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Schedule Items

The PTO Board has now concluded its business for the 2007-08 school year. The new Board will formally convene beginning in June and will be conducting working meetings in June and July to organize a framework for planning and activities for the 2008-09 school year. The June meeting is scheduled for June 23, 6:30PM, place yet TBD. If you are interested in attending, please contact Greg Polashock at Greg@GregIsFinancingSolutions.com. Working Meetings are open to the public for observation.

The Board's first General Meeting of the school year will take place in September. Input from the general public is solicited and accepted during General Meetings.

Introductory Message from Incoming PTO President

Hello ACS Family!

I am very excited to have the opportunity to serve you as PTO President for the 2008-09 school year. Before I go further, I wish to express profound gratitude to Kassie Smith for her service as ACS PTO President for the 2007-08 school year. Kassie stepped up, quite frankly, when nobody else was willing, and for that alone, I have utmost respect for her. Kassie epitomizes the spirit that should be overflowing within the tight-knit group that is the ACS Community. Thanks, Kassie!

I want to share with you a bit of my vision regarding the PTO's role within the ACS Family. The primary role of the PTO is to help ACS provide an academically challenging and socially enriching environment and to facilitate this through fundraising activities for the purpose of purchasing supplies, equipment, etc. that would help achieve that objective.

I have read very carefully the feedback from the most recent ACS Parent Survey as pertains to the PTO. The comments were very constructive and I am grateful for the very honest feedback given. The questions in the Survey were targeted to solicit feedback specifically about fundraising. In the past, the PTO has generally raised funds through specific activities and events, such as Entertainment Books, Movie Nights, Silent Auctions, etc. In the 2007-08 school year, based upon parental response from last year's survey, the PTO Board decided to move primarily to a Direct-Donation style of fundraising. Again, this was as the result of last year's Parent Survey. While the PTO Board is pleased with the first year results of the Direct-Donation concept, based upon last year's Parent Survey response, the Board had projected a higher level of participation and we wish to build upon this next year.

I think, based on what I read in the most recent Parent Survey, that you, our Community, have it right when it comes to PTO Fundraising. By and large, the collective commentary could be summed up as follows: "Having to partake in fundraising is not a particularly desirable experience, but we realize that it is necessary... we just want it to be user-friendly and reasonable, fitting within the various other interests and obligations we all face. Since fundraising is necessary, all we ask is that it be conducted in a reasonable manner and we want a choice with a choice to contribute through a Direct Donation vehicle or, alternatively, through specific fundraising activities and events."

ACS Family, my promise to you is that that is what the PTO will offer in the coming year.

We all want a better educational opportunity for our children. The PTO can have a significant impact in that endeavor. It will require the full, active support of everyone in the ACS community, and if you are reading this, simply know that I am speaking directly to you. This is not a "somebody else" issue. Each household will be expected to contribute in the coming school year through either Direct Donation, financial participation in specific fundraising activities, through a substantial contribution of time in making the various PTO events highly successful, or some combination thereof.

I am very excited to be part of helping achieve the goal of creating better educational opportunities for our children and I look forward to working with each of you in the coming school year. So, please,... go... enjoy your summer!! And please come back in August refreshed, renewed, and re-committed to contribute in whatever manner necessary to help ACS become the best school it can be by actively participating in the PTO organization of which you are a part.

Sincerely,

Greg Polashock

PTO President-elect, 2008-09

Fundraising

Dear ACS Families:

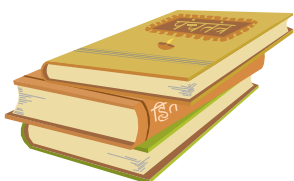
The PTO is very proud to announce that we have earned over \$27,000.00 in Direct Donations this school year! Including our Movie Night, Entertainment Books, and Spring Yard Sale we have netted over 30,000.00! This has been the best fundraising year at ACS in recent history! Thank you so much to everyone that participated in our Fundraising efforts this school year.

