

Chaparral Newsletter

Sept. 21, 2009

Phone Numbers: 350-4180 (office) or 350-4181 (attendance)

Have sick kids? We need information

With the flu season upon us, when you are calling in a sick student, the office will be asking for presenting symptoms in order to better assess any flu-like illnesses we are encountering in the school. If flu-like symptoms are present, your call may be transferred to the nurse for further assessment. The attendance phone number is **350-4181**.

ATTENTION PARENTS

The cafeteria will no longer send home notes when a student's lunch account is nearly out of money.

Instead, call the school or go online to **meridianschools.org** to check your child's account balance. Follow the links on the menu at the left: "*Parents*," to "*Food Nutrition Services*" and to "*Prices and Payment*."

Lunch change

Third Grade City will be set up in the gym **Sept. 30**, so all students will eat lunch in their classrooms.

The cafeteria will offer chicken nuggets only, with veggies, fruit and milk.

Food drive at Chaparral

The Meridian Food Bank feeds the valley's hungry all year round, and Chaparral can help! Please bring non-perishable food items to school **Oct. 5-9**.

From the Principal's Office:

- The 2010 Census is coming April 1, 2010. Please be a part of this and have a discussion with your kids about the importance of the Census.
- Our teachers are utilizing their collaboration time every Wednesday morning to address the needs of all students. During this time, they will be discussing many different topics. Just a few of these are: Implementation of best practices to ensure learning for all students. How do we challenge students? How do we help struggling students? Integration of the new science reporting topics with the math reporting topics. We are very excited to have this time to work together as a team to address every student's needs.
- A huge thank you to the PTA and all our fabulous parent and staff volunteers for helping make our school Carnival a great success.

Support/Educational Groups

The Meridian School District offers many small support/educational groups for students throughout the school year. The groups, which are facilitated by the school counselor, meet for 30 minutes each week for approximately six sessions. Some of the groups offered are: Friendship/Social Skills Groups, Divorce Support Groups, Anger Management Groups, Bully Busters Groups, and Support Groups for students who have been impacted by a family member's use of drugs/alcohol.

If you think your child would benefit from a group, or for more information on the groups listed above, please call Anne Leonard, Chaparral's counselor at 350-4180.

A Note from Nurse JulieAnn

Welcome back to Chaparral Elementary. It is already September and our year-round school is in full swing!

Here are some points to keep in mind to keep your child safe and healthy and ready to learn.

- Did you apply mosquito spray to your child?
- Did they get 8-10 hours of sleep last night?
- Did they eat a healthy breakfast?
- Are they wearing clothes appropriate for the weather and dress code?
- Do they need a change of clothes in their backpack?
- Are they wearing closed-toe shoes?
- Do they have a full water bottle?
- Have you notified the nurse of any health issues that may need attention during the school day?
- If they need medicine at school, have you completed a medicine consent?

All of these set your child up for a successful day at Chaparral Elementary.

Your School Nurse, Nurse JulieAnn

Free screening from Shriners

The Shriners Hospitals for Children will offer a free screening clinic Saturday, **Oct. 3 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the Ada County Boys and Girls Club, 610 E. 42nd St., Garden City.

Children up to age 18 are eligible for care at Shriners Hospitals. Acceptance is based solely on a child's medical needs, and care is provided with no financial obligation to patients or their families.

Shriners Hospitals provide care for orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

For more information, call El Korah Shrine at 343-0571.

THANK YOU

The PTA sends thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the Carnival. We couldn't do it without you. Thanks also to all the sponsors who donated items for the raffle/auction.

A big thanks to all who came and participated at the Carnival. We are now at **58%** of our goal for the playground equipment.

Here are the winners of the Cake Contest:

- K/1st grade - Abby Brooks, Emily Laude, and Ana Anderson
- 2/3rd grades - Collin Goulding, Tessa Wallace, Brooke Fannesbeck and Michelle Carnahan
- 4/5th grades - Michael Goulding, Jacob Rarick and Mackenzie Carnahan