



ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

PTO NEWS

OCTOBER 2010

Perpetual Ways to Support ACS:

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- ✓ Box Tops
- ✓ Target
- ✓ King Soopers eScrip
- ✓ Safeway eScrip
- ✓ ACS hoodies
- ✓ Lands' End
- ✓ Papa John's Pizza
- ✓ Dennis Uniforms
- ✓ French Toast
- ✓ Office Depot
- ✓ Campbell's Soup Labels
- ✓ Tyson Labels
- ✓ Sharing Advantage
- ✓ Wells Fargo
- ✓ Liberty Mutual
- ✓ Direct Donations

Flyers Included:

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- ✓ Engineering FUNDamentals
- ✓ Sharing Advantage
- ✓ Liberty Mutual

From the President

Misty O'Leary

FUNDRAISING GOALS!

Dean Brown provided the PTO with a list of requests for this year's fundraising goals. The PTO voted to focus fundraising efforts on the following:

1. Realidades - Spanish Curriculum (approximately \$15k)
2. Smartboards (approximately \$26,600)
3. Headsets for Rosetta Stone users (approximately \$500)
4. Social studies books (approximately \$14k)
5. Eagle mascot suit (approximately \$400-1200)

Further discussion will take place at November's PTO General Meeting to discuss the best avenue for ensuring both the needed Smart boards and Social Studies books, which are both big ticket items, can be acquired.

Including the Teacher requests given to the PTO prior to last Thursday's General Meeting, plus allowing for a little extra for additional requests throughout the school year from teachers, the PTO voted to allocate \$6,500 for teacher requests for this school year. Less the requests approved at last Thursday's meeting, this gives teachers approximately \$600 more dollars to request throughout the year, first come first served basis.

The \$6,500 allocated to Teacher Requests will be covered first, as funds allow, and then Dean requests will be covered, in order of priority, as funds allow.

PTO BY-LAWS: AMENDED

The PTO voted last Thursday to amend its By-Laws to include the new Parent Event Coordinator, which organizes and facilitates Teacher Appreciation, as a sub-committee of the PTO Social Committee. Please take a moment to look at the amendment on the ACS website. By-Laws will be officially voted in at the November General Meeting.

PRIDE WEAR

Jennifer Minor will be sending out order forms soon for the Parent Pride Wear. We are hoping orders are returned before Fall Break, so orders can be filled by the first of November.

TEACHER WISH LIST

Check your teacher's wish list on the ACS website or ask your teacher what they may need for their classroom. Any help you can give the teachers is greatly appreciated.



Help Wanted!!

The PTO is looking for a parent who can design a website for the PTO. This would be a great way to get your 20 hours. If you are interested in assisting the PTO in this capacity, please contact Misty O'Leary at jimandmisty@comcast.net.



Thank you to the Dad's Club for saving the school **over \$5,000** by installing video cameras in and around the school!

Thank you to Sara Shriver for helping the PTO during the General Meeting on Thursday! Ms. Shriver kept the children while the PTO met for their budget meeting.



Congratulations to Austin Eddy. He won Mrs. Johnson's class an extra recess!

Thank you to the following students who supported the Box Top fundraiser for September: Maggie McDonald, Riley Schott, Bethany Andrade, Brittney Fuller, Angelica Vant, Brianna & David Swisher, Kierra Spitler, Hailey Midolo, Callie Dortch, Academy Kids, McKinley Dirks, and Sammy St. John.

October's Box Top winner, earns a pj party for their class!



Reminder!!

Next PTO Meeting
Thursday,
Oct. 28, 2010
Working Session
4pm

Dad's Club

Dennis Desormeaux

Dad's Club has big plans coming up. Look for more info to come on a "Football Day" for the girls (date pending) and a "Chili Cook-off" in December. Also, the Dads will be staining the fence around the Pre-K playground real soon.

Recently, Will Wood, Scott Brooks, Shannon Segall and his son, Tony Durbin, Chris Damrow, Steve Schilffarth, Todd Warnke, Clayton Watson, and Dennis Desormeaux volunteered their time to help install video cameras around the school. This was a huge savings for the school. Thank you all very much.

VP of Social

Laura Heese

A **HUGE** Thank you to all the 7th grade families that helped make the 7th Grade hosted breakfast an enormous success!

What a great treat this is for our teachers and staff, thank you for making it so special!!!

