

Nelson's News

Coronado K-8 School, An "Excelling" School
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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: Connor Maynard, Annalisa Ruiz, Tehya Ballesteros, Morgan Kern, Katia Guzman, Ashton Rowe, Samantha Peacock, Dusty Yarbrough, Shelby Thompson, Jared Strickland, Cesar Perez, Gabriel Bojorquez, Stefano Boaro, Elias Hinojosa, Alexander Pye, Humberto Suarez, Esmeralda Macias, James Delaney, Arianna Condiff, Christian Adkins, Leila Linzy, Charlene La Gorce, Rosa Tolano, Jonathan Weir, Braxton Liddell, Michaela LaCorte, and Asia Alday. 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 – We 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! Your child may have come home discussing the new buses. We have some bus number changes associated with the new buses: bus 5 is now bus 179, bus 21 is now bus 181, bus 29 is now bus 178, bus 26C is now 185, bus 45 is now bus 186, and bus 30 is now bus 188.

Report Cards – If your child is in grades 4-8, you may have not yet received a copy of his/her report card for 1st quarter. This unfortunate delay is because of the new student management system that we are implementing as a district. The Coronado report cards were slated to be printed last Friday night, so I'm hopeful they went in the mail immediately after that. If you don't have your report card by next Monday, please let me know.

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 (and, obviously, what would be lost if the Maintenance and Operations override is not continued). Here is that information: 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 override two days per week. Finally, there was a recruitment/retention stipend for all teachers. For more information, check the Amphitheater District website at www.amphi.com