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Dear Families and Friends of ACS,

Mrs. Belfrage and the office ladies have been busy with getting goodies and gifts ready for all of our wonderful volunteers at ACS. Dean Brown and I hope you enjoyed the small tokens of our appreciation for all you do for ACS! We couldn't do it without you!

We'd like to thank all the parents who came to our 8th grade graduation planning meeting today! Everything is coming together very nicely and we are excited about this event! Our extra dress down day fundraiser did remarkably well even though we had many students absent due to the weather. We truly appreciate your support!

Speaking of the weather, we want to express our appreciation and thanks for assisting with a very smooth early dismissal due to the inclement weather that quickly came in last Friday!

We will begin our last MAPS testing next week. Elementary students in grades 2-5 will be testing during their regular computer class time. 6th grade will be alternating their days and 7th and 8th grade will be testing during their regular computer class time. This last testing period provides us with important data regarding student growth in Reading, Language Usage, and Math along with our other year-end assessments.

We have many events coming up and would love to see you at some of the highlighted ACS events mentioned below:

- Friday, April 24th-Core Virtue Assemblies on Gentleness and Humility
- Tuesday, April 28th-K-2 Spring Program 6-8 p.m. in the ACS Gym
- Wednesday, April 29th- 7th/8th grade Showcase 6:00pm in the ACS Gym
- Thursday, April 30th- MS Semi-formal Dance 6:00-8:30 in the ACS Gym
- Friday, May 1st-No school students; teacher in-service day
- Thursday, May 7th- Elementary Talent Show-Time TBD
- Friday, May 8th- Hat Day Fundraiser for 8th grade graduation. Bring a buck and wear your hat!

Thank you, as always, for your support of ACS, our staff and our students! Have a fantastic weekend!

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ACS Assistant Dean  
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Governing Board News

Governing Board working session - Wednesday, April 29th - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Important Dates

- Apr. 20 - No School
- Apr. 24 - Dress Down Day/ Virtue Assemblies
- Apr. 28 - K-2 Spring Program 6-8 pm
- Apr. 29 - Drama Performance 5:30
- Apr. 29 - Governing Board Meeting 5:00
- Apr. 30 - MS Dance
- May 1 - Teacher In-service— No Students
- May 5 - SAC Meeting 6:30
- May 7 - Elementary Talent Show
- May 8 - Hat Day Fundraiser \$1

## *PTO Corner*

### STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!

Thank you to the Parents and Classroom Coordinators for their help in organizing Staff Appreciation Week, May 4th-8th. The Deans and the PTO are very excited about the special touches you have contributed toward this special week. Thank you for your support and patience with some changes made this year. We hope these changes add a nice surprise for our staff!

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK!

On behalf of the ACS-PTO, we would like to take this opportunity during Volunteer Appreciation Week, to thank each and every one of you who have helped make every PTO event this year a huge success. Thank you for your physical contribution and your financial contribution in support of ACS!

### NEW PTO BOARD 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR!

Thank you for the wonderful turn out we had at last week's PTO General Meeting. A huge number of people braved the elements to join us. Papa John's people provided pizza and Local Value Fundraising provided a brief presentation to show how easy it is to raise money for ACS.

The Revised PTO By-Laws were approved as well as remaining PTO money allocated toward curriculum.

The following people were unanimously voted for a two year term:

President:	Misty O'Leary
Treasurer:	Bonnie Buckley
Secretary:	Jeannie Reddan
VP of Communications:	Allyson Ford
CO-VP of Fundraising:	Emily Ragan and Deb VanSicklin
VP of Social:	Laura Heese
VP of Enrichment:	Meredith Jacobs
Classroom Coordinator	
Liason:	Amy Lee

Tina Villari and Michelle Barrette will be returning as our teacher representatives.

After the meeting, Laurel Johnson accepted the PTO-SAC representative position.

### BOX TOPS....OOPS!

Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, was set for the April deadline without realizing the school Assembly was scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>. The deadline will remain the same, to avoid confusion. The April winner will not be announced until the May assembly however. Sincere apologies for the confusion!!!

Next PTO working meeting will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

### **Fundraising**

Reminder parents--there is only one week left to purchase your credits from Local Value Fundraising for the school to receive 75% of each dollar spent. We would like for each family to purchase 60 credits for \$48 to reach our goal.

We need Field Day volunteers to help run the popcorn and cotton candy machines. Anyone interested can contact me at [cera-gan1@msn.com](mailto:cera-gan1@msn.com). The times I'm looking to fill are 8:40-9:30, 9:30-10:30, 10:30-11:30 and 11:30-12:45. I need two people at each machine.

## Volunteer News

### We Appreciate You!



We have had a lot of fun this week celebrating our volunteers! We hope you feel fully appreciated by all of the ACS Staff. Please keep logging your hours as you continue to volunteer here at the school. If you still need hours, please consider helping Mrs. Huskins in the Art Room or Mrs. Staley in the library. Both of these departments generally can use an extra hand. We also need volunteers for Field Day. Thanks again for being our “shining stars”!

