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### Schedule Items

- March 12 – PTO General Mtg. – 6PM – ACS Cafeteria
- March 27-28 – Teacher Lunch – See Social for details
- April 16 – PTO General Mtg. – 6PM – ACS Cafeteria – **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS** – See **Special Announcements** below
- Other items – Late April/May – Spring Yard Sale and Spring Family Movie Night

## Special Announcements

Join the 2008-2009 PTO Board! The PTO Board is now accepting nominations for all Board positions, which are open for nomination and election each year. Elections for next years Board will be held at our April 16<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Please email Kassie Smith at [Kassie-ACSPTO@comcast.net](mailto:Kassie-ACSPTO@comcast.net) to inquire about a position or to learn more about what the PTO does. To learn more about the overall functions of the ACS PTO Board, we encourage you to attend the PTO's March General Meeting.



## PTO By-Laws Proposed Changes

Two proposals to amend the PTO By-laws have received initial Board approval and will be voted on by the public at the General Meeting scheduled for March 12. The proposed amendment changes are designed to ease voting procedures for the election of officers. For more immediate information, please contact Greg Polashock at [Greg@GregIsFinancingSolutions.com](mailto:Greg@GregIsFinancingSolutions.com).

Proposed changes (with changed language underlined):

Article 6, Section 7, Subsection B to read: The term of office shall be one year and may not exceed two consecutive years in the same office. The term shall run from the beginning of the school year to the end of the school year. Elections for the following school year will take place no earlier than April 10th nor later than May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Article 8, Section 2 to read: The election of officers for the following year shall take place in accordance with these By-laws as ratified and amended in Article 8 and Article 6, Section 7, Subsection B, herein. The election will be held at a General Meeting of the organization. The Secretary and Treasurer will prepare ballots from nominations received. Voting by secret ballot, there must be a space on the ballot for write-in candidates. The Secretary and Treasurer and a general PTO member at the meeting will tally the results and announce the winners in the school newsletter one week after the election.

## Fundraising

### GOT VOLUNTEER HOURS?

No need to scramble to complete your volunteer hours! The PTO is hosting two events where volunteers are desperately needed! The first is an ACS multi-family yard sale, the second is our Spring Family Movie Night. These will be held at the end of April and beginning of May. Please contact Brandi at [BEssegian@aol.com](mailto:BEssegian@aol.com) if you would like to help. The type of work we need may be done from home and on the weekends (evening and morning hours available).

**Spring Yard Sale** – It's Time for Spring Cleaning! Spring is springing and it's time to rid yourself of the clutter around the house! The PTO is looking for donations for a multi-family yard sale in April. All proceeds will go directly to the ACS PTO! Further information regarding drop off times and location will follow as we approach this event! Thank you for your support!!

**Spring Family Movie Night** – Coming in May. More details to come.

**Direct Donations** – The PTO Board wishes to encourage your participation in Direct Donations. Based upon survey responses from last year, Direct Donations were projected to be a major success for our ACS community. Actual Donations are currently well under projections and the PTO is currently over budget as a consequence. Please contact Brandi Essegian at [BEssegian@aol.com](mailto:BEssegian@aol.com) to find out how to complete your donation.



## Enrichment



**Academy of Art** – On hold until scheduling can be finalized.

**Golf** – Unfortunately, despite much hard work and our best efforts, we have been unable to put together a Golf Enrichment program for this school year. The PTO Board recognizes that this is a program of potential significant interest based upon last year's Parent Survey and we will continue to seek ways to implement a golf program in the future. The PTO Enrichment committee would appreciate any ideas or input that could aid in creating a golf program for the school.

*PTO Enrichment is responsible for providing supplementary, enriching cultural experiences. Please pay close attention to the monthly PTO newsletter for Enrichment Events and Updates. This is how we will be communicating to you parents of coming events and the need for volunteers, if necessary. If you have any suggestions or special talents that you would like to share with the students please feel free to let us know! Thank you for all of your support!*

For more information on Enrichment programs, please contact Julie Harkin: [toddpaco@aol.com](mailto:toddpaco@aol.com) or Emily Ragan: [ceragan1@msn.com](mailto:ceragan1@msn.com).

