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Academy Charter School



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Calendar



- October 7th PTO Working Meeting – 7:30PM ACS Cafeteria (Preceded by SAC Mtg @ 6:30PM)
- October 7th cookie dough delivery
- October 16th and 17th Teacher Lunch/Dinner (see Social)
- November 4th PTO General Meeting – 6:30PM ACS Cafeteria (Followed by SAC @ 7:30PM)
- November 6th Family game night
- December 6th Parents' Night Out - Kids go to Omega Gymnastics

President's Report

What a difference a month makes! Here we are only in late September and, as you read this, I can say... our single major fundraiser of the year (Magazine/Cookie Dough) is now in the wrap-up stage. I certainly hope you and your family participated. So many parents stepped forward to help with the various stages of this event to help make it a success. Thank you so much to all who are helping. It is too early yet to tell what results this fundraiser will yield, but current indications are that it should be quite a success. If you did not participate in the Magazine/Cookie Dough Fundraiser, please remember the wonderful things PTO provides for our school (and your child) and send in a Direct Donation, which represents the only other opportunity to do your part for the rest of the school year.

Speaking of Direct Donations – we are off to a great start, already having received almost \$7,000 in Donations!! All I can say is, “Wow!!” It seems like so many people are participating this year in so many ways. I don't know about you, but I feel a positive spirit in the air this year... and I think it is contagious!

The PTO held our first Family Movie Night of the school year a couple of weeks ago. We had tremendous attendance and I hope the kids enjoyed the movie (Alvin and the Chipmunks), the inflatable's, and some yummy food. I wish to especially thank the parents who helped put this event together.

As I conclude the “Fundraising” section of this message, it is my sad duty to announce the resignation of Ed Guns as PTO Fundraising Chair. Ed has, in just a few short months, done very much to lay a solid foundation for PTO's Fundraising efforts for this year. Ed, thank you so much for your contributions; you will be missed, but the PTO looks forward to your continued participation with various events throughout the remainder of the year.

The PTO, therefore, has a Fundraising Chair position that needs to be filled. Thanks to Ed's work, the vast majority of the work for the year is already completed. If you would be interested in contributing in a substantial way to the success of the PTO for the rest of this school year while also being able to enter into a position where the hardest part has already been done for you, please contact me at gpolashock@msn.com.

Moving on, the PTO held its first General Meeting of the year in early September. The annual Budget was approved and included specific earmarks for a variety of worthy expenditures. We are certainly grateful to all who attended the meeting and provided input and feedback. The PTO will hold a Working Meeting in early October and conduct our next General Meeting in November. We hope you can attend.

Don't forget about the Math Night/Monte' Carlo event coming up in November. This event will provide entertainment for the whole family and is being put together collaboratively between the SAC and PTO. This sounds like it is going to be a great night that you won't want to miss.

In closing this month, I wish to say a most sincere “thank you” to all who have already done so much to help get this year off to a great start for our PTO. One final thought - Your child watches your level of interest and participation in the school and takes his or her cue from you... so do your part!

Greg Polashock

ACS PTO President, 2008-09



Social

Thanks to all who have signed up for the September breakfast. The teachers are really enjoying the array of food being brought in. Please keep in mind the dates below. This is an easy way to get volunteer hours in.

Kassie Smith

ACS-PTO Social Chair

List of dates for the upcoming year.

October 16th and 17th luncheon/dinner

November 21st

December 19th

January 30th

February 27th

March 19th and 20th luncheon/dinner

April 24th

May 1 5th



Box Tops

Congratulations to Trey Vann for contributing the most box tops for September. Trey won a free Dress Down Day on September 30th!

Thank you to Jake Scheibe, Zachary Buttica, Holly Sidney, Morgan Laverty, Brett Akin, Cayd Bolling, McKinley Dirks, Academy Kids, Caden Moster, Courtney Benz, Sam McNeill, Ava Lange, Kandace Damrow, Jenna Wardlaw, Tanner Reddan, Casey Marsh, Benji Cappella, Grace Mullholland, Taylor Knight, Jonah Smith, Noah Smith, Anna Arnholt, Daniel Smith, Nathan Arnholt, Mia Douglas and Bryant Kautz for participating in the September Box Top Fundraiser.

October's Box Top Fundraiser deadline will be October 27th, so get your box tops cut and placed in a baggie with your name and grade. Dean Brown or Dean Peters will have a special surprise for this month's winner! You don't want to miss out!!



Looking ahead to November, start motivating your classmates to participate because in November, the competition will be between classrooms.

Remember! Only box tops go in the Box Top box. If you slip Tyson or Campbells labels in with the Box Top, they will not get to the correct container, and therefore, your school will be missing out!

Fundraising

I would like to thank everyone that came to Movie Night. It was a huge success. Kids had a great time and parents were able to meet each other and start building community in our school. I cannot remember some of the names from parents that were helping out and do not want to leave them out so thanks to Deans, Staff and Parents that helped with the movie night.

Ed Guns

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 below.

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!

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

Special Message

The SAC and PTO had some planning meetings earlier this week to coordinate volunteers for the upcoming Math and Monte Carlo Night on November 6th. Thanks to everyone who attended! We really appreciate your time and efforts! We have a great evening planned but still need volunteer dealers for the night. As part of the evening, we have a casino company providing entertainment but we'd like to use volunteer dealers to keep the cost down and raise money for technology in the classrooms. If you'd like to deal blackjack or poker, please contact Kristen Wenaas at kristen.wenaas@comcast.net or (303) 791-7427. We need 15 parents and training will be provided. As a dealer, you'll earn extra raffle tickets for prizes through the evening!



Thanks,

Kristen



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