

Nelson's News

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President Obama's Speech to School Children: You have probably heard that the President is planning on delivering a speech to school aged children on Tuesday morning. The speech will take 15-20 minutes. It will be broadcast over C-Span starting at 9:00. The speech will be about education – its value, its importance, and the student's individual stake in it. If you would like to go to the link for details, you can go to <http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/academic/bts.html>

The speech will not be about health care. The White House has announced that the President will address a Joint Session of Congress in a separate speech the following evening.

We will be broadcasting the speech, and depending on the teacher, students may watch it. As with any part of the instructional program, parents can opt-out of any classroom activity that they may feel is objectionable for personal reasons. If parents do not want their child to watch the President of the United States directly address the nation's K-12 students, it is their right. If they choose to opt-out, teachers may assign an alternative activity or assignment.

If you decide to have your child opt-out, please send a note to your child's teacher. Your child will go to the library to work on an alternative assignment for those 15-20 minutes.

Whatever your stance on this particular speech, it might be a wonderful opportunity to talk to your child about education goals and to share your family's values about education.

Artist of the Month: Congratulations to the following students who were selected as "Artist of the Month" from the elementary school: Shealynn Giltner (1st grade), Leela Horner (3rd grade) and Emma Calabrese (5th grade).

KIDS CLOSET Fall Opening Date: Kids' Closet opens on September 28, and remains open until December 10. Coronado will take one bus on Saturday, October 3. Families also have the option of making a reservation and going to the Kids' Closet on their own. To reserve a seat on the bus we will be taking, please call Jill Linder at 696-6621 or Dorothy Aragon (bilingual clerk) at 696-6714. Referral forms will be sent home by September 11. Eligibility is based on being qualified for free/reduced lunch program. If your child does not get a referral form and you feel they should have, please let us know.

Don't Get "ZAPPED" – We're starting a new program to help students understand the importance of completing homework. This year, 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.

Toadstools and Mushrooms – Please take some time to talk to your children about the importance of not eating toadstools or mushrooms they may find in the lawns, especially after a rain. They can be very toxic. We want everyone to be safe! Thanks.

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Middle School After-School Tutoring – We will be starting our Middle School Tutoring Program in a week. The program will be available on Monday and Wednesday. We will also offer homework help on Tuesdays. Be looking for a letter home which will explain the benefits and requirements.

