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Dean Brown

Dear ACS Families and Community,



The first month of school has gone by. I can't believe we are in September already. The weather has been wonderful so far but as you know Colorado weather can change quickly. Please remember that when the royal blue and white flag is up, carpool is closed! You are more than welcome to walk in and retrieve your children or you can wait for the storm to pass in your car.

This past week you should have received your children's CSAP scores. Below is a link to the Colorado Department of Education. It is a link to the released CSAP test items. You may want to peruse this website also to find out more information regarding CSAP and the new growth model.

[http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/released\\_items.html](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/released_items.html)

Please also remember that the DCSD Board of Education has 4 positions up for election. Platte River Academy will host a forum for these candidates to discuss their positions on education and charter schools. This meeting will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. I hope you can attend this meeting so you can make an informed choice about our next DCSD school board!

We also have the Director of Home School position open. Elizabeth Lawson has decided to resign due to personal reasons and she will be sorely missed. If you know of someone who would be interested in this position, please have them review the job description on our website and send us their resumes.

*"Not every child has an equal talent or an equal ability or equal motivation, but children have the equal right to develop their talent, their ability, and their motivation."*

*John F. Kennedy*

Sincerely,  
Yvette Brown  
Academy Charter School Dean  
[brownny@academycharter.org](mailto:brownny@academycharter.org)



**Important Dates**

- Sept. 11 - PTO Movie Night 6:30
- Sept. 14 - Governing Board Meeting 6:00
- Sept. 17-Ronald McDonald Assembly K-3rd 8:50-9:50am
- Sept. 17 - BOE Candidate Forum at PRA 7:00
- Sept. 22 - DAC/SAC Forum at CVHS 6:30
- Sept. 23 - PTO/SAC Meeting 5:30
- Sept. 24 - Dress Down Day
- Sept. 25 - Teacher In-Service/No Students

**Carpool Reminders**

Please remember to refrain from talking on your **cell phone** as you pick up or drop off your children at school!

All **carpool numbers must be visible** on the right side of the front windshield throughout carpool. It may be taken down once all your passengers have entered the vehicle.

If you are picking up your student at their classrooms, teachers will not be able to visit with you at this time as they are ensuring students are being attentive to their numbers being posted on the TV and/or are quiet and listening for their numbers. Feel free to schedule an appointment with the classroom teacher

**Infinite Campus**

If you do not have access to the parent portal, please stop by the office to receive your activation key.

Please be sure to check your students' grades through the parent portal. As a courtesy, teachers will email parents if any student drops below a C in a class. We encourage you to view the portal with your student so you can discuss their academic progress.

Starting at the end of next week, Lunch Account Balances will be available in IC!

**Miscellaneous Items****Fun Facts**

L. Frank Baum made up stories to tell neighborhood children. When he was telling one story, the children asked him to make up a name for the place where the story took place. Baum spotted his file cabinets labeled A-M and O-Z. Maybe you know his story... *The Wizard of Oz*?

**Fun Website**

US State Detectives

<http://games.funschool.com/game.php?g=1179&category=61&level=5>

**DCSD Board of Education Candidate Forum**  
 Hosted by and for the Douglas County  
 Charter School Parent Community  
 Moderated by Theresa Marchetta, Anchor  
 Channel 7 News

**Important Information**

The 2009 election is an all-mail ballot. If you are a registered voter in Douglas County, you will receive a ballot in mid-October. If you are not registered to vote, the last day to do so is October 5. All ballots must be *received*, not postmarked, by November 3.

This is a county wide election where we will be electing four directors from four geographical areas. You can choose one candidate in each area, therefore placing four votes on your ballot.

**District B**

John Carson (incumbent)

Sue Catterall

**District D**

Dan Gerken

Kevin Leung

**District E**

Doug Benevento

Kristine Turner (incumbent)

**District G**

Emily Hansen (incumbent)

Meghann Silverthorn

**Date: Thursday September 17**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

Platte River Academy Gym

4085 Lark Sparrow

Highlands Ranch, 80126

This fall, registered voters in Douglas County will be voting for school district Board of Education members. This forum is a wonderful opportunity to meet the candidates prior to casting your votes.

Join us and be prepared with questions you would like to ask the candidates!

**For more information, please contact Donnell Rosenberg at 720-935-7741**

## Governing Board News

**Next Governing Board Meeting** will be held Monday, September 14th, in the ACS cafeteria from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. ACS parents and staff are always welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Remember, by attending you will earn volunteer hours, and keep up on what's happening at ACS.