## Social

The next teacher luncheons will be March 27-28<sup>th</sup> during Parent/Teacher Conferences. We appreciate all who volunteer to help. Look for sign up sheets on the PTO board or contact Allyson Ford - [allyson4d@hotmail.com](mailto:allyson4d@hotmail.com).

**A big thank you to the following who helped out for our teacher breakfast in February:** Christy Croasdell, Mary Keller, Annette Mulholland, Cali Hanson, Allyson Lowe, Shari Scholz, Lorie DeBerard, Jen Greenwald, Diane Ampe, Ada Gonzales, Cinzia Bale, Niki Shauerhamer, Deanna Schmidt, Kelly Brown.

Every month we have the opportunity to feed our fantastic teachers! To show our appreciation to them we bring in breakfast the last Friday of the month. We also provide a luncheon for them twice a year around conference times.

Thanks for your willingness to help out

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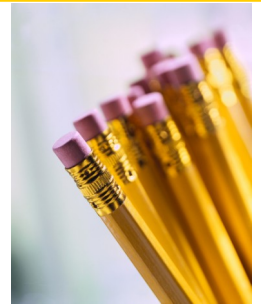
## Special Needs



**ACS NEEDS YOU!** If you have your own business or work for a large corporation, ACS needs you. We need your support in any and all areas you can think of. Many corporations have the ability to match donations or make donations, and you might not even know it. Sometimes all it takes is you proving you are volunteering and your company can donate to your school. We need you to go to your Human Resources Department or your boss and ask them how that company can give back to your school. Tell us what we can do to facilitate the donation, and we will do all we can to assist your business. We can provide any documentation needed for a tax write-off. Please contact us and let us know how you and your company can help ACS.

## Teacher "Wish List"

Don't forget to check out the teacher "Wish Lists" located on the ACS website. This is a great way to support the teachers and departments for the extra needs and wants that make the teachers jobs easier and more creative, and ultimately make our students learning experience even more fun.



## Special Messages

**Sport and Skate** on 5th and Jerry St. is selling ACS hoodies for \$23 each (\$7 will go to the school for each sold.) Help support ACS and show your spirit at the same time!

## Box Tops



Congratulations to our February Box Top Winners: Brett Wallace, Kyra Connolly and Micah Karr. Each of these students won a \$5 gift certificate to the Sonic.

Thank you to the following students for participating in this months fundraiser: Brandon Harkin, Meagan Harkin, Emily VanSicklin, Nick Vankooten, Jessa Marsh, Riley James, Brock Hardison, Noah Smith, Jenna Glaves, Nathan Witonsky, Rayne Silla, Brian VanSicklin, Rachel Orr, Bryan Schuck, Callie Dortch, Savannah Wilson, Mitchell Colander, Taylor Knight, Riley James, Mia Douglas, Megan Wise, Paityn Hardison, Buddy Schanuel, Courtney Solomon, Christiana Bentley, Sydney Schauerhamer, Kaitlin Keeling, Daniel Smith, Mariana Haneke, Paige Smith, Brianna Coyhis, Cameron Coyhis, Ethan Coyhis, Culley McNeill, Katie Templeton, Maddison Amiot, Casey Marsh, Cassie Lee, Debenedictis, Amanda Pankonien and Grace Stafford.

**We came close to hitting our goal of \$1,000 earned this year. Don't lose momentum! There are still 3 winners every month until May and one more pizza party for the Middle School.**

**Did you know our school can earn up to \$20,000 from the box top fundraiser? That's a lot of box tops!!**

**Let's challenge our school to raise \$2,000 next year from the box top fundraiser. Do you think we can do it???**

**KEEP CUTTING OUT THOSE BOXTOPS!!!**

*And remember, only place Box Tops in the box marked for box tops. If you place Campbell or Tyson labels in the Box Top box, THEY WILL NOT GET TO THE RIGHT PLACE AND YOUR SCHOOL WILL MISS OUT!*



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