

Nelson's News

Coronado K-8 School, An "Excelling" School
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BE HERE AND ON TIME FOR SCHOOL!
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There was no Nelson's News last week. I had a death in my family and was out of the office. Hopefully, this will bring you up to date.

CONFERENCES WILL BE NEXT TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY (OCT. 6-9). PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED. WE WILL DISMISS AT 12:25 AND 1:15 ALL WEEK

Cyber-Bullying – The US Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools has shared some important information with us regarding cyber bullying. I wanted you to be aware of this issue.

Technology has become a necessary tool for many individuals, including young people who regularly use the Internet. Surveys over the past few years show that 50% of students may have at least one social networking profile (MySpace, Face book, etc.). With 80% of teens reportedly owning a cell phone or computer with Internet access, it should be no surprise that an increasing number of students have reported being victims of cyber-bullying. Recent studies suggest that anywhere from 35-50% of all youth or someone they know has been the victim of perpetrators of cyber-bullying at least once. Apart from the personal impact to the victim, concurrent factors can substantially impact school safety. A study in *The journal of Adolescent Health* found that 27% of the young people who were victims had carried a weapon to school at least once in response to the bullying so as to defend themselves. Experts believe that this demonstrates an association between electronic aggression victimization and a range of psychosocial difficulties.

Students need to tell their parents and someone at school if they are victims of cyber-bullying. Here's what we will do if we are aware of cyber-bullying because, while normally this type of bullying happens off campus, it does impact us and we can and should be involved:

We will notify parents and share copies of any text we have as evidence with them.

We will notify teachers and staff so they can be on the lookout for evidence of more traditional bullying or repercussions of cyber-bullying.

We will provide information to parents about how to involve the police in investigations.

We will contact law enforcement ourselves depending on the type of bullying going on.

We will discipline students involved in cyber-bullying. Anything created while at school or that constitutes a threat or which disrupts the school or the rights of others allows us that right.

We will involve our counselors and possibly make referrals to outside counseling services. It is important not to underestimate the harm that cyber bullying can have on both the bully and the victim.

Computers for Kids – Our generous group of Sun City Seniors for Kids tells us that all our requests for free computers have been met and they are looking for more students in need of computers. Please contact Jill Linder, our Family Advocate, at 696-6621 for an application.

Potential Bus Issue – If you live on a dirt road that is not maintained by the county and it reaches a point where the road is so rutted or washed out as to be unsafe for the bus, the drivers have been instructed not to drive on the road. This could impact your bus stops. Please make sure your roads are in good shape. If you have questions, please contact Transportation at 696-3780

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 rowe@amphi.com

