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The CCA's CHIME Chatter

A monthly newsletter highlighting the exciting events and activities organized for CHIME Charter. Loaded with news, pictures, and information, the CCA's Chime Chatter is designed to help our community navigate through the school year.

Inside The New Buildings

For years, we heard it was coming, and we waited with anticipation. Then last year, it finally happened. We broke ground on the new buildings. And with CHIME spirit, we endured through dirty construction, loud noises, traffic jams and Do Not Enter gated areas. Now, we are ready to reap the benefits. This is an exciting time to be part of the CHIME community; a new era.

Complete with 16 classrooms, two science labs, library and computer lab, the new buildings will house the 4th-8th grade students as well as transitional kindergarten. With this new structure comes new learning opportunities, new space for our children to learn and grow. The commitment of this incredible Institute is evident in the carefully thought out architecture of this new space. The middle schoolers now have their own refuge. The entire top story dedicated to the 6th – 8th grades and fully accessible by a large ramp. The new TK class is located close to the play yard and separate restroom area. All classrooms have large windows to filter in natural light and give the students views of the entire campus.

What no one expected or realized is the amount of additional space that was gifted to the students through the removal of the bungalows. "We have gained access to space we were never accessing before." Says Erin Studer, Director of the CHIME Charter Program, "We've opened up so many possibilities." Through the next school year and beyond, improvements, upgrades and changes will continue on campus, to maintain the ideal set forth by the new structure. As always, CHIME depends on the involvement of its community. By attending CCA meetings, parents have the opportunity to voice opinions regarding potential play equipment, eating areas and landscaping ideas that can be included.

Involvement in these enhancements is limitless, and for that the Institute has created the Legacy Wall Project. The Legacy Wall is a fully inclusive campaign to raise funds for continued renovations at CHIME Charter while giving you the opportunity to leave your personal mark on the school for years to come. Keep a look out for more information coming to you about this exciting project from CHIME.

To be at the forefront of this new era for CHIME is an opportunity not to be missed. The dedication of this community is what got us here and will able us to continue to flourish.



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“The science lab is really Impressive. It gives our kids access to new experiences, hands-on learning, that you just can’t replicate without this space.”
Erin Studer



Spotlight On Volunteers- Dan Griffiths



CHIME’s last, and biggest, event for the 2014-2015 school year was our annual Spring Carnival. The Spring Carnival typically takes in about 50% of our annual fundraising in this one event. It’s not just the necessary funds that are raised that makes the carnival one of the most anticipated events of the year- it’s the fun with family and friends that makes the day. As a school community, we come together to enjoy a day of games, rides, student performances and delicious food.

Last year, volunteer **Dan Griffiths** took on the role of “Chair of the Carnival”. Dan is Dad to 8th grader Cole and says, “I’m nothing spectacular. I’ve always considered myself a great generalist without specific skills other than a willingness to help out.” Dan helped put together a core team and divided up the tasks involved in planning a carnival. There were well over a hundred volunteers-from the core planning members to the parents who jumped in and volunteered their time on the day of the carnival. All of it is necessary for an event like this. Dan said, “The best part about the Spring Carnival was watching the kids and families have a great time. The money raised is great- CHIME wouldn’t be what it is without it, but it was the fact that it was such a fun day for our whole community that I felt great about.”

Dan and his wife Cynthia have both had many different roles as volunteers, with Dan most recently holding the position of Vice President (6th-8th) of the CCA. Dan says that he and his wife started volunteering at CHIME because they considered it part of their responsibility and obligation to the school. “If we want this school to continue to be the kind of place we originally chose, then it becomes our responsibility to help out.” So much of what CHIME has to offer comes from the hard work of the parents- things like music, art, technology and sometimes even a fresh coat of paint, happens because of the parents.

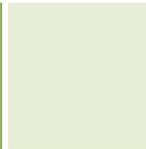
We look forward to enjoying another fun carnival in the Spring, and say a sincere thanks to Dan (and the MANY volunteers) who made this event possible!

Meet The Presidents

Every two years at CHIME, the parents vote in a new CHIME Community Association (CCA) President to help organize and plan a community that has a great partnership with our school staff and administration and fosters an environment where parents respectfully work together to make CHIME the best possible learning environment for our children. This year, we have a Co-Presidency. Diana Chulak (with a 3rd and 1st grader) and Kara Perdenza (with two 4th graders) have teamed up to take on the shared role of CCA Presidents.

Diana and Kara are both passionate about our school and love the teachers, administration and community of friends that make CHIME the special place that it is. Parent Fundraising is essential to the quality of CHIME and its uniqueness. It's also a fun way to build community and make a difference for everyone at our school.

Diana encourages all families at CHIME to find a way to volunteer: "It's very fulfilling and I always feel great when I have conquered the laminating machine or when Carol doesn't need to help me with the copy machine!" Kara agrees that sometimes volunteering can feel overwhelming. "Not knowing who to ask about helping out, or feeling nervous dipping your toe in can prevent a person from pitching in. What's great about volunteering at CHIME is that there are so many ways to help out. You can volunteer in a way that works for you: From chairing a committee to cutting letters out at home, there are tons of opportunities to jump in and volunteer! Emailing us is the easiest way to figure out the best way to get involved. Get involved in whatever way you can - it will only enhance your family's CHIME experience!"



The Happenings

These exciting events can't happen without the invaluable support of our CHIME families. Find out how you can get involved!

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Have ideas for stories?
Interested in contributing
to Chime Chatter?
We'd love to hear from you!

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Back To School Night

September 8th-K-4th

September 9th 5th-8th

CHIME Happy Hour At Sagebrush Cantina

September 26th

Used Books and CHIME Spirit Wear Resale

Date TBA

CHIME Institute 25th Anniversary Gala

October 30th

CCA Meetings

9/2/2015

New Family Orientation @
6:30pm

With General Meeting fol-
lowing @ 7pm

Did you know?

Families who attend
CCA Meetings receive a
Friday Free-dress PASS
for each of their
students!



As the proud grandmother of two CHIME students, it is important to me to share my support for the mission and values of this school and community.

To say thank you,

I will donate a percentage of my commission to CHIME when a transaction closes through my Client Referral Program.

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- Dyslexia
- Non-Verbal learning disorder
- Reading and writing difficulties
- Math disabilities
- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Language processing problems
- Visual processing problems
- Poor motivation
- Low academic self-esteem
- Poor organizational and study skills
- School and test anxiety
- Poor social skills
- School placement and retention

Educational Therapy is a process, which incorporates a therapeutic approach and adaptive techniques to remediate and build academic skills and foster self-esteem.

THE HAPPENSTANCES AT THE YELLOW COUNTY COMMUNITY SWIM AND RACQUET CLUB THE SUMMER BEFORE LAST

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