

What a year! –returning to an elementary school after being in a middle school for two and a half years! Starting a new year with a very energetic P.T.A. President and a hard working P.T.A. committee has been totally awesome.

The parents at Chapman Elementary are committed to their children. The walk-throughs at Chapman would make any principal proud. Students are actively engaged because the faculty is doing strategic teaching, reciprocal teaching and using technology to maintain the interest of the students. Each classroom now has an **Activboard** to make learning more interesting. Mr. Nurre, our librarian's husband, has rebuilt the computers in the library to make technology more available to our students. Meridith, our computer lab Tech, is helping to keep old and new computers running. Our goal for the coming year is to purchase laptops for each classroom teacher. The laptops will help the active boards to run more efficiently.

Thanks to all of you for making our Book Fair a big success! I want to thank Torre Hanvey for overseeing the entire event, as well as the other volunteers who worked during the week.

Parents, it is critical that your child's school attendance be at its best. First of all, every child needs to be in school and be prepared for work every day. Breakfast will not be served after 7:55. Class begins at 8:00. It is very important that if your child is eating breakfast at school he/she be here early enough to eat and be in class by 7:55.

Secondly, those students who will be taking the assessments need to have regular attendance in order to adequately prepare for the tests. And lastly, whether or not our school makes Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) depends on it. If attendance for the entire school, grades K-5, falls below 95%, then our school would fail to make AYP. Please make every effort to have your child in school every day and on time each morning. Please don't schedule doctor or dental appointments during testing time. We will not be successful nor will we be able to help your child be successful without your support.

Spring Break is March 15 – 19. Classes will resume on March 23rd. Whether you're vacationing or spending time at home, I hope your week is filled with relaxation and fun.