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| Cynthia Doyle | Megan Andrade | Patty Rechnag | Jenifer Linder |
| Gala Meyer | Shannon Rullman | Cathy Redeker | Erin Muhlestein |
| Amy Harney | Patrick Folan | Michelle Myers | Wendy Ryland |
| Kim Bauer | Jeanne Hargrave | Leslie Harney | Gina Ordunez |
| Andrea Sherwood | Angela Gardner | Kendra Lane | |

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!!



Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up October 12th and 13th!

We need volunteers to make sure our teachers and staff will have a yummy dinner to eat these two nights!!!

I am looking for parents to bring anything and everything to help feed our teachers!

We are in need of Main dishes, salads, drinks, and desserts!

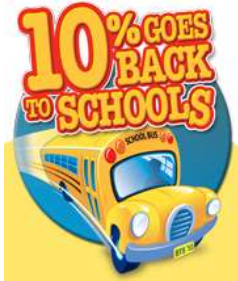
Tuesday, October 12th - Kindergarten - 4th Grade will be hosting
 Wednesday, October 13th - 5th grade - 8th Grade will be hosting

I am also looking for hosts (two per night) that can help get the food set up (3:30 - 4:30) and help clean up later that night (6:30 - 8:00)

Please email Laura Heese at lkhazy@gmail.com to let me know if you can volunteer!!!



Remember! Place your labels in a baggie with your name, or write your name on the backs of each label, so you can get credit for the Campbell's competition!



Reminder!!

ACS earns money back on all Safeway grocery receipts. This offer ends October 13th. Turn your receipts into the office and tell them they are for the PTO.

VP's of Fundraising

Allyson Ford and Deb VanSicklin

WE DID IT!!!!!! We made our goal of **\$20,000.00** with ABC Fundraising. **THANK YOU** for your support in this fundraiser. We are off to a great start! Our money raised will help purchase more **smart boards** for our children's classrooms.

Your items and children's prizes will come toward the end of October. We will let you know the exact date. The teachers who won shopping sprees are:

<u>\$50 shopping spree</u>	<u>\$50 shopping spree</u>	<u>\$60 shopping spree</u>
Mrs. Sanders	Mrs. James	Ms. Zimmerman
Mrs. Pearson	Mr. Delimont	Mrs. Bigbey
Mrs. Weeber	Mrs. Larkins	<u>\$70 shopping spree</u>
Mrs. Solomon	Mrs. Spangler	Mrs. Hotzfield
Mrs. Young	Mrs. Lindburg	

We will announce the winners of the classes who will participate in the kick ball game against ACS staff in next week's newsletter. Congratulations!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!!



Need some volunteer hours? Committees have been forming for our 80's dance in February. If interested, please contact Allyson Ford - allyson4d@hotmail.com or Deb VanSicklin - castlerockvans@gmail.com. First meeting was October 5th.

Other ways to get your volunteer hours in:

- Help with the distribution of ABC fundraiser items (TBD)
- Holiday shop in December

If you can help out with these events, please contact Allyson Ford at allyson4d@hotmail.com



Papa John's and Douglas County Educational Foundation (DCEF) have increased their donation for online orders to \$1.00 per order!!

All other orders will receive a donation of \$0.50 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.



ENGINEERING FUNDAMENTALS WITH LEGO CLASSES

**AT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
OPEN TO GIRLS & BOYS (2nd – 5th GRADES)
Tuesdays: from Oct. 26, 2010 – Dec. 14, 2010
CLASS TIME: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM**

You will work cooperatively with your teammates to complete the mission. Achieving mission goals will necessitate construction of items such as trucks, bridges, elevators, cranes, bulldozers, conveyor belts, and other motorized and alternatively powered contraptions. Instruction will be provided by well qualified staff.

**ENGINEERING CHALLENGE- CLASS FEE: \$135.20
NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 8
CLASS MINIMUM: 11 STUDENTS
CLASS LIMIT: 16 STUDENTS**



Engineering Challenge

Play-Well TEKnologies provides project-based programs designed to teach principles and methods of engineering, architecture, and science to grades K – 8th, utilizing LEGO™ and other building systems. (This class is not affiliated with the LEGO Group.)

Class size is limited and enrollment is on a first come first served basis. All materials will be provided. No refunds will be issued after the first class. Refunds only issued prior to first class.

If you would like more information about Play-Well TEKnologies, visit our website at www.play-well.org.

Payment and Enrollment

- All registration will be done by credit card online at our website: www.play-well.org
- Click on “Register For Classes” to find your school. Locations are listed by county.

Questions? Please contact Amy Good at amy@play-well.org, or 303-877-1074.



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