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Academy Charter School



Your PTO Board

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Calendar

- September 2nd - 5:30 PM - PTO General Meeting - Annual Budget Approval
- September 10th - Magazine and cookie dough fundraiser begins
- October 7th - cookie dough delivery
- November 6th - Family game night
- December 6th - Parents' Night Out - Kids go to Omega Gymnastics

President's Report

My name is Greg Polashock and I will be serving you this year as PTO president. The PTO has two primary functions – Enrichment, and Fundraising. I like to tell people that serving on the PTO is so rewarding because we get to “play Santa Claus.” In recent years, ACS’ PTO has helped fund Math and Language Arts curriculums, paid for numerous teacher conferences, provided funding for every grade and class, and many other worthy endeavors.

The PTO executive committee is very excited about the many family events and activities planned for this school year. Additionally, in response to this past Spring’s Parent Survey, the PTO will be sponsoring only one sales activity for the entire year and it will begin in September. Everyone’s support is needed!

The formula for success this year is simple – many volunteer coordinators plus wide activity-participation equals a financial win for ACS.

I want to slow down just a moment to reiterate the central point – YOU are needed! So, right here, right now, I am asking you to volunteer to help with at least one of this year’s fundraising activities. To find out more about fundraising volunteer opportunities, please contact Ed Guns, the PTO Fundraising Chair, at bigskybounce@comcast.net. I’ll give you a hint – ask Ed how you can help with our September Sales Event, or the September Family Movie Night.

This year, our budget goals are again lofty. If you would like to learn more about, or have input regarding the PTO’s budget for this year, you are encouraged to attend the PTO’s first General Meeting of the year on September 2nd.

I look forward to a year of high enthusiasm, participation, and excitement as we all pull together to benefit our school community. Thank you, in advance, for all that you will do to help this year.

Greg Polashock

ACS PTO President, 2008-09

Box Tops

Don’t forget the “Big Summer Prize” for the most box tops collected over the summer!! Get your box tops cut, labeled with your name and turned in by **August 22nd** so you can be included in the **August** box top fundraiser.



The student with the most Box Tops cut for **September** will win a **DRESS DOWN DAY!**

Throughout the year, we will have many exciting prizes to offer, so collect and turn in those BOX TOPS!

Here’s something to keep in mind – Assuming 500 students, if each student contributed 40 box tops, ACS would receive \$2,000.00. It doesn’t take much for you and your child to have a significant impact that improves your school!

Social

Hello Everyone

My name is Kassie Smith and I am the Social Chair for PTO this year. I wanted to take this time to **THANK YOU** for signing up for the Teacher breakfast and luncheons. The Teachers and Staff really appreciate the food we bring in and I would like to make this a great year for them. I would also like to have some themes to our breakfast and lunches this year, so we can have more variety in the food for the teachers. If you have any suggestions for each month please feel free to email me at kassie-acsppto@comcast.net

The first breakfast is fast approaching.... it is scheduled for August 29th . We need to have the food at school by 8:30 a.m. If you can help out with this breakfast, please email me with what you are bringing so that I can make sure we have the correct amount of food (we have 70 teachers and staff to feed). Here are some suggestions of the foods that we need (if you have any other suggestions let me know....)

8 breakfast dishes (eggs, pancakes, French toast, waffles....)

4 meat and /or potato trays (bacon, sausage, hash-browns or potato casserole..)

3 fruit trays,

Muffins, Bagels, Donuts and/or Danish,

Coffee and Juice.

I will send out updates with what is already being made.

We also have a few food allergy... one teacher to bell peppers, an allergy to nuts and popcorn, one teacher who has an allergy to milk products, and an allergy to preservatives-usually homemade items are not a problem for this teacher.

If you use any of these products in your food, PLEASE leave a small sticky note so that we are aware of it and can let the teachers know.

Thank you for all your help!!

Kassie Smith

ACS-PTO Social Chair

List of dates for the upcoming year.

August 29th

September 26th

October 16th and 17th luncheon/dinner

November 21st

December 19th

January 30th

February 27th

March 19thand 20th luncheon/dinner

April 24th

May 1 5th

Fundraising

Go GREEN with ACS

Dear Parents:

The new school year has arrived and the PTO will make this year **GREEN** for ACS. Based on the success of last year's **Direct Donation**, we will continue this campaign this year. In response to last year's Parent Survey, we will introduce only one take-home sales event, a **Magazine and Cookie Dough Drive**, which will need everyone's support.

We are also planning some fun "Events for Profit" such as **Movie Nights, Parents Night Out, Math Night and 5K Run** which will be fun for the whole family. Our true hope is to bring our school closer together with these activities.

How can I Help? Well, I am glad that you asked! First, we are still looking for some great volunteers to help us with some of these activities. Please contact Ed Guns at BigSkyBounce@comcast.net for some opportunities.

Magazine/Cookie Dough Drive

We are simply asking families to renew their Magazines through the school and not through the publisher. The sale will start September 10th and end on September 23rd. To go with our Go GREEN Theme, for every household that orders 3 magazines, American Publisher will have a tree planted in the name of ACS! And for Cookie Dough, need we say more than Delicious!

Events for Profit

More details will follow for Movie Nights currently Scheduled for September 12th, Math Night scheduled for November 6th, Parents Night Out scheduled for December 6th, and the 5K Run scheduled for the spring. Again, these are great activities for the family and for us to build some community within ACS.

How will a direct donation program work?

Please remember that this is a *donation*, not a requirement. This is in no way meant to cause hardship for any of our ACS families. For that reason, we have set up the Sponsorship program outlined on the next page.

Please check with your accountant to see if your donation is tax deductible.

Thank you very much for your continued support for ACS! **Together we can** accomplish our goals and continue to have one of the best schools around!

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Guns BigSkyBounce@comcast.net

Sincerely,
ACS PTO

DIRECT DONATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM-ACS PTO

Name _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Children attending ACS _____

Select your sponsorship level:

- \$ _____ Friend of ACS
- \$200+ Bronze
- \$300+ Silver
- \$400+Gold
- \$500+ Platinum

Will your employer match your donation? Yes

How will you be paying?

- Check Enclosed Credit Card – **You can pay in full or charge monthly at the front office.**
- Please charge my credit card in full, no monthly payment. (At the front office)

Start Billing September 2007 – End January 2008

- \$40/mo for 5 mos=\$200
- \$60/mo for 5 mos=\$300
- \$80?mo for 5 mos=\$400
- \$100/mo for 5 mos=\$500

May we thank you publicly? Yes No, please list me as an anonymous donor



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