



PTO NEWSLETTER

Education is not filling a pail but the lighting of a fire. ~William Butler Yeats

November, 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many thanks to the ACS parents for supporting our Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser. Be watching for more information regarding order pick up dates and times.

Our VPs of Fundraising have worked hard, along with their different parent committees to bring you a treasured gift in our 15th Anniversary Cookbooks. Thank you to all the parents for contributing wonderful recipes. This will prove to be a valuable addition to any kitchen. Please watch for ordering deadlines and delivery dates.

The PTO cancelled its October working session due to weather. Our next scheduled General Meeting is Thursday, November 19th, at 5pm before the SAC Meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the parent surveys. The PTO takes your feedback and input into serious consideration when planning for future events. Please note that many of the events scheduled for this school year are a result of parent input from last year's survey. So, if you have suggestions for events, enrichment programs or fundraisers, the survey's are a great way to communicate with us.

The PTO is still in the process of amending the By-Laws to

incorporate the Dad's Club information as discussed and voted on in the September General Meeting. The PTO board is considering additional amendments, which has delayed our posting of the amended By-Laws for public review. We will communicate to the public once the amended By-Laws are available for review on the ACS website.

If you are needing volunteer hours, please be watching for information regarding future PTO events. Our VP's of Fundraising go to great effort to create committees for each PTO event, to allow parents the opportunity to participate and earn their volunteer hours. You can always contact Allyson Ford or Deb VanSicklin for more information on future events.

~Misty O'Leary

Perpetual Fundraisers:

▶ Box Tops - November's winner earns a "free" dress down day! Deadline will be November 19th.

- ▶ Target
- ▶ King Soopers E-Scrips
- ▶ Safeway E-Scrips
- ▶ ACS Hoodies
- ▶ Lands End

▶ Papa John's Pizza - DCEF Papa John's and Douglas County Educational Foundation have increased their donation for on-line orders to \$1.00 per order. All other

orders will receive a donation of 50 cents per order. Don't forget to use our school code: ACHART and forward this code to family and friends. This offer is good for any Papa John's in Colorado.

- ▶ Dennis Uniforms
- ▶ French Toast
- ▶ Office Depot
- ▶ Campbell's Soup Label

For questions regarding your Campbell's labels, please contact Cori O'Shea at: corioshea@comcast.net.

- ▶ Tyson Labels
- ▶ Local Value Fundraising
- ▶ Direct Donations

Library Information



Our first book fair will be on November 30th, taking place thru December 4th. We will be accepting donations of money for the library, and also new books for the Women's Crisis Center at the book fair.

FROM THE VP'S OF FUNDRAISING

There will be a Direct Donation Drive before year's end. Just a reminder, our goal for the 2009/2010 school year is \$40,000 for an updated science curriculum and continuing teacher enrichment. If each family donates \$135 or \$70 per student, we can reach that goal.

The Funky Brewster will be selling coffee and other drinks at the upcoming testing dates in the cafeteria.

We will be getting ready soon for the 15th Anniversary Celebration Soc Hop that is taking place on February 19th. We need parent volunteers for the Soc Hop Committees. Committees include: Decorations, Food, Silent Auction Baskets, Volunteers and Entertainment. We are having our first committee meeting on Thursday, December 3rd (Location to be announced).

Cookbooks are starting to look great! Remember to order yours for \$10 per book, or buy 3 for \$27.

The winner for the big cookie prize was Ella Davis in Mrs. Johnson's kindergarten class. Congratulations, Ella!

~*Deb VanSicklin and Allyson Ford*

FROM OUR TEACHER REPS

The 6th grade field trip to downtown Denver that the PTO allocated money for is rescheduled for Thursday, November 12th.

~*Michelle Barrette*

FROM THE VP OF SOCIAL

Thank you to the following 6th Grade Families that volunteered to make the 6th Grade hosted breakfast a hit for the ACS teachers and Staff!



Meagan Andrade
Chris Caverty
Rebekah Krieger
Darla Brooks
Joni Kitching
Wendy Ryland
Julie Witonsky
Allyson Ford
Deb Cappella
Lisa Ellis
Kassie Smith
Laura Murphy
Cynthia Russell
Nancy Zak

A Special THANKS for their generous hearts to volunteer, coordinate and host the 6th grade breakfast: Kim Bauer and Sheryl Walker.

~*Laura Heese*

FROM THE VP OF ENRICHMENT



Registration has begun for our newest after school enrichment class at ACS. Engineering FUNDamentals with LEGOS! Become a Play Well engineer! With over 50,000 pieces of LEGO®, take on real-life engineering challenges that explore concepts in physics, mechanical/structural engineering, and architecture.

From motorized machines to castles and catapults; this is a hands-on and minds-on camp suitable for LEGO® building system novices to "maniacs." Designed by engineers, the curriculum challenges both new and returning students to reach the next level of engineering comprehension while having fun. You will have the chance to build what you have only dreamed of with the support of an experienced Play Well engineering instructor to guide you.

This class is open to girls and boys in 1st through 5th grades. There will be 8 sessions on Thursdays beginning January 14, 2010 and going until March 4, 2010.

The class will run from 4:00 until 5:30 each Thursday, and will cost \$120.

Register online at www.play-well.org. Click on "Register for Classes" to find ACS. Locations are listed by county.

~*Meredith Jacob*

UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER:

Direct Donations From:
Families \$1,650
Family Foundations \$8,500
Corporate \$500



PTO thanks you for your support and for making ACS a great school!