



CHAPTS Firecracker

January 25, 2010

CHAPTS On-line Auction

CHAPTS has launched an on-line auction. Proceeds from the online auction assist CHAPTS with raising the money necessary to fund Project Grad, teacher/administrative requests, and campus needs. This is your chance to bid (and purchase) some wonderful items...go to the CHAPTS website (www.CHAPTS.org) and click on the link for the online auction. You must register to bid. Our first deadline is nearly upon us....shop by the end of the month!

SAVE THE DATE: CHAPTS Fundraiser is scheduled March 27

CHAPTS will hold its annual fundraiser: a golf tournament and silent auction/dinner on Saturday, March 27. This special event will be held at Camelback Golf Club (Camelback Inn). Plan now to participate and attend. Invitations will be sent to all CHS families/supporters within next week to 10 days.



Student Government Hosts Special Presentation for CHS Community

Chaparral's Student Government will host a special speaking engagement on February 18, 2010. The evening event and speaker's presentation embraces the student assembly held the preceding week. The Chaparral community is encouraged to take advantage of this one-of-a kind opportunity. A flyer with additional information is attached.



Purchase your Teddy Bear for Valentine's Day

The girls basketball booster club will be taking pre-orders for teddy bears to be delivered to your child's special someone in time for Valentine's Day. There will be two different bears to choose from. The price is \$30.00. All proceeds will benefit the CHS girls' basketball program. Pre-orders will be taken in the cafeteria during both lunch periods on Thursday, January 28. Checks should be made payable to **Fire It Up Booster's Association**.

One Big Night Out.....

Bring your parents....Bring your kids....Bring your friends....Bring yourselves.....

When: February 18th 2010

Where: Chaparral High School Auditorium

Address: 6935 E. Gold Dust Ave Scottsdale, AZ 85253

Time: 5-7:30 p.m. Ticket sales begin at 5 p.m. Movie and presentation begin at 6 p.m. Come early for preferred seating. **Possibility of selling out!**

Cost: \$10.00 per person. Credit cards and cash will be accepted for ticket sales, however; cash only for food and drinks.

Presale Tickets available: e-mail Kristen Sandquist at kristen1@salcito.com. You will be asked to pay by credit card.

Event Details: Join acclaimed author and athlete Erik Weihenmayer along with Kevin Cherilla as they share their amazing journey to the summit of Mt. Everest and screen Erik's film **Farther Than the Eye Can See**. This film has been nominated for two Emmy's and has won 21 International Film Festival awards. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to their non-profits, No Barriers and K2 Adventures Foundation, as well as Chaparral student government. Arrive early to purchase tickets and refreshments, as well as shop through t-shirts, books and DVDs. Kevin and Erik have been climbing partners and friends for almost 20 years. Together, they have been to the far corners of the earth seeking new adventures and shattering the perceptions people have of those with disabilities.

Speaker Bios:

On May 25, 2001, **Erik Weihenmayer** became the only blind man in history to reach the summit of the world's highest peak, Mount Everest. Erik, a former middle school teacher and wrestling coach, is one of the most exciting and well-known athletes in the world. Despite losing his vision at the age of 13, Erik has become an accomplished mountain climber, paraglider, and skier, who never let his blindness interfere with his passion for an exhilarating and fulfilling life. Erik's feats have earned him an ESPY award, recognition by Time Magazine for one of the greatest sporting achievements of 2001, induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, an ARETE Award for the superlative athletic performance of the year, the Helen Keller Lifetime Achievement Award, Nike's Casey Martin Award, and the Freedom Foundation's Free Spirit Award. He has also carried the Olympic Torch for both the Summer and Winter Games.

In addition, Erik is also the author of the book, **Touch the Top of the World**, which was made into a film for A&E. **Farther Than the Eye Can See** was ranked in the top twenty adventure films of all time by Men's Journal. The film beautifully captures the emotion, humor and drama of Erik's historic ascent as well as his team's three other remarkable 'firsts': the first American father/son team to summit, the oldest man to summit at age 64, and the most people from one team to reach the top of Everest in a single day. Through screenings, the film has raised over \$600,000 for charitable organizations. Erik's extraordinary accomplishments have gained him press coverage including repeated visits to NBC's Today Show and Nightly News, Oprah, Good Morning America, Nightline, and the Tonight Show to name a few. He has also been featured on the cover of Time, Outside, and Climbing Magazine.

Kevin Cherilla served as the base camp manager for Erik's historic climb in 2001 and on June 5th 2007, Kevin fulfilled his own dream and reached the summit of Mt. Everest. Kevin is best known as a prominent businessman, an international mountain guide, philanthropist, motivational speaker, and educator. In 2004, Kevin started KC Summits, LLC, an adventure organization that engages all individuals in challenging themselves while reaching their goals of climbing mountains around the world. Many of his clients have individual disabilities such as blindness, paralysis, and muscular dystrophy. His teammates have ranged in age from 11 to 80 years old and have had a phenomenal success rate of over 90%. Kevin has led expeditions on six continents and over 20 countries. His teams have been featured on the front cover of TIME, Outside, Climbing, and Weekly Reader magazines, and on the Oprah Winfrey Show, Jay Leno, and many world news programs including CNN. In 2009, Kevin co-founded K2 Adventures Foundation, Inc. a non-profit organization that benefits less fortunate or disabled children throughout the world.

Together, Erik and Kevin speak about harnessing the power of adversity, the importance of a "rope team," and the daily struggle to pursue your dreams. Their accomplishments show that one does not have to have perfect eyesight to have extraordinary vision.

More Info: If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Kristen Salcito at kristen1@salcito.com or Kevin Cherilla at kcsummits@gmail.com