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## Governing Board News

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### Board meeting on Monday

April's Governing Board general session will take place this coming Monday, April 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. A working session is set for Wednesday, April 29, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. You can view a copy of the meeting agenda now by clicking [here](#). With just the April, May and June meetings remaining this school year, we remind parents to fulfill this requirement in their parent contract by attending a meeting. Meetings are always open to the public.

### Board applications being accepted

We want a few good parents! Applications for the open Governing Board positions will be accepted until Tuesday, April 14th. We urge interested parents to apply – a well-rounded board is comprised of parents from diverse backgrounds, who have children of various ages at ACS. No previous board experience is necessary. If you have questions about the Governing Board, its duties, and where you might fit in, please contact any board member for more information. We can give you a first-hand account of what it is like to serve on the board. Contact numbers can be found on the ACS website, under the Governing Board link.

### Still have time for survey

Parents – if you have not yet filled out the Spring 2009 parent survey, there is still time! You have until next Monday, April 13th, at 12:00 midnight to fill it out. All ACS parents are asked to take part, and give feedback and input about our school. At this point, we have received only 93 responses out of the 300+ families at ACS – help us to have all families' opinions represented! Don't forget that you can earn one hour of volunteer time for completing your survey

### Important Dates

- Apr. 10 - K-5 Testing Day / MS regular day
- Apr. 13 - Governing Board Meeting 6-8
- Apr. 15 - Bully Assemblies
- Apr. 15 - SAC Charter Forum Meeting 6:30
- Apr. 16 - PTO Meeting 5:30
- Apr. 17 - MS Dance
- Apr. 20 - No School
- Apr. 24 - Dress Down Day
- Apr. 28 - K-2 Spring Program 6-8 pm
- Apr. 29 Drama Performance 5:30

## Volunteer News

I hope you have taken the time to log in your volunteer hours. Remember, we will be doing our volunteer appreciation week April 21<sup>st</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a special breakfast on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the library. Please plan to stop by and get some breakfast. If you can't stay, feel free to take some food with you!

I will also have light refreshments every morning and afternoon for our wonderful parent volunteers all week. We really do appreciate everything you do to make our school even better. Thanks for being a "shining star" for ACS!

Anne Belfrage  
 Volunteer Coordinator  
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## ORIGINAL WORKS ORDERS ARRIVED EARLY!



Thank you to all the families that placed an order and helped raise money for our elementary teachers! Our Original Works orders arrived early and were delivered to your child's elementary classroom on Wednesday, April 8, 2009. 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 us immediately.

*A special thank you to Mrs. O'Shea, Mrs. Hanger, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Farmer, and Mrs. Whitlow for all your help during the fundraiser! You are awesome! Don't forget to log your volunteer hours!*

Cindy Hazlehurst, Cami Lemon and Kristin Sidney  
ACS Original Works Coordinators

## No School Lunch Program on Testing Day

On Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be no lunch provided for Middle School students on that day. Students will need to bring their own lunches for that day.

Thank you for providing a lunch for your student on this day.



## Race to Read

Race to Read® is Underway! Here's an Update...

Race to Read officially started March 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will continue for 4 more weeks, until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Several students have already turned in Sheet 1 and are working on Sheet 2. Please remember these few things:

1. Fill out the sheets in order. In the upper left-hand corner of each sheet will be a box with the sheet number. The sheet after number 4 will have a place to write in the lap (for each lap completed after lap 4).
2. Have your child turn in his/her sheet as he/she finishes it. They can bring their sheet to Mrs. Bigbey, or turn it in to their teacher to receive their prizes. It is easier to keep track of where they are when they complete one sheet at a time.
3. Check your email. Earlier this week, a pdf. file was sent home that has the coloring sheets and information sheets attached. Feel free to print these off from home as you need them.
4. Check out the bulletin board near the library/music room in the main hall to see what lap students are on, how many sheets from each class have been completed, and progress of the school. There are also extra sheets if you need them. The hallways will also display all of the cars that have been colored.
5. The top reader from each grade will receive a Race to Read® T-shirt and the top classes will receive a free Dress of Choice Day.

If your child did not read, please do not sign the sheet. This program operates on the honor system.

Enjoy reading and remember to use the prizes! If you have any questions or comments, please email Mrs. Bigbey at [bigbeyj@academycharter.org](mailto:bigbeyj@academycharter.org). We hope your students enjoy this program!

## PTO Corner

### Reminder!

Deadline for PTO Executive Board applications is Monday, April 13th.

We are still in need of an applicant for VP of Social and VP of Fundraising.

Please remember, the PTO must have a complete board in order to control the money we raise. This is a serious matter!

Please contact Misty O'Leary if you are interested or if you have any questions regarding what the role requires at [jimand-misty@comcast.net](mailto:jimand-misty@comcast.net) or 303-688-6631.

### Current applicants:

President:	Misty O'Leary
Treasurer:	Bonnie Buckley
Secretary:	Jeannie Reddan
VP of Communications:	Allyson Ford
VP of Enrichment:	Meredith Jacob
Classroom Coordinator	
Liaison:	Amy Lee

### BOX TOPS

Deadline for submitting box tops for April's competition is Monday, April 27th.

### FINAL PTO GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The final PTO General Meeting of the year is scheduled for Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.

Pizza will be served and Local Value Fundraising and Papa John's Pizza will make a brief presentation.

The PTO will be voting on:

- \*Revised By-Laws
- \*Allocation of remaining money
- \*New PTO Executive Board

### PAPA JOHNS PIZZA AND THE DOUGLAS COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

is offering our school .50 back on every order. Just use our school code at any Papa John's location in Colorado: **ACHART**. Share this code with friends and neighbors so they can help raise money for our school.

The last 2 PTO Teachers Breakfasts will be April 24 and May 15.

If anyone would like to help, please contact Kassie Smith at [Kassie-acsp@comcast.net](mailto:Kassie-acsp@comcast.net)

**This is a great opportunity to get in your volunteer hours before the end of the year!**

## Washington, D.C. trip meeting April 16th

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington D.C. trip will meet next Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the school's **gymnasium**. Plan to make your next trip payment (which is due for each attendee) at that time, view the itinerary for the trip, and discuss student behavior/expectations. We are getting much closer to the actual departure date, so we urge all parents and students to attend this meeting. Contact Cynthia at [cdfheikes@msn.com](mailto:cdfheikes@msn.com) if you have any questions.



## LocalValue Fundraising



**\*Through April 30, 2009 75% of every dollar spent will go to Academy Charter.**

50% of every dollar you spend on LVF credits will be donated directly to our organization. An additional 10% will be donated to the Douglas County Educational Foundation or other designated charity.

## Carpool Weather Reminder

Now that Spring is here, we want to remind you that carpool will not run as usual and Assistants will not be outside when we have the following conditions: thunder, lightning, or other extreme weather conditions. A blue and white flag will be flown on the flagpole to indicate this closure.

When this situation occurs, parents will need to park and come in to the building to pick up your students. Students will not be dismissed without a parent escort. Thanks for your cooperation!



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