

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

Today is the official anniversary of the Constitution of the United States. The required ninth state ratified the Constitution on September 17, 1787, and it was carried into effect on March 4, 1789. The preamble reads:

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

What powerful words! You may have seen a recent report that suggests that high school students don't know enough about our Constitution: What is the Supreme Law of the Land? Who is the head of the Executive Branch of government? How long is the term of a Senator? What are the first 10 amendments to the Constitution called? How many branches of government are described in the Constitution?

As we celebrate the anniversary of this document you might want to discuss its significance with your children. You might see things on TV that would describe the Constitutional era. What a nice opportunity to discuss history and government with our children. Thanks!

SAFETY AT THE CROSSWALK – Our crossing guard has asked me to remind you not to park or stop on the crosswalk itself. Her job is to safely cross our students in the marked area. Also, for the safety of your children, please don't wave them to come across to you.

Update – I've been told that the 15 mile per hour restriction in the school zone now extends from sign to sign. It used to be from the sign to the crosswalk, but it has apparently changed. Please be safe!

"DUSTING" – An insidious form of drug abuse is being reportedly on the rise. "Dusting" is the use of various compressed air containers (Dust-Off, the computer keyboard cleaner, gives this abuse its name, but other aerosol containers may include whipped cream, deodorant, hair spray, etc.). The most dangerous thing is that people who use this typically are 14-15, but the onset can be much earlier. Sometimes people think it's "only compressed air" but that is wrong. There is also a propellant in the container that can cause a short "high" for users. However, it can also kill you – and sometimes on the first try. Twenty-two percent of all inhalant abuse deaths occur among users who were trying it the first time! Typically, many households have these kinds of compressed air containers. Tragically, sometimes young people experimenting die from this activity. It is easily concealed, but can be deadly. Some tip-offs that can point to misuse of inhalants: strange chemical odors wafting around your child or his/her room, small soars and marks around the mouth, or complaints about mouth pain.

One of the most comprehensive places to find information is <http://www.inhalants.org>

REACH/GIFTED – Testing to determine a need for special services for the REACH/Gifted program is offered by Amphi in the spring of each school year. This year testing at Coronado will occur during third quarter (January – March). Before a child can be tested, a "Permission to Test" form must be completed by the parent. "Permission to Test" forms are due no later than December 1, 2009, and are available in the Coronado office or on the REACH department website. If you have questions, please visit the REACH Department website at <http://amphi.com/departments/reach/home.html> or contact Joy Ellsworth, elementary REACH specialist, at jellsworth@amphi.com or Hank Rowe, middle school REACH specialist, at howe@amphi.com

PTO – You can sign up to receive the PTO newsletter by sending an email to coronado_pto@yahoo.com (please notice the underscore). If you have signed up and aren't receiving the emails, PTO would like to know. We have had about 50 bouncebacks and are concerned that those parents who want to receive the news may not be getting it because we may have the wrong address. If you don't have email, you can check the PTO page on Coronado's website for updates. Thanks!