Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

It’s hard to believe that 2013 is coming to an end! I sincerely hope that all of our Chaparral families enjoyed their week off together. Thank you to all of our families who took the time to meet with your child’s teacher during Parent/Teacher Conferences. It is so important to work together as a team to ensure our students success. It was wonderful hearing all of the great feedback from both teachers and parents.

Throughout the year, I will be updating you on where CUSD and Chaparral are at as far as the transition to Common Core State Standards (CCSS). We had a wonderful Staff Development Day on Nov. 1st in which teachers throughout the district had the opportunity to see the work that has been completed so far. Teachers got to explore resources, look at sample test questions and units that have been developed. The last page of this newsletter gives you information on where parents can go to see how students will be tested each Spring.

Mrs. Chin and I would like to share our amazing, successful news from our Fall Book Fair. We managed to break all past sales numbers and sold a record $10,400.00. That is a 40% increase from last Fall’s Fair. We want to thank each and every parent and student that made the time to shop at our Fair. We also want to thank ALL of our 28 parent volunteers that donated their time and effort. This Fair would not have been successful without you! Thank you Mrs. Chin for all of your hard work!

Lastly, grades 3-6 have held their classroom spelling bees and grade level bees will be held this week! We are excited to hold our second Scripps Spelling Bee on Monday, December 16th, @ 10:30! Good luck to all participants!

It’s definitely the time of year to be thankful for all of the joys in life. I am sincerely thankful that life has landed me here at Chaparral! On behalf of our staff, I’d like to wish everyone happy holidays and we hope that 2014 brings happiness and health to all!

-Dr. Olesniewicz

Mark Your Calendar!

12/5 Choir Performance @ El Roble 6:30pm
12/11 Trimester Primary Awards Assemblies
12/12 4th Grade to Mission San Juan Capistrano
12/16 Chaparral Spelling Bee @ 10:30
12/17 Kinder Holiday Sing @ 8:30am
12/18 1st Grade Holiday Sing @ 6:30pm
12/20 Minimum Day – 1pm dismissal
12/23-1/3 Winter Break – No school
1/6 Return to School

Chaparral Birthday Book Club
Happy Birthday and thank you to the following students who have “left a legacy” (AKA gave a birthday book in their honor) to our Library for many others to enjoy! Suggested lists (updated) can be found on our website under Parent Resources.

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Last Call

**LOST AND FOUND**
The amount of clothing and lunch boxes that has accumulated in our Lost & Found has grown now that the mornings have turned chilly! Parents ~ Please encourage your student(s) to look for that lost sweater, jacket, or lunch box before or after school. Items left after Dec. 20th will be donated to a worthy organization over Winter Break.

**ELD Resources**
*English Language Development*

In the U.S. educational system, teachers and school leaders believe that a strong partnership between the home and school will help children succeed in school. Teachers welcome input from the parents about their children, such as information about what the child likes to do or what they are good at. Teachers also understand that each student is different and learns differently, and that no one knows your child better than you do. You may provide some insight that will help the teacher work more effectively with your child at school. Many teachers say that they don’t often receive information from parents about problems at home. Many parents say that they don’t know what the school expects from their children or from them. Sharing information is essential and both teachers and parents are responsible for making it happen.

**What if...**

...I don’t speak English?

Some parents are reluctant to talk with teachers if they cannot speak English well. Please don’t let a language barrier stop you. What you have to say is more important than the language you say it in! Find out if someone at the school can interpret for you. There may be a teacher or parent liaison who speaks Spanish or another language. You can also bring a friend or relative to interpret for you.

There are more tips to be found at:
http://www.colorincolorado.org/

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**SEE’S CANDY HOLIDAY SALE**
Orders and payment due
**Wednesday, December 4th**

**Classroom Banners Are Great!**
Thank you to the many parents who invested a host of hours, “blood, sweat and tears” on the incredible banners! A special “high-five” to Mrs. Dahlem for making this happen again this year and doing all of the shopping! And thank to Mrs. Furstman for helping with several banners! The banners were a special delight as they announced each classroom for the Halloween Parade and look exceptionally festive hung in the MPR.

**Mileage Club Update**

**Our Chaparral students have “flying feet!”**
Suvi Kaljumagi, Alborz Amani, Malkam Wallace, Brenton Pederson, Ethan Caudillo, Jacqueline Cordes, Leanie Casper, Frankie Fajardo, Marcus Ortiz, Alyssa Wilson, Shahin Amani, Michael Truttman, Luke Clonts, Roman Valdez, and Daniella Fajardo for already “running a marathon!” And Suvi leads the pack with 70 miles already! Congratulations!