**Meeting with the Town of Castle Rock Reminder** - We are scheduled to appear before the Town Council on October 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a very important meeting and we encourage as many ACS families to attend as possible in hopes of finalizing a new agreement. More details regarding the times and the meeting agenda are forth coming. Please save October 6<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. We appreciate your support!

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee handles parent/community/school district/state communications, school surveys, volunteerism, and board elections. Our first meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. in the ACS Cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.** Please contact Cindy Hazlehurst at [cindy-acs@Q.com](mailto:cindy-acs@Q.com) for additional information.

## ACS Hoodie Orders

Thank You to everyone who purchased an ACS hoodie this year. All orders are in . If you have any questions regarding your order, please email [kendra@landrey.com](mailto:kendra@landrey.com). This was our first year to try this as a fundraiser, and we have raised just over \$3,000 for ACS!

Thank You to Diana, Donna & Danny at S&S for allowing our school to do this and for supporting ACS. S&S will no longer be stocking ACS hoodies. However, from this point on you can go to them and special order a hoodie if you need one. The hoodie order will take about 2 weeks, so allow yourself time. We will be doing another hoodie fundraiser later in the year and again at next year's registration.

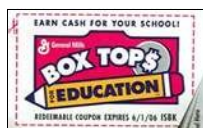


## PTO Corner



Papa John's Pizza and the Douglas County Educational Foundation support ACS by giving back .50 for every order placed. Please share our school code—"ACHART", with friends, family and neighbors. This code can be used at any Papa John's Pizza within the state of Colorado.

The Box Top Deadline for September is Thursday, the 24th!



LVF Supporters!

Many thanks to the Buckley Family, the DeLasantos Family and Romero Family for supporting ACS through Local Value Fundraising. The PTO has extra cards available for purchase in the school office.

Don't forget tonight is our **PTO Movie Night** at 6:30 p.m. in the gym! Please bring cash if you are planning on purchasing the \$2 goodie bag. Bring a pillow and blanket and get comfortable for our showing of **Bolt**. Hope to see you there!





Betty Crocker is giving away 100 Bonus Box Tops for 100 days, from July 6<sup>th</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup> and one Grand Prize of 1,000 Bonus Box Tops! Go to [www.BakeLifeSweeter.com/Win100BoxTops](http://www.BakeLifeSweeter.com/Win100BoxTops) to enter for your chance to win this great prize from Betty Crocker.

## *Box Tops for Education*

## *Target Take Charge of Education Program*

Parents, teachers and other school supporters can use Target REDcards to shop at Target and Target donates up to 1% of the purchases to their school K-12 school. To participate, all you need is a REDcard and to enroll in the program at [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe) or by calling 1-800-316-6142. ACS earned \$147.31 this month as a result of this program! To learn more about this program, you may go to [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe).



## *5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Ski Passes Available*

**What's better than free?** Parents of Colorado students graduating into fifth and sixth grade should mark their calendars for this fall to register for the free Vail Resorts fifth and sixth grade School of Shred program.

This popular program returns for the 2009-2010 ski and snowboard season and provides four free days of skiing at each of the state's top ranked resorts of Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin for all Colorado fifth and sixth grade students who register.

How to get your pass:

Show your 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade report card for Fall 2009 at any resort season pass office or any Front Range

Pass sales locations during fall pass sales.

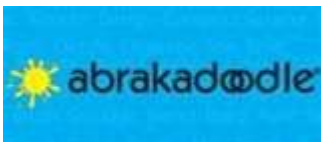
Get your photo taken

So home with your new pass! It's that easy.



Students must prove eligibility by showing a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade report card or student ID for Fall 2009. Documents will need to be presented at any resort season pass office of any Front Range pass sales location during fall pass sales. Passes are non-transferable. Students will be required to get their photo taken and will then receive a School of Shred Pass with days loaded onto the pass.

## *AbraKadoodle*



AbraKadoodle Art Class for grades 1-8 on Wednesdays Oct. 7- Nov. 18. 4:00-5:15 p.m. The cost is \$90.00 and you may register online at [www.abrakadoodle.com/co04.html](http://www.abrakadoodle.com/co04.html). If you have questions, please contact Meredith Jacobs at 303-688-8997 or [Meredith@jacob2.com](mailto:Meredith@jacob2.com).