

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

Congratulations to the Students of the Month – The following students were named Student of the Month by their teachers: Anthony Bonilla, Hayli Pena, Joelle Smith, Chloe Telles, Britney Knox, Madi Young, Mickayla Boggie, Maria Valdez, Twyla Himmel, Isabel Arreola, Megan Crowther, Lily Chaffee, Victoria Ainza, Victoria Watts, Wesley Smith, Sally Havens, Nathan Rodgers, Ryan Walton, Danny Diaz, Cheyanne Craighill, Makinley Hinsberg, Talie Taylor, Jaime Gonzalez, Claire Durfee, Bettina Hardin, Gabriela Dominguez, Rachel Tobler, Joshua Johnson, Dannica Lunnon, Amanda McGovern, Wesley Fa, Charlie Therberge, Jimmy Quiroz, Ashley Jones, Bailey Tranquada-Torres, Monique Contreras, and Jady Hawbaker. Congratulations! Keep up the good work!

Positive Behavior Support – We have two programs at Coronado designed to acknowledge and reward good behavior. In the elementary grades, we have Paw Pride: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Cooperative, Be Kind, and Be Proud. In the middle school, we use Character Counts: Six Pillars of Character – Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Our teachers give students positive comments and coupons to students which they deposit in their homeroom teacher's box. Once a week we draw names, announce them on the intercom, and allow recognized students to select a small prize.

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 this 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.

How to Get Nelson's News – Copies of Nelson's News in both English and Spanish can be found in at www.amphi.com/schools/coronado

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

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!