

Nelson's News

Coronado K-8 School, An "Excelling" School
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BE HERE AND ON TIME FOR SCHOOL!
Elementary 7:55 Middle School 8:20

Parent Nights!! Elementary—August 25 – Meet in the Gym at 6:30

Middle School – August 26 – Report to Homeroom at 6:30

How to Get Nelson's News – In an attempt to save money and paper, we decided to email Nelson's News to parents this year. However, to set up that process takes time. So, in the mean time, we'll make paper copies to send home to elementary students and we will post Nelson's News on-line at our website www.Amphi.com/schools/coronado for middle school students and all Coronado families. It will be posted in both English and Spanish for your convenience. As soon as possible, we'll be sending electronic messages home.

Need Time in the Library? Need Achieve? – As you may know, we have a very active Achieve program funded as part of a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. Our identified elementary students may participate in the program on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. A new component of the program we are adding this year is a Wednesday night "Open Library" time. Students can come work in the library, parents can come use computers to check on-line information, etc. Another piece we're adding this year is a class in English for Spanish speaking parents. For more information about Achieve, please call Carol Qarton at 696-6666 or Gail Milton at 696-6689.

Middle School After-School Tutoring – Very soon, we will be starting our Middle School Tutoring Program. Be looking for a letter home which will explain the benefits and requirements.

Don't Get "ZAPPED" – We're starting a new program to help students understand the importance of completing homework. We did some research over the summer, and found that 82% of the students in one grade who received a "D" or an "F" for fourth quarter had the comment "Must Turn in Assignments on Time." When I read this, I take it to mean that a lack of homework completion affected the grade in a couple of important ways: first, students weren't getting the appropriate practice of skills they were learning and, second, they were being marked down for missing assignments. Starting next week, if a student doesn't have a homework assignment completed and ready to turn in, he/she will receive a "ZAP" ("Zeroes Aren't Permitted") pass which will require them to go to the head of the lunch line to get their lunch (no middle school snack bar privileges allowed) and go to Portable I where they will finish their homework. The person overseeing the ZAP program will collect the homework and the pass, and then will return both to the teacher. The teacher's policy for late work credit will apply. If a student is "ZAPPED" a third time, the student will come to the office to speak with one of the assistant principals and to call his/her parent.

Who Can You Call? – Often parents are unsure of who to call at school other than the teacher. If you need to reach the office, you call 696-6610. Rebekah Watts, our receptionist, may be the one who answers your call. However, other people in the front office may also pick up that line. They are Susie Peck, Elvia Martinez (attendance 696-6712), Dorothy Aragon (Bi-lingual clerk 696-6714), or Dolly Pivonka (registrar 696-6710). There are other people you may want to reach: Michael McConnell (assistant principal for grades K-1, 3, 5, 7) is at 696-6614 and Cathy Crockett (assistant principal for grades 2, 4, 6, and 8) is at 696-6612. They can help you with specific questions related to those grade levels. Karin Smith is my assistant (696-6626). Peter Fisher is the 6/7 grades counselor (696-6711). Kathy O'Brien is the school nurse (696-6619). Jerry Maddock is our school psychologist (696-6616). Nicole Melin is our special education facilitator (696-6703).

Accident and Health Insurance – We have information available in the office about a voluntary student accident/health insurance policy available to your family at your expense. Amphitheater Public Schools does not receive any financial benefit from notifying you about this insurance; this is a courtesy notification. Please understand that parents are responsible for medical bills if your child is hurt during school activities. This plan is a very low cost accident insurance that can provide protection for your child; reasonably priced student health insurance is also an option. If you have questions, please call the United Healthcare Plan administrator at 888-672-9544, or look at www.K12StudentInsurance.com or www.amphi.com (Parent/Student Info).

Dress Code Questions – Students have asked about wearing short-shorts with tights under them. Regardless of what they wear beneath the shorts, they have to be long enough to follow dress code. Tops have to have

shoulder straps that measure at least 2" at the narrowest point. No underwear shows at any time! Keep the other outfits for the weekends or after-school. Thanks!