It is always nerve-racking to introduce a new type of Fundraising as there is no data to predict the outcome. The families of ACS wanted to change it up based on our Survey results from last year and it is clear that you have stepped up and participated. Again, the PTO would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that participated in any of our Fundraiser's this year. Together we have made a difference in our children's education!

Have a Wonderful Summer!

Brandi Essegian & Elizabeth Zarada

(Please see the bottom of this email for the list of Direct Donation contributors. The PTO is most grateful to everyone who so generously has contributed thus far.)



The PTO has committed to providing funding for a new Math Curriculum for the school. 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 at BEssegian@aol.com before the end of next week to find out how you can contribute your much needed Direct Donation for the benefit of our children and the school.

Social

Thank you to all that helped out for the Teacher Luncheon in May. 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: Shel Damman, Debra Swisher, and Lindsey O'Connor.

Thanks You,

Allyson Ford

Gina Ordunez

Box Tops

GO ASK GRANDMA!! (... point is... get your family members to help you this Summer!)
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.

Congratulations to the May Box Top Winners: Janna Allen, Zachary Butticaaz and Brooklyn Rose. They have each won a \$5 gift certificate to Sonic.



Thank you to the following students who participated in the Box Top Fundraiser for May: Sarah S., Rachel Larkins, Jacob Lancaster, Jackson Lancaster, Trey Curran, Samantha Hardy, Monica Helvey, Brandon Belk, Madeline Tokaski, Dylan Cox, Ashlee Tenn, Sam McNeill, Jacob Eddy, Taylor Wenaas, Paityn Hardison, Anisa Farrell, Brock Hardison, Kee Wedeking, John H., Austin Zak, Christian Beh, Martina Bale, Taylor Hanson, Shane Dalke, Allison Hedeem, Adam Woodzell, Olivia Wamboldt, Luke Wamboldt, Riley, Jessa Marsh, Paige Fisher, Olivia Stafford, Conor Lemon, Molly Holton, Clinton Craig, Katie Templeton, Melissa Anderson, Erin Templeton, Cassie Unruh, Mitchell C., Brittney Fuller, Claire Hodgkins, Stephanie Wicklein, Micah, Lauren, Mariah Moreno, Katelyn Long, Madison Keller, Madison Montgomery, McKinley Dirks, Nicholas Ganem, Shannon Gallagher, Katelin Johnson, Denaya Desormeaux

Remember to keep cutting and collecting box tops over the summer and ask family, friends and neighbors to help you collect too.

Next school year, be on the lookout for exciting new prizes for this fun and easy fundraiser!

Don't forget, our goal is \$2,000 next year!!!

2008-09 PTO Executive Board

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)

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.

2007-08 Direct Donation Contributors

Platinum:

Anonymous
 The Stafford Family
 The Mascarenas Family
 The McNeill Family
 The Harkin Family
 The Ragan Family
 The Hardy Family
 The Ford Family
 The Colgin Family
 Greg Traxler
 The Kullander Family/ Balance Fitness
 The Lemon Family
 The McCombs Family
 The Jensen Family
 The Porras Family

Gold Sponsors

The Essegian Family
 Anonymous
 The Wedeking Family
 The Scholz Family
 Anonymous
 Anonymous
 Anonymous

Silver Sponsors

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 The Bale Family
 The White Family
 Anonymous
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 The Myers Family
 Russell & Tonya Ball
 Newmont Mining Corporation
 The Christopher Smith Family

Bronze Sponsors

The Cline Family
 The DeBenedictis Family
 The Martinez Family
 The Lange Family
 The O'Leary Family
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 The Ampe Family
 The Tenn Family
 The Keller Family
 The Kelly Family
 The Ruth Family
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 Raymond Czizik
 The Dortch family
 The Grue Family
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 The Hedeem Family
 The Ellis Family

Friends of ACS

The Chadwick Family
 The Martinez Family
 The Ruth Family
 The Grout Family
 The Hazard Family
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 The Warnke Family
 Jill Charlton Cramm
 Andrew Glaves
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The Linder Family

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The Silver Family

The Watson Family

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