Line (602) 896-5311

A Message From Our Principal

Dear Chaparral Families,

December is here! Cooler temperatures... disappearing daylight. The upcoming weeks can become quite overwhelming as families prepare for family gatherings, special travels, and perhaps some shopping outings in preparation for special traditions. As much as we'd all like to feel that we are organized and well-prepared for the upcoming weeks, each family deals with the stress of the holidays in different ways. Oftentimes, children fall victim to later bedtimes, hectic trips to the store for that last item, and sometimes experience first-hand the financial stress that plagues many families during this time of the year. Routines often fall to the wayside along with daily reading practices, consistent homework support, and even family meals. At times, families need to make a concerted effort to see that the rush and stresses of the holiday season do not seep into their child's daily routine and need for consistency.

I would like to take a moment to provide some information in regards to absences and tardies. When students are absent or tardy, it affects our school letter grade. Each year, the state awards two points on our school letter grade for a 95% attendance rate overall. This includes ALL students Preschool-6th that attend Chaparral, not just the ones that take AzMerit. For the past 4 years we have been in the 93-94% range for overall yearly attendance and have not received these two points for attendance. Please take note of the attendance board that is posted out front of the school at dismissal time. We are striving for less than 15 tardies and an overall 95% or better attendance rate each day. With your support we can easily get our average up so we can get these points for our school letter grade this year.

Our lost and found is located outside the cafeteria doors. We have many unclaimed coats, hats, sweaters, lunch boxes and water bottles. Please take time to make arrangements to pick them up if your child was missing any of these items when they returned from school. All unclaimed items will be donated to a charity during winter recess.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kara McDiwitt

Student Safety

Student safety is very important at Chaparral. In accordance with our attendance policies and our attempt to keep your children as safe as possible, we are reminding you of, and will be enforcing our policy regarding checking students out of school. Parents will be required to come into the office and sign their child out before the child will be called down to the office.

Please take note of sign out requirements and cut off times:

- ◆ I.D. must be presented when signing out a student and the person must be listed on the student contact record.
- ◆ On school full days the cut off to sign out is 3:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on half days.

~ Wednesdays are early release ~

We need to be able to contact you in case of an emergency.

Please keep us updated with your contact numbers and emergency contact numbers.

Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts with attendance

Students need to wear I.D. badges everyday.

If your child is a bus rider, they will not be allowed on the bus without their I.D. Badge and Z Pass.

If your child will be absent, please be sure to contact the front office directly.

Teachers are unable to take attendance notes for students.

~ Our attendance line is 24 hours ~

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Upcoming Events

Books Before Breakfast

Students may arrive at 7:30 a.m. each school day to get assistance with homework or to read books.

Students will head to the playground at 8:00 a.m.

This program is available to all Chaparral Students, free of cost!

Our Holiday Sparky Tree is here!!

The tree will be in the front office through December 14. Please come in and pick ornaments from the tree to support families with holiday help this season.

Gifts do not need to be wrapped, but we are asking for donations of wrapping supplies to send home with our families.

Please make sure to return your selected ornaments with the gifts.

Please call the office if you have any questions.
(602) 896-5300

As always, we appreciate the support from our Chaparral Community.

Calendar

11/30 Panda Express
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

12/10 Music Concert
6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

12/14 PTA Movie Night
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

12/20 Sparky of the Month
2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

12/21 Winter Break begins
No School

1/07 **Welcome Back!**



**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 8**

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
District Administrative Center

**Offering Contracts for the
2019-2020 school year!**

Hiring Secondary and Elementary Certified Teachers
for the following areas:
Mathematics, Science, English Language Arts, Social Studies,
Physical Education, Music, Elementary Pre-K - 6 Grades and
all areas of Special Education.



Apply at jobs.wesdschools.org
Questions? Call 602-347-2622

Email: teach@wesdschools.org or call 602-347-2622
to preschedule an interview.
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Holiday Concerts

Grades: 2nd, 3rd

Grades: 4th, 5th, 6th

Date: December 10th

Date: December 18th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Time: 9:15 a.m.