**Holiday Giving Tree**

Once again, Chaparral’s PFA is hosting a Holiday Giving Tree for Chaparral families in need. A “Giving Tree” with “ornaments” of gifts of need, is in the front office for the month of December. Simply pick an ornament from the tree, purchase the item, wrap the gift, attach the ornament to the outside of the package (this is an important detail as it is the only indication to the specific family and person!), then return the gift by Wednesday, December 20th. You will truly bless another family plus you’ll see the joy our students receive in giving to others. Thank you to Mrs. Walburg for all of her hard work on this!
DECEMBER BUILDING BLOCK OF SUCCESS
(From Inch & Miles, by John Wooden)

ENTHUSIASM

I sing my song with a joyful heart.
In your success, joy plays a part.
Enthusiasm in your smile,
Combined with work, you’ll find worthwhile.
The energy and pep you show
Will rub off on those you know.
Don’t make excuses, complain, or whine.
Enjoy your work and success you’ll find.

For the month of November, students that were recognized for “Cooperation” were: Charlie Wayson, Jillian Baker, Maverick Novoa, Sofia Garcia (Kindergarten), Mariana Hunter, Kailee Chirwa-Cummings, Garrison Bonner, Meghan Robles (1st grade) Ryan Dorman, Jack Baker, Gabrielle Flores, Emeri Carbajal (2nd grade); Katie Davies, JoJo Wren, Ignatiao Tran, Michelle Chiu (3rd grade); Brigette Munday, Leeann Shu, Jordan Spena (4th grade); Nathan Hoji, Seth Singley, Claire Judson, John Saelzler, Ethan Bodell (5th grade); Emily Gause, Jack Campbell, Isaac Leach (6th grade). Congratulations!

CEF Holiday Book Fair
Claremont Educational Foundation is partnering with Barnes and Noble, Montclair for a Holiday Book Fair fundraiser!
Saturday and Sunday, December 7th & 8th
Dr. Olesniewicz will be reading a story on Sunday, Dec. 8th @ 12:00pm

CEF families can shop at B&N and for every dollar they spend a portion will be donated back to C.E.F.! We have also scheduled lots of fun activities over the weekend for the whole family. Along with performances by the CHS Chamber singers and CHS Jazz Combo, we have enlisted the help of some of Claremont’s Girls Scout troops and they will be doing crafts with our younger CUSD students while their parents shop! Also on the agenda is favorite holiday stories read by our CUSD Principals! Thank you in advance for your support.

Hope to see you there!

CEF/Claremont Toyota Prius Raffle

Our school is excited to participate in the 4th Annual CEF Prius Raffle. Claremont Toyota has been a generous donor to CEF, and they have pledged another Prius Model C for the 2013-2014 school year. The raffle will be held on March 2, 2014 and we are selling tickets now! Tickets are only $20 and can be purchased in the office (cash or checks made payable to CEF). Our school can earn up to $7 for every ticket sold, and we can earn up to another $600 in incentive awards if we sell the most tickets or sell the winning ticket. Help spread the word about the raffle with your friends, neighbors, family and co-workers. They may want to buy a ticket and help our school. Thanks for your continued support of CEF, which provides district-wide funds for art, music and technology.
Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am pleased to announce the availability of the Smarter Balanced Practice Tests. Smarter Balanced is the system of academic tests that is expected to replace the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program tests in English–language arts and math beginning in the 2014–15 school year. The Smarter Balanced tests are based on the Common Core State Standards adopted by California in August 2010.

The Smarter Balanced tests will generally be taken on computers, and the Practice Tests provide a good idea of what the new tests will look like. The Practice Tests are available for everyone to use at http://www.smarterbalanced.org/. There is a Practice Test for each of grades 3 through 8 and grade 11 in both English–language arts and math. Each Practice Test has about 30 questions. An answer key is not currently available for the Practice Test items, but should be available this summer.

I encourage you to explore the Practice Tests with your child and discuss them with each other. Your child will also be able to use the Practice Tests on our school computers. The Smarter Balanced Practice Tests will be available through the 2013–14 school year.

If you have questions about the Smarter Balanced Practice Tests, please contact the main office at 909-398-0305.

Sincerely,

Julie Olesniewicz, Ed.D
Principal