

# 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

**Students of the Month** – Congratulations to the following students who were selected as Student of the Month by their teachers: Maria Arreola, Jonathan Delaney, Austin Madsen, Michael Lopez, Roseline Cota, Aaron Scheib, Diana Valdez, Karen DeLeon, Moises Cervantes, Noah Pallanes, George Rivas, Carime Heredia Dominguez, Shelby Thompson, Victor Ramirez, Triston Robinson, Easton Casper, J P McCoy, Matthew Hanson, Ethan Himmel, Riley Crowther, James Holcom, Grace Larson, Jared Pastor, Jacob Davis, Colten Johnson, Brianna Mathis, Alexander Campbell, Scott McKinley, Taylor Olson, Alfred Bracero, Johnathan Larsen Munger, Luis Morales, James Ogilvie, and Cara Cameron. Congratulations!

**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.

**Bus News** – Your children may have come home to tell you that we practiced front door evacuation drills on our buses Tuesday morning. Every year in the fall, we practice these drills and go over the safety features on the bus. In the spring every year, we practice rear/side door evacuation procedures. We also have received news that Coronado will be receiving several of the new buses purchased recently by the district as a result of the bond override. These wonderful new buses are air-conditioned, have improved seating, and seat belts. We've reminded our students to help take good care of our buses!

**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](mailto:jellsworth@amphi.com) or Hank Rowe, middle school REACH specialist, at [hrowe@amphi.com](mailto:hrowe@amphi.com)

**For Your Information** – As you may know, there is an election in November that has two questions related to Amphitheater Schools. One question is a vote to continue the current Maintenance and Operations override and the other is a Capital Override. Several people have wondered exactly what Coronado has received as a result of the current Maintenance and Operations override. Here is that information for you: we received two class size reduction positions, one each for the elementary and middle schools, a half-time (.5) math lab teacher for the middle school, a half-time (.5) writing lab teacher for the middle school, a .4 teacher in Fine Arts for the middle school, a .4 teacher for our electives in the middle school (in our case, we used this for Life Skills), a .4 teacher for technology, a .2 teacher for elementary music staffing, and a .2 teacher for elementary art. So you understand, a full-time teacher is considered a 1.0 teacher; each .2 represents 20% of a full-time position, or the equivalent of one day per week. In addition to the staffing, we received money to offer both elementary and middle school tutoring. Our ACHIEVE grant has taken the place of our elementary tutoring, but the grant is set to expire in two years. We currently offer middle school tutoring through the current M & O override two days per week. For more information, check the Amphitheater District website at [www.amphi.com](http://www.amphi.com)

