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Schedule Items

- May 16 - Teacher Breakfast – See Social for Details
- 21 – PTO Working Meeting – year-end wrap-up of old business

Special Message from the PTO President

Hello ACS Families and Staff,

It's hard to believe that this year is just about over so I wanted to take this opportunity to say that it has been both an honor and privilege to serve ACS as the 2007-08 PTO President and to work with an amazing group of people, **Brandi Essegian, Allyson Ford, Heather Fortelka, Susan Gadeken, Julie Harken, Tara Lindburg, Gina Ordunez, Greg Polashock, Emily Ragan, Bryan Schaffer, and Elizabeth Zarada**, whose dedication to ACS should not go unnoticed. Our board worked extremely hard this year and put in many hours of time to help our children. I would also like to thank all of our wonderful parents who did volunteer this year. The time and energy you willingly gave has made our PTO and our school a success! Your assistance goes a long way toward bringing so many great activities, programs, and equipment to our school's teachers, students, and families and **we sincerely appreciate your important contributions**. Our school becomes a better place every day when parents like you are there to lend a hand!

In our spring survey we received mostly positive feedback on direct donations, instead of the various fundraisers of past years. Most parents found it to be an easy way to contribute to our school; however some parents prefer traditional fundraising. PTO is dedicated to helping get our children with what they need in the best ways possible, and as such we will be discussing how next year's fundraising will be handled when the 2008-09 PTO board takes over. We listen to the parents who responded to the surveys and the few people who attend the meetings, however if you don't attend meetings or respond to surveys your voice won't be heard. The PTO did not choose direct donations for the school, you, the parents did. PTO is a PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION and as parents we have the obligation to help achieve the goals of our school. We need to work extra hard to raise the money we need to supply our children with the equipment they need to have a productive year.

Even though I will not be returning as President of the PTO, I am planning on staying involved and am serving on the PTO's social committee next year. I know that our incoming President will have many great people to work with and will have an even better year.

Finally, the PTO would like to extend a well deserved **"THANK YOU"** to Dean Brown, Dean Peters, the Governing Board, Brenda Knight, Lori Burgos, Liz Smith, Anne Belfrage, Barbara Ireland, Cindy Keeling, Morgan Pears, Misty O'Leary, Bonnie Buckley, ACS Aides, and the ACS Teachers, Thank you for making the PTO Board's job easier throughout the year. You are all a treasure to ACS.

With sincere thanks and appreciation to all,

Have a wonderful summer break,

Kassie Smith
ACS PTO President 07-08



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 Announcements

The PTO wishes to congratulate those who have been elected to serve on the 2008-2009 PTO Board! The new Board will be as follows and will assume their new roles effective in June. We wish you the best of success in the coming year.

President – Greg Polashock

VP Fundraising – Ed Guns

VP Enrichment – Emily Ragan and Brandi Essegian (co-VPs)

VP Social – Kassie Smith

VP Communication – Allyson Ford

Secretary – Susan Gadeken

Treasurer – Bryan Schaffer and Bonnie Buckley (co-Treasurers)

School Advisory Council – The PTO wishes to thank Emily Ragan for volunteering to serve as liaison to the SAC Committee for the 2008-2009 school-year.

We are also most grateful to the dedicated Teachers and Parents who contributed so greatly to the success of the year's PTO functions. Thank you to The Board for its work, those who participated in coordinating the various events and functions throughout the year, and especially to all who contributed financially through direct donations or by assisting in the various fundraising activities. Without so many dedicated people, ACS simply would not be the successful institution that it is.

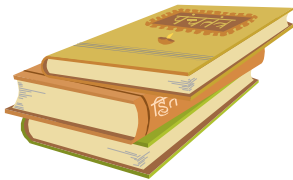


Fundraising

LAST CHANCE – PLEASE HELP!!! - ACS Math Curriculum – The PTO has committed to providing funding for a new Math Curriculum for the school. Funding for this needs to come from Direct Donations and last year's Parent Survey indicated strong support for Direct Donations as a preferred method of fundraising. So far, the actual donations received have been far below the funding needs in order to purchase the Math Curriculum.

The Math Curriculum is greatly needed, as the current curriculum is eight years old and is very disjointed both in cohesiveness for optimal learning and retention, as well as from grade to grade. The school will be focusing strongly on the improvement of the Math Curriculum in the next school year, not only for the benefit of students, but also as a tool to aid the school in improving students' performance on CSAP exams.

Please contact Brandi Essegian immediately at BEssegian@aol.com to find out how you can contribute your much needed Direct Donation for the benefit of our children and the school.



Spring Yard Sale – The PTO would like to extend a big thank you to those of you that helped at the Yard Sale this weekend. The PTO netted about \$1063.00 during the Yard sale. Thank you so much for your donations... your donations helped to make this fundraiser a success!

Thanks again to those of you that were there on Friday and Saturday to organize and make this fundraiser work so well.... Michelle Fisher (Advertising), Lecia Walker (Beautiful signs), Deb Capella, Brandi Buttica, The Lavery's, Kassie Smith, Randy Pitchford, Kindra Whitmyre, Mike Burchett, Shel Dammann, Cali Hanson and a **MOST HEARTFELT THANKS TO NANCY SCHUSTER, DARLA BROOKS, and BRYAN SCHAFFER!!!**

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.

Social

The next teacher breakfast will be Friday, May 16th. We appreciate all who volunteer to help. Look for sign up sheets on the PTO board or contact Allyson- allyson4d@hotmail.com or Gina- momofboyzzz@comcast.net

Thank you to all that helped out for the Teacher Luncheon in April. We greatly appreciate all who stepped up to make the luncheons a yummy success and the teachers really enjoyed the delicious food!

Thanks to the following: Diane Ampe, Shel Dammon, Cali Hanson, Allyson Lowe, Cori Ruth, Deanna Schmidt, Jenny Verberkmoes, Darla Brooks, Deb Cappella, Kelly Brown, Julia Connor.

Thanks You,

Allyson Ford

Gina Ordunez

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 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



Special Announcement!! Exciting Surprise for the person who collects the most Box Tops over the summer. Winner will be determined in August!!! Parents – we are really pushing for a great Box-top participation in the 2008-2009 school-year. Summer collecting can give us a two month jump on this. Please click [<here>](#) to view a list of acceptable boxtops... and encourage your ACS child to participate!

Congratulations to **April's Box Top Winners**: Lauren Farmer, Noah Simpson and Grace Simpson. Noah won a \$5 gift certificate to the Game Stop and Lauren and Grace won a \$5 gift certificate to Cold Stone Creamery.

Thank you to the following students who participated in April's Box Top Fundraiser: Keegan Dunn, Miranda Dunn, Sydney Schauerhamer, Madilyn, Sammy St. John, Anna Myers, Mason Powell, Ashley Smith, Kaitlyn Smith, Tessa Smith, Asher Spangler, Riley James, Wyatt Craigle, Kassidy Davis, Martina Bale, Cooper Rich, Thomas O'Leary, Emily VanSicklin, Lauren James, Jenna Woodlaw, Cayd Bowling, Amanda Pankonian, Brandon Ellis, Christen Ellis, Cameron Coyhis, Liam, Trevor Ellis, Poellot, Brittney Fuller, Hayden Mitchell, Brianna Coyhis, Brooklyn Rose, Anna Arnholt, Kelsey Murphy, Ethan Coyhis, Nina Douglas, Jessa Marsh, Mitchell C., Reid Jellison, Taylor Hanson, A.J., Sarah Stark

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT CULLEN MCNEILL WHO WON A PIZZA PARTY FOR HIS CLASSROOM!!!

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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