



# THE CHÁVEZ COURIER

*A newsletter of César Chávez Elementary School*

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*Home of the Chávez Cheetahs!*



**May - June 2013**

Dear Chávez Parents and Community Members,

Can you believe how fast this school year has passed? Yet we still have a lot to accomplish in the remaining weeks. We still have a number of fun events that we are looking forward to; field trips, the Mallard's Game on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Completion Ceremony on June 12 at 9:00 a.m., Field Day from 9 – 11 a.m. and All School Picnic on June 13 at lunchtime to name a few.

We would like to thank our Co- PTO Presidents Krissy Newman and Carrina Frye for their dedication and service. The PTO has done a fantastic job in supporting the needs of our students. They worked hard to organize parents and volunteers to help with enriching our experiences throughout the year.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,  
Linda Allen and Becky Kundert

## **WE SALUTE OUR RETIRING TEACHERS**

*"Teachers touch the future. Your efforts have made Chavez a better place to learn and grow. You have helped to unlock the wonders of learning for many students. We offer our heartiest thanks for the legacy you have helped create. Best wishes on your future endeavors."*

**-Dan Slick – Art Teacher**

**-Teri Hurst – LMC Coordinator**

## **STAFF APPRECIATION**

The Chávez PTO sponsored a week of special acknowledgement for the staff in recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to Corrina Frye and Diane Wadzinski for arranging the week of treats and gifts.

The Chávez Staff is an incredible group of professionals. They are constantly striving to do their best to meet the needs of our diverse student population. We tip our hats to them.

## **Congratulations to the Chávez Power Patrol!!**

Chávez School was recently given \$100.00 dollars by the Madison Metropolitan School District in recognition of efforts by the Chávez Power Patrol to encourage students and staff to reduce their energy consumption through actions such as turning off lights; recycling; turning off computers, etc. when not in use or over week-ends and breaks; walking/riding bikes to school; and using refillable water bottles. Students in the Power Patrol have completed a number of activities this school year to learn about energy and environmental issues. Check out the PeoplePowerPlanet.com website to see more information. Members of the Chávez Power Patrol are: Ana Rios, Lissa Fletcher, Salvador Telez-Giron, Elijah Anderson, Bianca Barredo, May Li, Sabrina Garcia, Samantha Yang, Jaleah Hunt, Yesenia Orozoco, Ellen Dux-Dahms, Maddie Wissinger, Bella Rutz, Lauren Schmitt, Sidney Holmes, Amaya Grant-

Scott, and Lena Weigel. Our school staff Energy Champions are Madeleine Para and Jane Rasico-Hoffman.

## **THANKS TO OUR PATROLS**

We want to acknowledge the great job of the Safety Patrol this year. We appreciate their dedication of keeping the children of Chávez Elementary School safe. We would also like to thank the Chávez PTO for generously sponsoring a second person to go to Washington, DC and for our end-of-the-year field trip to Ten Pin Alley. It was a nice reward for a year of hard work by our patrols.

### **We salute our 2012-2013 Chávez Safety Patrols:**

**Captains:** Lekwan Lewis (Wells), Carly McKeon, (Velden), Logan Younk (Brand), and Bianca Barredo (Brand); **Benish's Class:** Jacob Weller, Kiera Sweeney, Megan Boucher, Jack Faulkner, Tenzin Topchen, Cameron Le, and Jacquell Jolly; **Brand's Class:** Kaia Taylor, Hannah Garrison, Cameron Henrickson, Maria Cartland, Drew Adams, Srihari Gopalan, Jack Dickey, and Kyle Doll; **Bray's Class:** Breanna Bushey, Samantha YangJa, Cristian Cruz, Ryan Valand, Sabrina Garcia, Faiza Ahmed, Diego Lopez, and Lizzy Bortz; **Remiker's Class:** Ben Wanta, Trisha James, Carson Strang, Maddie Wissinger, Ethan Vieth, Aarushi Vyas, Ellen Dux-Dahms, Bella Rutz, and Jason Ceniti; **Velden's Class:** Elena Hind, Natalie Tosto, Priscilla Lancaster, Lauren Schmitt, Pierce Kaufman, Matthew Vancik, and Sydney Gill; **Wells' Class:** James Donkle, Patrick Downey, Lindsay Palm, Nathan Francisco, Lena Weigel, Garrett McKinnon, Tyanna Ward, and Samuel Duong.

Special Thanks to **Quinn Marx** for being the patrol supervisor.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration**

The 5<sup>TH</sup> grade Moving On Up Celebration will be held on June 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the gymnasium. After the assembly, cake and ice cream will be served to the 4/5<sup>th</sup> graders and their families.