Please note:

Signing out your student early will affect his/her attendance.

Bring in Coke Rewards, Box Tops, Tyson Labels and Prang Power Labels

CHILD CARE IS OFFERED

DECEMBER 21, 2018 - JANUARY 4, 2019

6:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

602-896-5991

SUNBURST

602-896-6415

ORANGEWOOD

602-347-2914

Lunch Schedules

KG 10:45 - 11:05

1st 11:00 - 11:20

2nd 11:15 - 11:35

6th 11:30 - 11:50

4th 11:45 - 12:05

3rd 12:00 - 12:20

5th 12:15 - 12:35

Please be ready to show your ID when coming to have lunch with a student. Your name must be on the students profile to enter our campus.

Birthday snacks are welcomed, but they must be store bought. Please contact teacher for any allergens.

Site Council

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Congratulations to our November Sparkies of the Month!

**Frank H.
Matthew M.
Azariah C.
Ricardo L.
Summer H.
Emery W.
Lilah M.
Jabari C.
James P.
Hosam J.
Michelle R.
Duncan S.
Gabriel P.
Adan Z.**



**Audrey M.
Kendall S.
Maddison D.
Abigail B.
Taylor P.
Alayna F.
Vivian P.
Natalia G.
Penelope H.
Steven Z.
Kailee M.
Ronan S.
Anamaria M.
Lindsey C.
Ronan S.**

You have shown that you can be Respectful, Responsible and Safe!

From the Health Office

Flu Season Is Here:

There are many different flu viruses that are constantly changing. Illness from the flu can be mild or severe. How does it spread? The flu viruses spread mainly by droplets from coughing, sneezing or talking. Sometimes a person may get the flu virus by touching something that has the flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes or nose.

Symptoms:

Fever (sometimes no fever) , Cough, Sore Throat, Runny or Stuffy Nose, Body Aches, Headache, Chills, Fatigue, Vomiting, Diarrhea.

Incubation Period:

People with the flu may infect others by spreading the virus from day 1 before actually getting sick, or up to 5-7 days after getting sick themselves.

How to Protect Your Child From the Flu:

Flu Vaccination. Cover coughs & sneezes with a tissue. Wash hands with soap and water. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Keep surfaces and toys clean.

Flu Vaccines are available at your physicians office, pharmacies, urgent care and Minute Clinics/Little Clinics.

Friendly Reminders:

If you have a kindergarten, first or second grade student please remember to pack extra clothes for any accidents.

All prescription medications must have original pharmacy packaging and doctors' orders on the medication.

If your student has had updated immunizations, please provide a copy for the Health Office. Immunizations are due at 11 years old. A Tdap and Meningococcal vaccine are required. HPV vaccine is optional.

All over the counter medication must be age appropriate and in original packaging, including cough drops. Medications must be signed in and out by an adult in the Health Office.

When To Keep Your Child Home:

Fever (must be 24 hours fever free without medication to return to school).

Vomiting (must be 24 hours vomit free to return to school).

Tax Credit:

Giving back is easy this holiday season! Make a tax credit donation to (SCHOOL NAME) and receive a dollar-for-dollar reduction in your state income taxes! Taxpayers may receive up to a \$400 tax credit if filing jointly (\$200 if filing single) on their State income taxes by contributing to one of Washington Elementary School District's extracurricular activity programs.

All tax credit donations will be designated for extracurricular activities. These activities may include: before- and after-school band clubs; classes; sports programs; and non-recreational field trips. Extracurricular programs provide positive learning experiences for children. For more information, visit www.wesdschools.org/Page/79. Thank you for your continued support!

Crédito de Impuesto:

¡Retribuir es fácil durante esta temporada festiva! ¡Hagan una donación de crédito de impuesto a la Escuela (SCHOOL NAME) y reciban una reducción de dólar por dólar en sus impuestos de ingresos estatales! Los contribuyentes pudiesen recibir hasta un crédito de impuesto de \$400 si presentan una declaración de impuestos en pareja (\$200 si presentan la declaración de impuesto individualmente) en sus impuestos de ingreso Estatal al contribuir a uno de los programas de actividad extracurricular del Distrito Escolar Washington.