Anne Belfrage  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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## Counseling Closet

Dear Parents,

I am still in search of more parents who would be willing to come and share their careers with us for Career Day! It is an excellent way for our kids to get to know the many different types of career fields and it brings some of our local community members and businesses into our school! We are interested in all different types of careers, so if you think you have something interesting to share with our kids, we would love to have you!

The career fair is being held on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in our gym. Students will be walking around asking questions and getting to know some of the different options out there for careers. This is also a great way to cross off those extra volunteer hours with the school! If you would like more information, please contact me at [krautza@academycharter.org](mailto:krautza@academycharter.org) or call the school directly.

Thanks!

Angela Krautz  
ACS Counselor K-8

## Spring Showcase

7th and 8th Grade Students will be hosting an evening of theatrical and musical presentations on Wednesday, April 29th, in the ACS gym/stage.

We will be presenting an adaptation of *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare, scenes from the play *Diary of Anne Frank*, and Neil Simon's *The Governess*, along with several musical pieces.

The 8th graders will be selling refreshments to raise money for their Washington, D.C. trip.

Don't miss this chance to see our talented middle school students perform.

The show begins at 6:00 – we'll see you there!

Mrs. Solita

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts

## SAC News

The SAC has just about filled the required membership to receive funding for next school year. We are still looking for a community member to join the SAC for a two year term. This person needs to live in Douglas County but not have any children at ACS. If you know of anyone in our community willing to attend SAC meetings, please let Kristen Wenaas know at [kristen.wenaas@comcast.net](mailto:kristen.wenaas@comcast.net).

## Wellness Corner

Ah, spring is here! It brings images of playgrounds, field sports or perhaps skiing/ snowboarding in the mountains. Are you prepared? Ultraviolet radiation causes 90% of skin cancers. U.V R. is also a classified human carcinogen. (It is also one of the most preventable cancers. Yet one person dies every hour from melanoma.)

Did you know that we get most of our lifetime sun exposure as a child? I want to remind you to protect yourself from the sun. Everyone needs about 10 minutes of sunshine a day to get our vitamin D. But, we can still get our healthy exposure through our sunscreen and clothing use!

Avoid the sun between the hours of 10 and 2pm if you can! Find some shade. But, if you will be in the sun, use sunscreen.

Here is a tip to select the perfect SPF (SPF: Sun Protection Factor.) for your skin type. First, figure out how long it takes for your skin to turn pink in the sun without burning. Multiply that time by the SPF listed on the bottle. That gives you your total amount of minutes during that day that you can be exposed to the sun while wearing sunscreen. For example: If it takes 10 minutes of sun exposure for your arm to turn pink and you selected a lotion with an SPF of 30.... You have 300 minutes (or 5 hours) in the sun for that entire day. You must reapply the lotion every 90 minutes during that time. More frequently if you are in and out of water, drying off with towels etc. *Remember to put on the sunscreen at least 30 minutes before you are in the sun.*

Think of the sunscreen as little tiny shields that are absorbing the sunlight. Once their UV maximum has been reached you can burn. If you are going to stay out longer than planned, you must shower (using soap) and reapply the sunscreen. It is recommended that you use at least an SPF of 30.

Clothing also has an important role. A hat protects your scalp. Wear dark colored clothing to get the most sun protection, preferably with long sleeves. There is a product called SunGuard that you can wash your clothes in to increase the sun protection provided by the clothing. (A white T-shirt has an SPF of 5. When washed with SunGuard it has an SPF of 20.) I found this product in the same area as clothing dyes in the supermarket.

Think Slip, Slap, Slop. (**Slip** on some clothes, **Slap** on a hat, and **Slop** on some sunscreen.)

**Please update your immunization records at school.** If you are planning a checkup ask for a copy of your immunizations. We would like a copy for our records if anything has changed. You should have a personal copy at home for each child.

Please call me if your child has any health concerns that I may not be aware of.

Have a wonderful spring break!

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## *Academy Kids Summer Information*

Academy Kids summer program will be starting in just a couple of short months. The program will be starting June 1<sup>st</sup> and will run until the start of school August 12<sup>th</sup> with a short break over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. We will be closed starting July 3<sup>rd</sup> and we will open on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July.

We have field trips planned this year to the Colorado Springs area, to include, Seven Falls, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and the Olympic Training Center.

We will also be going to Denver area attractions such as the Denver Zoo and the Museum of Nature and Science.

Space is limited on these field trips so please register your children as soon as possible to reserve their spot.

Academy kids also does local free trips around Castle Rock; we visit the local library, B&B café and Metzler Park.

Calendars are online, at the front office or in the cafeteria with Academy Kids.

Prices are available with the calendars or you may call Sara Sanchez at 720-289-6265.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me anytime at the number above.



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