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Dean Brown

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Dear ACS Friends and Families,

Last week on Friday, our 5th graders presented their Science Fair Projects in the cafeteria. What an impressive group of students. Their projects were very impressive and the children I talked to were very knowledgeable about what they researched. Thank you, Mrs. James, the 5th grade teachers, and parents who helped make this a wonderful success!

On Tuesday, the 3rd through 8th graders began taking their CSAP tests. The energy in the building has been high and many students have come up to me and told me they have been giving their best efforts and they think they have been doing well. I want to thank all of the parents who have been very supportive during this important time. Thank you for providing snacks, helping divide the snacks up, distributing the snacks, and getting your students to school on time! This partnership will only make ACS a better school.

Next week we are celebrating finishing the CSAP by having a School Spirit Week. Please look for more information about this week in your student's Friday folders and teacher newsletters!

Last week in your children's Friday folders, you received a survey about an after-school enrichment program. Please fill this survey out and return it to the front office. Your feedback is very important and helps us determine if we want this program!

As a quick reminder, those parents interested in planning for the 8th grade graduation, please meet me and Dean Peters on March 7th at 3:00. We would love to have your input and ideas for this event!

At ACS the partnership and support between our parents and staff is vital for the success of our kids and school. Thank you for the continued support and positive outlook!

"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest." –Mark Twain

Respectfully,

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[CSAP Released Items](#)
http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/released_items.html

Important Dates

March 4-7	CSAP testing
March 7 8 th Grade	Graduation Planning Meeting
March 7	Spelling Bee
March 10-13	School Spirit Week!
March 10	Governing Board Meeting
March 11	Spring Music Program K/1 st
March 12	PTO Meeting
March 13	Dress Down Day
March 14	Teacher Work Day/No Students

Dean Peters

Dear Families and Friends of ACS,

As Dean Brown mentioned in her article, we truly appreciate all of you who assisted with the CSAP snacks by either contributing or helping to “bundle” these treats for our Middle School classrooms. It’s quite a daunting task and your help with this makes this week run very smoothly! Unfortunately, I was not able to be here for the CSAP Kick-Off rally due to a family emergency, but the positive feedback I have received from students and staff was tremendous. Thank you to all our teachers and students who assisted in preparing for this fun event!

Parents of Students in 6th and 7th grades:

A video permission slip was sent home with your student this Wednesday. They will be watching a movie which deals with our Core Virtues on Friday, while the 8th graders are taking their CSAP Science tests. Students will also be watching movies that relate to their Core Knowledge novels and/or social studies in the afternoon.

We have received many of these permission slips back today. 6th and 7th grade students, who have not returned their slips must return their slips first thing Friday morning in order to participate. Otherwise, they will do other work during this time in a separate room.

Here are some important dates to keep on the calendar for the next few weeks:

- **ACS Spirit Week:** Next week is our Annual ACS Spirit Week. Please see the flyer attached later in the newsletter for more details about ACS Spirit week. It will be a great week for students to show off their “EAGLE PRIDE!”
- **VIRTUE ASSEMBLY:** The next virtue assembly will be held on Wednesday, March 26th. The elementary assembly will be at 8:50 and the Middle School assembly will be held at 2:50 in the cafeteria. This month’s virtue is Faithfulness. Please be sure to talk to your student what it means to be faithful and how they can apply this to their school work.
- **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Parent-Teacher conferences will be held next month on Thursday, March 27th, from 1:40-8:00 and on Friday, March 28th from 1:40-4:00. The middle school teachers along with our specials’ teachers will be available in the gym to visit with you. Parents can pick up their student’s report card in the lobby prior to going into the gym to visit with the middle school and specials’ teachers. From the parent survey last fall, it was determined that parents enjoyed the “arena” conferencing we offered in the gym. For this spring session, we are not scheduling appointments for conferences. When you are meeting with teachers, please keep your visiting time to 20 minutes so that all parents can get to their student’s teachers.
- **8th GRADE GRADUATION COMMITTEE:** Dean Brown and I are meeting with 8th grade parents who are interested in being a part of the 8th grade graduation committee for 2008! We have had 4 parents call in to say they would like to be a part of this committee. We do however, need at least 4 more parents to participate in planning this traditional event for our 8th grade students! Please call Anne Belfrage and let her know you will be attending the meeting on Friday, March 7th from 3:00-3:30.

Thank you again for all you do to support ACS!

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PTO

Please click [here](#) to see our Monthly PTO News letter for important information.

Graduation Committee

The Deans will be starting to work on the 8th grade graduation ceremony. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to be on the Graduation Committee to help plan this exciting event. The first meeting will be Friday, March 7th, from 3:00-3:30. They would like to have 8-10 volunteers to help with this ACS event. Please contact Anne Belfrage, belfragea@academycharter.org, if you would like to volunteer.



Governing Board News

Board to meet Monday

The March general meeting of the Governing Board is set for this coming Monday evening, March 10, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. An agenda for the meeting is available by clicking [here](#). These meetings are open to the public – we invite all parents and staff members to attend. No working session has been scheduled for this month due to Spring Break.

School Advisory Council

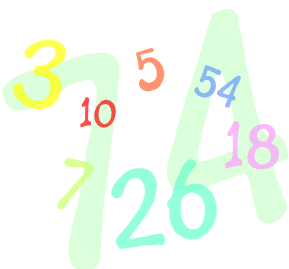
The SAC is getting ready for their next meeting on March 26th from 5:00-7:00 in the school library. Curriculum updates, including plans for a new math curriculum will be the topic. Babysitting and snacks will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Survey coming soon

It is almost Spring survey time! The parent survey will be given in late March during parent-teacher conferences for those wishing to complete it at school, and afterward it will be sent home to all others via email. Your participation is highly urged.

Board elections in April

If you are interested in being involved at ACS in an entirely different way, consider running for one of the two three-year positions that will be open on the Governing Board, beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Applications are available from the front office and elections will be held in April.



COMING TO ACS
SPIRIT WEEK
MARCH 10-13



SHOW YOUR PRIDE

Monday

Pajama day 

Tuesday

 **Sports day and**

CRAZY HAIR Day 

Wednesday

Twin/Triplet day 

Thursday

 **Red, white and blue and**

Hat Day  



ButterBraids

The 8th Grade students will be selling Butter Braids from February 22nd through March 7th. All orders need to be turned in by March 7th and orders will be delivered on March 11th. Orders can be placed through the front office or you can call Jennifer Justus at 303-663-1564 to place an order.

Thanks for your support!
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ACS ALL SCHOOL Spirit Week

Monday-Thursday, March 10th -13th

Monday: P. J. Day- wear your appropriate PJ's to school! (No boxer shorts or tank tops are allowed)

Tuesday: Sports Day/Crazy Hair Day- Dress in your favorite sports jersey, t-shirt or sweatshirt. This includes ACS team or other uniforms. The colors of your favorite team, team jersey or any other sport your student participates in is also appropriate. Dress of choice approved jeans, shorts, or skirts can also be worn when wearing just the sport top. You can also wear your hair in a "crazy" way this day!

Wednesday: Twin-Triplet Day-Dress like your favorite "twin or triplet." You can choose to wear dress code clothing, or dress of choice clothing as long as they match your "twin or triplet."

Thursday: Red, White and Blue Day- Wear your favorite dress of choice outfit as long as they are ACS school colors of Red, white or Blue! While you're at it, you may wear your snazziest hat as well!

All K-8 students will show their Spirit for ACS!*

***Please Note: If a student chooses not to participate, they will be expected to wear their regular Dress Code clothing.**