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Dear Families and Friends of ACS,



Fall is in the air and it's that time of year when we nominate outstanding teachers at ACS for the DCSD Apple Awards. The district has extended their deadline and we are encouraging all parents to participate. Tuesday, November 11th, is "nomination" day. If you have not already nominated your favorite ACS teacher, please go online to <http://schools.dcsdk12.org/dcef> and nominate your favorite ACS teacher for the *Apple Awards*. This is such a special way to showcase our fabulous teachers here at ACS! Students will be receiving a special Apple Award sticker to remind parents to get out and nominate that favorite teacher!



Last week, we had representatives from Regis High School here to speak to our 8th grade girls and boys about their high school program. The reason they came by so early in the year to speak to our up and coming high school freshmen, is due to the timing for their application deadline, which is December 10th. Students were handed a packet of information which included application materials as well as an open house flyer. The open house for Regis High School will be held on Sunday, November 9th, from 11:00-3:00. For more information, please call Noah Drucker, admissions director, for the boy's division and Patricia Long, admissions director, for the Girls division.

We have some IC updates to tell you about. We have experienced some difficulties with IC this week due to some server issues. Parents were not able to see their student's grades. This has been corrected and you should be able to see grades in IC. In the very near future, parents will be able to view their student's lunch money balance in the Parent Portal. We will keep you posted when this handy feature is available!



Don't forget that tonight is our SAC/PTO Math and Monte Carlo Night. This will be a great way to play fun and creative math games with your student, dine, and then go to the gym for some gaming fun while your student enjoys a supervised movie and a craft!

Please join us at some of the highlighted ACS events coming up in the very near future:

- Thursday, November 6th-PTO/SAC /Monte Carlo Night
- Friday, November 7th- Teacher In-service day, NO STUDENTS
- Tuesday, November 18th- Middle School Information Night 6:30-7:30 in the ACS Gym
- Wednesday, November 19th- Bully Assemblies-K-2 9:00-9:20; 3-5 9:40-10:00; MS 2:55-3:25

Important Dates

- Nov. 6 - Monte Carlo Night
- Nov. 7 - Teacher In-service
No Students
- Nov. 10 - Gov. Board Meeting 6 – 8
- Nov. 11 - PTO/SAC 6:30
- Nov. 18 - MS Info Night 6:30-7:30
- Nov. 19 - Bully Assemblies
- Nov. 20 - Orchestra/Band Recital
- Nov. 25 - Dress Down Day
- Nov. 26-28 Thanksgiving Break. School Closed
- Dec. 18 - Dress Down Day
- Dec. 19 - Jan. 2 No School
- Jan 9 - Testing Day

- Thursday, November 20th- Orchestra and Guitar Recital 6:30pm in the ACS Gym

As always, we appreciate your support of ACS, our staff, and our students!

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Governing Board News

Parent survey draws 129 responses

We had a total of 129 families complete surveys this fall. Results of this survey will be given to board members and the administration for review, discussion and further action. We hope to have a summary of survey results out to parents soon. Many thanks to those who took the time to participate – we appreciate your feedback!

Next board meeting

Mark your calendar for next Monday evening and plan to attend the Governing Board's November meeting, which will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 10th, in the ACS cafeteria. A 5:00 working session in the conference room will precede the general session. If you are interested in seeing an agenda for the meeting, please click [here](#). Parents and staff members are always welcome to attend one or both of these meetings.

SAC News

After much planning, Math and Monte Carlo Game Night is here! We hope to see you at the school tonight for this exciting event. The next SAC meeting will be November 11th from 7:30-8:30, immediately following the PTO meeting in the school cafeteria. The school budgeting process and grant expenditures will be on the agenda. As always, babysitting and snacks will be provided. We hope to see you there!

8th Grade Fundraisers



Nicolo's Chicago Style Pizza, 848 Ridge Road and Burger King at 880 Kinner St. (Castle Rock) are donating 5% of total sales that are designated as being for the 8th Grade Washington, DC trip! If you eat at either Nicolo's or Burger King (coupons excluded) any time between now and the end of the school year, we will receive a monthly donation for our kids. Please bring in the register receipt to Lori Burgos in the front office and we will get them to the appropriate person.

ORIGINAL WORKS ORDERS ARRIVED EARLY!

Thank you to all the families that placed an order! Our Original Works orders arrived early and were delivered to your child's elementary classroom or middle school homeroom teacher on Wednesday, November 05. If you haven't received your order, please check with your child's teacher. Also, please open your order and check to make sure it is satisfactory. We try to double check all orders and want to make sure you are pleased with the products. If you find something that is not right, please contact me immediately.



A special thank you to Mrs. O'Shea, Mrs. Lemon, and Mrs. Sidney for all your help during the fundraiser! You are awesome!

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Volunteer News



I want to encourage all of you to attend the Math and Monte Carlo Game Night this evening. I know that many volunteers have worked hard to make this a successful event and we appreciate all the work that has gone into this evening.

I would like to thank Jaynee Hodgkins for setting up and assisting with our flu clinic. She works hard every year to see that our staff and school families have a chance to get their flu shots—thank you, Jaynee. The classroom coordinators and parents did a wonderful job organizing and producing harvest parties for our students—thanks for your time and assistance!

As usual, our volunteers are making a tremendous contribution to the success of our school. Don't forget to log in those hours at the volunteer desk. Thanks again for being "stars" at Academy Charter School!

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