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Governing Board News

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Board to meet Monday, Middle School carpool input requested

The Governing Board will hold its February general meeting this coming Monday evening, February 9th, at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Click [here](#) to view a complete meeting agenda. Please note ~ middle school parents have now had three weeks to see how the new afternoon carpool pick-up procedure has been working, and they are encouraged to attend Monday's session to share their thoughts and give feedback on the change. All ACS parents and staff members are welcome at monthly Governing Board meetings and/or working sessions, as they are open to the public. Our next working session is set for Monday, February 23, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the ACS conference room.

SAC Update

Thanks to all the parents who attended the SAC meeting Tuesday night where the Saxon Math curriculum was discussed as well as to Mr. Delimont, Dean Brown and Dean Peters who gave us an informative overview of how the curriculum is being used at ACS. All grades follow a similar structure for math each day that builds in complexity each year. The concepts are continually reviewed to ensure understanding rather than memorization that's forgotten after a test. The Saxon format appears to be addressing the gaps that the administration was seeing in test results with our previous curriculum and the curriculum is providing students with the necessary tools to problem solve and become critical thinkers. After an initial screening of MAPS testing results, ACS is generally seeing significant growth in math scores across all grades. It appears the curriculum is really working with our students and we should continue to see improvement as our students progress each year.

Important Dates

- Feb. 9 - Gov Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- Feb. 10 - PTO Meeting 7:45 a.m.
- Feb. 18 - CSAP Begins for 3rd Grade
- Feb. 23 - Gov. Board Meeting working session 5:00 pm
- Feb. 25 - Kindergarten Orientation 6:00 pm

Job Opportunity

It is with mixed feelings that I need to let you know that Morgan Pears has taken a job with the Longmont Fire Department. His last day at ACS will be February 20. He will be missed but we do wish him the best of luck in his future and new career!

We are now in the process of looking for his replacement. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this type of custodial work, please send a resume and cover letter to Barbara Ireland or Yvette Brown by February 9, 2009. Thank you!

Yvette Brown
Academy Charter School
Dean



STUCCO News

Dear Parents,



The Student Council has planned a casual SOCK HOP on Friday, the 13th of February. The dance will go from 6:00-8:30. Chaperones would need to come by 5:50 to discuss and plan the coverage. There will need to be some set up in the cafeteria after 6:00 for the snack and drink area and assisting with Student Council members as they handle sales from 6:20 to 8:00. Then at the end of the evening, we will need help to clean and put away equipment to restore the gym and cafeteria.

We need to secure 5-6 parent chaperones to cover the dance floor, the “necessary” rooms and the cafeteria where Chips, Pop, Beef Jerky and some candy will be sold for refreshments.

If you would be able to attend and volunteer, please RSVP as soon as possible so that we can plan for coverage.

Sincerely,

Student Council and their staff sponsors

PTO Corner

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Many thanks for making The Funky Brewster such a success. We netted \$300! Even with all the hiccups, it was a fun event.

Thanks for donating approximately \$1,300 during the Direct Donations Drive.

The PTO would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Bodiford Family.

Thank you to the ACS Teachers for supporting our BrainQuest Event! We are looking forward to this being a fun and successful event.



BOX TOPS:

Congratulations to Trey Downing. Trey won a \$15 gift certificate to McDonald's for being the January Box Top Winner!

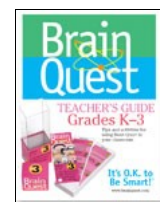
- Thank you to the following students who participated in the January Box Top Fundraiser: Carolina Cisneros, Cheyenne Hill, Emily VanSicklin, Brian VanSicklin, Riley James, Cassidy Davis, Rolle, Emalee Poellot, Sam Cook, Alli Gillespie, Brittney Fuller, Dawson Morley, Tanner Meyn, Callie Dortch, Paityn Hardison and Brock Hardison.
- We are falling behind on our \$2,000 goal for this year. So far this school year, we raised \$541. The next submission is the end of February, so keep cutting, so we can hit our goal for this school year!
- The deadline for February's competition will be February 20th!!

FUNDRAISING:

BrainQuest test is Feb. 9th-13th, Pledge collections due Feb. 27th

Don't forget to turn in Pledge Sheets on Friday, the 6th

Pledge collections due Feb 27th



ACS Choral Group



The ACS Choral Groups meets
at the following times:

The ACS Chorale- Grades 6-8 meets every
Wednesday in the Cafeteria from 2:55-3:30.

The ACS Choir-Grades 4 and 5 meets every
Wednesday in the music room
from 3:35-4:15.

Mr. Livingstone, the new band and choral teacher, has led choral groups at dedication ceremonies, field trips to holiday events and to state contests. He'll be there to help you realize your best sound!



ART Room News

Winter is lingering, but not the art students! Our first rotation of the third quarter went by much more quickly than anticipated. Hard to believe our eighth graders have only months before they depart!

Eighth grade parents! If you have not come into the building lately, you need to come and look at the building façade sculptures hanging in the main hall. They are spectacular. The building drawings will be replaced this week with some wild surrealistic paintings and drawings, so prepare yourselves.

Sixth grade has been exploring Aboriginal art this rotation, and created a lovely bright batch of artwork. You will see these upstairs very soon! Sixth grade parents will soon be treated to the "coming home" of self portrait caricatures in clay. We topped off this rotation with a little more sculpture, creating plaster wrap gargoyles, perfect for hanging over doors and beds. They will also be upstairs in the glass display.

Our ACS / Douglas County Charter school show will be in March this year before spring break – stay tuned for further details. We have already been selecting art for the annual Phillip S. Miller Library location.

Middle school students will hopefully be doing fired clay this year, depending on how soon my kiln is up and running. I will need parent volunteers to help transport the clay pieces to my studio after school.

Middle school parents : Our sketchbook Journals are due at the end of each rotation this quarter – please check the website homework section for details.

Middle school art club will be starting in the end of February. We will be focusing on crafts and assorted "lost arts". It will run for 8 weeks on Tuesdays and cost \$35.00. The club application will also be on the website on the homework page. I need a minimum of 5 students, and am accepting a maximum of 15, first come first serve!

Thanks for reading...
J. Huskins, Art



IB at DCHS

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Academy Charter	8
American Academy	1
Challenge 2 Excellence	1
Cimarron Middle School	4
Core Knowledge Charter School	1
Cresthill Middle School	3
Castle Rock Middle School	18
Douglas County High School	5
Denver Academy	1
Mesa Middle School	62
Mountain Ridge Middle School	7
New to the District	4
Rocky Heights Middle School	14
Southeast Christian School	1
Sagewood Middle School	16
Sierra Middle School	20
Student Returning to IB from another school	1

The IB program at Douglas County High School has extended invitations to 167 students.

We look forward to the beginning of a great IB experience for each of these students. And we sincerely thank the district middle school staffs for their contributing efforts as students participated in the application process.



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