## **MADISON METROPOLITAN LINKS, INC. RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

The Madison Charter of the Links, Inc. held their annual African American Student Recognition and Parent Volunteers Celebration. The following students and parent/volunteers were nominated and acknowledged from Chávez Elementary:

*Saii Blake, Nyree Braxton, Porter Campbell, Davidatta Carmen, Kendall Chandler, Elijah Edwards, Jordan Elliott, Michael Elliott, Amare Gavins, Jada Hinton, Jaylon Hinton, Jaleah Hunt, Lekwan Lewis, Trisha James, Isabella McColl, Olivia Morgan, Chidubem Okonkwo, Jalisa Palmer, Afrisia Rafols, Khalia Rafols, Kaia Taylor, Olivia Virgin, Devin Vivian, Tiffani Vivian, Meyona Scott-Whitaker, and Genesis Woodward.*

*Leslie Palmer and Beatrice Allen – Volunteers*  
Congratulations to all of the recipients!

## **DRESS CODE REMINDER**

As the weather changes, students wear less clothing to accommodate the warmer weather. There is a close relationship between student dress and student attitude toward school. For that reason, the District Student Conduct and Discipline Plan prohibits "dressing or grooming in a manner which disrupts teaching or learning."

In order to encourage students to stay focused on class work and school, we ask that you assist us in helping your child comply with the district MMSD Policy 4211 dress code guidelines as well as the policy for Chávez.

The following items are NOT allowed:

- Clothing which displays profane or otherwise objectionable slogans or graphics.
- Spaghetti straps, mesh shirts, backless tops, halter tops, tube tops, tops that expose the stomach area, sleeveless shirts that expose sides.
- Visible underwear.
- Clothing that is too brief or revealing.
- Clothing and accessories that depict gang behavior or glorify gang activity.
- Headgear: hats, bandanas, hairnets, scarves, do-rags, sweatbands, etc. No headgear unless special permission has been granted. (Headgear worn for religious reasons is allowed.)

A student who wears a shirt that is in violation of the dress code is asked to turn the shirt inside out or is offered a clean replacement shirt. A student who wears sagging pants is offered a length of string as a belt. In some cases, a parent may be called and asked to bring replacement clothing to school. Shoes must be worn at all times.

A student who repeatedly refuses to abide by the dress guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action.

## **End Of Year Medication Return**

We would like to remind parents/guardians that they must pick up any remaining medications at the end of the year. No pills can be sent home with students. Medications not picked up by a parent by June 12 will be discarded.

Epi-pens, inhalers, and Glucagon may be sent home on the last day of school if we get permission from the parent/guardian. If you would like your child to carry their Epi-pen, inhaler, or Glucagon home on the last day of school, please call the Health Office at 442-2010. If your child is attending summer school it will be kept at Chávez during that time.

## **Chávez Air Conditioner**

The new HVAC air –cooled chiller has now been installed. The students were curious and excited to see all the equipment that was necessary to lift the unit onto the roof of the building.



## **School Enrollment Day for the 2013-14 school year**

Mark your calendars for school enrollment on Thursday, August 22, 2013 from 11 – 6 p.m. in the LMC. Be here to enroll your child for the 2013-14 school year.

1. Locate your Infinite Campus username and password to access the online enrollment system.
  - Your password is available from your school secretary before the end of the school year.
  - Or visit [mmsd.org/lostpassword](http://mmsd.org/lostpassword) to receive a reminder email.
2. Fill out the information forms and pay fees online ahead of time by visiting [mmsd.org/enroll](http://mmsd.org/enroll) beginning on August 6.

There are many reasons to attend registration:

- We will be updating annual disclosure and demographic information on [mmsdenroll.org](http://mmsdenroll.org)
- Find out who your teacher will be
- Pay Annual Fees

- Sign up for 5<sup>th</sup> grade Strings (Additional participation and rental fees)
- New and returning students update enrollment and emergency contact information
- Receive Breakfast and Lunch Menus – Put money in account
- Receive bus information

**What to bring:**

- Verification form and fee receipt, printed at the end of the online enrollment process.
- Free/reduced lunch application number if you have one.
- Verification of your address (gas/electric bill, lease or mortgage) if your address has changed.

**Questions?** Visit [mmsd.org/enroll](https://mmsd.org/enroll)

Or contact the enrollment office:

[enrollment@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:enrollment@madison.k12.wi.us) 608-663-4957

