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Dear ACS Parents,

We hope you all are having a wonderful summer! It is amazing how fast time flies and that July is already here! Dean Peters and I have been busy here this summer working to get ready for this coming school year. New carpet has been placed in the entire building and the outside of our building was painted. We have also ordered some new desks, chairs, and bookshelves to replace the older ones. It is starting to look great around here!

A couple of changes have been made over the summer to our 2008/2009 school calendar. Included in this letter is a copy of this new calendar. As you know, the teachers chose a new math curriculum for this next school year. Upon further investigation and speaking with the Saxon Math Curriculum Representative, it has come to our attention that more instructional time is needed in order to fully implement this new math program. As a result, we needed to add instructional time to the daily schedule for middle school students as their time periods are less flexible than our elementary.

In order to accommodate this and continue with our elective schedule and other academic core subjects, we have decided to start school at 8:10 for our middle school students. We felt this time change was needed in order to be able to maintain our elective choices and continue with our academic rigor as well. Elementary students will continue with the 8:25 start time but if you have both elementary and middle school students in your household or carpool, we will accommodate those elementary students by allowing you to drop them off with your middle school student at 8:00. If you have only elementary students, please do not drop them off prior to 8:10 for their safety. If your elementary student is dropped off earlier than 8:00, please be advised that we will place your child in Academy Kids and charge you accordingly. The 8:00 drop off time is only for middle school students and their siblings or kids that carpool with them. Dismissal time will remain the same for both elementary and middle school students and they will continue to be released at 3:35.

An added bonus due to the increased instructional time in the middle school schedule is that we will end our school year on May 22, 2009 before Memorial Day. Many parents have requested that we end before Memorial Day and since we meet the state required instructional hours, we are able to do this for the 2008/2009 school year. This end date is effective for both elementary and middle school students.

The class lists will be posted in front of the building on July 31st during our registration time. Details about registration are included in this packet. On Friday, August 8, 2008, please bring your students and their school supplies to ACS from 2:00 to 3:00 for a "Meet and Greet". Students will have an opportunity to say a quick hello to their classroom/homeroom teacher and drop off their supplies.

We are proud to welcome our new staff members to ACS for the 2008/2009 school year. Each new staff member wrote an introductory letter about themselves and these letters are attached for you to read. Please welcome them to our wonderful school community. Dave Thrush will be our Band Director and Tamaris Dortch will be our Orchestra Director. Their introductory letters will be available for you at registration time as they are both on summer vacation at this time.

We hope you have a wonderful rest of the summer and look forward to your return this August! Thank you for your continued support and positive outlook on our upcoming school year. We look forward to the return of your children to ACS in August!

Sincerely,

Yvette Brown
ACS Dean

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Registration for Next Year

We are planning to do our registration on July 31st and August 1st in the Gym. For planning purposes, we would like you to make a note on your calendars as we know how quickly summer passes. At this time the students will have their school pictures taken so we need them to come with you to registration. The middle school students will receive their ID cards at this time also. Students will need to come with a uniform shirt to have their picture taken. Following is the schedule for registration:

Thursday, July 31st

9-10:00 a.m. Last Name A, B, C

1-2:00 p.m. J, K, L

10-11:00 a.m. D, E, F

2-3:00 p.m. M, N, O

11-12:00 a.m. G, H, I

Friday, August 1st

9-10:00 a.m. P, Q, R

1-2:00 p.m. Open for those who
can't make
scheduled time

10-11:00 a.m. S, T, U

11-12:00 p.m. V, W, X, Y, Z

We are requesting that you adhere to your scheduled time if possible since we can only accommodate so many in the building and having their pictures taken. If you would like to pick up your registration packets early, they will be ready on Wednesday, July 30th.

We will email you a reminder of these dates and we also will have this information available on our web site. If your email address changes, please send a change request to keelingc@academycharter.org.

If you have questions or concerns regarding registration, please let me know.

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June 23, 2008

Dear ACS Parents:

Hi, my name is Laura Boshoven. I will be the 7th and 8th grade technology teacher at Academy Charter for the 2008-2009 school year and am very excited to be filling this position. I come to you with a Master's degree in Computer Information Systems with Minors in Math and Accounting. My focus in college was programming and web page design. Last school year, I was the Computer Resource Technician/Teacher for Fox Creek Elementary.

As a mother of three boys, who are now in college, I understand the importance of trying to inspire children to have a passion for learning. As a person who enjoys and thrives on learning more about technology, I see the importance of technology in our children's lives. I look forward to meeting you and your children in the coming school year.

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Dear ACS Parents:

Hello! My name is Kari Vier and it's so wonderful to be joining the ACS family! I am excited to be a part of the staff as well as the parent community. After earning my degree in Education at the University of Nebraska, I began my teaching career as a fifth grade teacher in Omaha. I then moved to Indiana where my husband, now of nearly 15 years, and I started a family and I stayed home with our three children. We moved to Colorado six years ago and enjoy all types of outdoor activities here including swimming, bicycling, and skiing.

I have been a fifth grade teacher in the Cherry Creek School District, and recently earned my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. I have twin daughters who will be attending third grade at ACS and my son will be entering seventh grade.

Thank you for welcoming me into this warm, caring community. I look forward to meeting all of you and am thrilled to be teaching fourth grade at ACS!

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Dear ACS Parents:

My name is Kim Pearson. I can't wait to start teaching third grade at Academy Charter School this year. My previous teaching experience includes teaching first, second, third, and fourth grade in southern California. I am a native of California but have been in Castle Rock for over 4 years now.

I am married and have 4 children. The older 3 children, Justin, Gabby, and Brandon, attended ACS last year and the littlest one, Sophie, will start in the ACS preschool in the fall. In my spare time I enjoy reading, skiing, and traveling with my family. I look forward to getting to know more of the ACS students and families.

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Dear ACS Parents,

My name is Sandy Staley and I'm very excited to be your new librarian. Recently, I was the head librarian at Legacy Academy in Elizabeth, Colorado for the last three years and in the 8 years I worked there I held many other positions.

As a mother of three boys I understand the importance of trying to inspire children to have a passion for reading. Being an avid reader myself, I enjoy talking to students about the books they are reading and love recommending something that might interest them as well.

I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you.

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Academy Kids Update

The fun days of summer are quickly coming to an end, our thoughts soon will be turning to new school clothes, supply lists and the excitement and chaos of kids returning to school. One thought that may be over looked is before and after care for the kids. Academy Kids is here to fill that need.

Morning Care:

Will begin at 6:30 am and will release 15 minutes before school starts, this will give the kids plenty of time to make it to their classroom before classroom attendance is taken.

After Care:

We will take attendance once carpool ends, then we will have time for recess (down time) and snack before homework begins.

We will still close at our standard time of 6pm.

Full Days:

We also offer our services on full and half days during Teacher Work Days, In-service Days, Testing Days and Parent/Teacher Conference Days. We will open at our normal time of 6:30 am and close at 6:00 pm on these days.

Registration Packets and Calendars:

Enrollment packets for the 2008/2009 School Year will be available during the week of school registration along with the August calendar. If you need a registration packet and calendar early please go to the ACS website to download this information. Please note that we do need one registration packet per child per new school year as this is a state requirement.

New Staff:

Joining us this year is Jill Zimmerman. Jill is Sarah Zimmerman's younger sister and she started working with Academy Kids during the summer program. Also with us is Joseph Sanchez. He is a former ACS student from 1993 to 2002. He was one of the original 6 students that went from kindergarten through 8th grade.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you

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