Todas las donaciones de créditos de impuestos serán designadas para actividades extracurriculares. Estas actividades pudiesen incluir: clubs de banda antes y después de clases; clases; programas deportivos y excursiones escolares no recreativas. Programas extracurriculares proveen experiencias positivas de aprendizaje para los niños. Para más información, visiten www.wesdschools.org/Page/79. ¡Gracias por su apoyo continuo!

Bus Drivers:

Are you looking to join a team that is committed to helping you succeed? The WESD is currently hiring bus drivers! As a driver, you will receive:

- Pay while attending free CDL training
- At least 30 hours a week plus overtime opportunities
- Promotional opportunities
- Insurance/benefits
- Retirement- District Matches
- 13 paid holidays/10 paid leave days

Apply today at jobs.wesdschools.org. We can't wait for you to join the #WESDFamily!

Conductores de Autobús:

¿Están buscando unirse a un equipo que está comprometido a ayudarle a ser exitoso(a)? ¡El WESD actualmente está contratando conductores de autobús! Como un conductor, recibirá:

Pago mientras asiste a entrenamiento CDL gratuito

Por lo menos 30 horas por semana, además de oportunidades para horas extras

Oportunidades para ser Promovidos

Seguro/beneficios

Jubilación – Distrito Empareja

13 días festivos pagados/10 días de permiso pagados

Hagan su solicitud hoy en jobs.wesdschools.org. ¡Esperamos con emoción que se unan a #WESDFamily!

Kindergarten Registration/Jumpstart

A unique and personalized education starts early in the WESD. WESD offers a free, full-day kindergarten experience that includes high academics, art, music and PE. We are currently enrolling kindergarten students for the 2019-2020 school year. Visit our Welcome and Registration Center located at 3200 W. Cholla Ave. For more information, or to begin filling out the registration materials, visit the Web site at <https://www.wesdschools.org/domain/55> or call **602-896-6950**. **The Kindergarten Open House will be held on January 22 from 5-6:30 p.m.** Students and families will have the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet the teacher, pick up enrollment information and sign up for the Jumpstart program – the WESD's new kindergarten readiness program where children will gain social skills, practice

kinder routines and more! The three-week, half-day summer program is free for future kindergarten students. Please visit the link below to add your name and information to the interest list <https://goo.gl/forms/NS4EcQRimCtBaKkx1>. If you have any questions, please call Kathleen McKeever at **602-347-3504** or email Kathleen.McKeever@wesdschools.org.

Inscripción/'Jumpstart' para Kindergarten

Una educación única y personalizada comienza temprano en el WESD. WESD ofrece una experiencia de kindergarten gratuita y de día completo que incluye áreas académicas altas, arte, música y educación física. Actualmente estamos inscribiendo estudiantes de kindergarten para el año escolar 2019-2020. Visiten nuestro Centro de Bienvenida e Inscripción localizado en 3200 W. Cholla Ave. Para más información o para comenzar a completar los materiales de inscripción, visiten el sitio Web en <https://www.wesdschools.org/domain/55> o llamen al **602-896-6950**. **'Open House' para Kindergarten se llevará a cabo el 22 de enero 5-6:30 p.m.** Los estudiantes y las familias tendrán la oportunidad de visitar salones de clase, conocer a los maestros, recoger información de inscripción e inscribirse para el programa 'Jumpstart' – ¡el nuevo programa de preparación para kindergarten del WESD donde los niños obtendrán habilidades sociales, practicarán rutinas de kinder y más! El programa de verano de tres semanas, medio día es gratuito para los futuros estudiantes de kindergarten. Favor de visitar el enlace a continuación para agregar su nombre e información a la lista de interés <https://goo.gl/forms/NS4EcQRimCtBaKkx1>. Si tienen cualesquier preguntas, favor de llamar a Kathleen McKeever al **602-347-3504** o enviarle un correo electrónico a Kathleen.McKeever@wesdschools.org.