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Governing Board

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Fall Parent Survey Available Now Through October 15th!

32%

We value your input! We're at 32% participation right now and if we can get to 75% the Deans will give our students and staff an extra dress down! You know how much your students love dress down days. Don't disappoint them, take the survey! If you have any questions or encounter any problems while taking the survey, please contact Cindy Hazlehurst at cindy-ac@O.com.

NEW DATE - ACS Presentation to Town of Castle Rock October 13th@ 6pm!

Calling all ACS parents and staff! We need your support!

The town moved our presentation to Tuesday, October 13th and it's also the first night of parent/teacher conferences. We know that makes it a busy night, but if you can make it we would really appreciate your support. We plan to present the town with a proposal regarding the land adjacent to our building. This is a very important meeting and we encourage as many ACS families and staff members to attend as possible in hopes of finalizing a new agreement. Town Council meetings take place in the Town Hall located at 100 N. Wilcox Street at 6pm. Your attendance at this meeting counts towards your volunteer hours too! We appreciate your support and hope to see you there.

Next Governing Board Meeting October 12th @ 6pm - The next governing board meeting will be held Monday, October 12th in the ACS cafeteria from 6:00 to 8:00pm. 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.

BYLAW CHANGE – REQUIRES PARENT VOTE ON OCTOBER 12TH!

The ACS Governing Board is requesting a change to the ACS By-Laws to re-institute the Academic Committee, as it had previously been absolved to allow a Governing Board member to become the SAC liaison. Current reasoning is that the Governing Board does need an Academic Committee as well as keeping the chair of that committee as the SAC liaison. Since this change will require a change to the ACS By-Laws, it requires an ACS parental vote. All parents attending the Governing Board meeting the evening of October 12th will be able to vote for or against this By-Law change. Thank you for your support for ACS.

Important Dates

- Oct. 12 - Governing Board Meeting 6:00
- Oct. 13th & 15th – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 16th – 23rd – Fall Break!
- Oct. 29 - PTO Meeting 4pm
- Oct. 30 - Dress of Choice Day

Avalanche Tickets



The 3rd Annual Douglas County School District Community Night with the Colorado Avalanche is Saturday, November 14th, at 8:00 p.m. The Avalanche will be playing the Vancouver Canucks. Tickets can be ordered on the order form coming home in Friday Folders today for \$22 or online at <http://schools.dcsdk12.org/dcef>. For each ticket sold, \$4.00 will come to our school to help "Fill the Gap!" Seating will be throughout the Pepsi Center, value range from \$40-\$119, plus no ticket service fees! The schools with the largest attendance will receive the best seat locations, starting in the lower bowl of the Pepsi Center! Order forms are also available in the school office.



Dear ACS staff and families,

This year, ACS will be participating once again in the Broncos TACKLE HUNGER Food Drive. The Student Council will be supervising the distribution of the boxes to each class room this Thursday. Classrooms will devise a way to keep track of the weight of their boxes in an effort to make this a fun, learning event through the end of October. Last year we participated and collected about 120 pounds of non-perishable food items. We are hoping to do as well or better this year.

Here is a statement from the Denver Broncos Community Development offices:

The Denver Broncos would like to thank you for your willingness to participate and help us tackle hunger and homelessness in our community and are thrilled to have you all as a part of our team. We hope to build on the strong tradition of past Broncos Wives Drive efforts with the same goal of tackling hunger and homelessness in metro Denver under our brand new Broncos Tackle Hunger campaign. In 2008, we were able to collect over 74,000 pounds of food that was distributed through COMPA Food Ministry to local food banks and we know with your help we can collect even more this year and ensure the 2009 Broncos Tackle Hunger campaign is a HUGE success!!

The winning prize for collecting the most boxes of food is a fantastic Broncos-themed assembly. The assemblies for the 2009 winning schools will be held on *Tuesday, December 1st* and *Tuesday, December 8th*. Once again, thank you so much for your dedication to our **BRONCOS TACKLE HUNGER** effort in the Denver metro area—we would not be successful without you on our team!!

Sincerely,

Denver Broncos Community Development

We hope you will partner again with the Student Council leadership and the staff of ACS in this positive community service project this year. We got a late start so we hope to try and catch up a little. Recommended canned and boxed food items are: green beans, noodles and stuffing mixes, mixed vegetables, canned pumpkin, gravy mixes, instant potatoes, cranberry sauces, canned fruit, and Jell-O or pudding mixes.

Plans for recognizing classrooms that collect the most items will be announced as they are finalized.

Sincerely,

ACS Student Council and their teacher Sponsor

ACS School Directories Available

The School Directories are finished and ready to be picked up. We sent home all the Directories that have been paid for on Thursday. If you ordered one but have not paid, please come into the office or send the \$3.00 in with your student and we will send a Directory home.

Since the paperwork for the Directories was done in May, many folks have not paid for them but we printed enough for everyone that indicated they would like to have one.

Thanks!
Anne Belfrage
Office Manager



PTO Corner

FUNDRAISING

One more week to sell those Otis Spunkmeyer cookies!!! You may turn orders into the office or to your child's teacher. Remember, the delivery date is November 16th. This is a great way to stock up on freezer foods and desserts for that company that will be coming to town!



Also look for the cookbook order forms to come home. We will start selling our 15th Anniversary cookbooks which would make great gifts! Thanks to all who submitted your recipes. The winner of the pizza party will be announced next week for the class that collected the most recipes.

–Allyson Ford and Deb VanSicklin, Co-Vps of Fundraising

PERPETUAL WAYS TO SUPPORT ACS

Papa John's and Douglas County Educational Foundation supports ACS by giving our school .50 back for every order you place. Our code: ACHART works at and Papa John's pizza in Colorado, so share this code with friends, family and neighbors.

Local Value Fundraising can always be accessed through the ACS website. Don't forget the new "universal cards" are available any time you have a need for a gift or just for your own use. ACS always earns 50% back.

Safeway & King Soopers - Bring in your receipts from Safeway and King Soopers as both stores give a percentage of your receipts back to ACS!

Campbell's soup labels - Remember the labels are not valid unless the UPC code is included. Don't forget to separate your Box Top submission from your Campbell's labels and place both in their respective receptacles. If you have any questions regarding your Campbell's labels, please contact Cori O'Shea at corioshea@comcast.net.

–PTO President, Misty O'Leary

Yearbooks

If you have not yet ordered a yearbook for your student, you still have time! Contact the front office if you would like to order a yearbook, but make sure you reserve your copy before Oct. 30th. Cost for the yearbook is \$30. Also, 8th grade parents, you can still put in an ad to personalize the yearbook and wish your student the best of luck for the future! Pick up an order form at the front office. Please submit your orders by Oct. 30th.

Get your pictures in the yearbook! The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username:400003017 and password:acs
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 4/1/2010.

Thank you, and contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Ryan "Mr. Goody" Gudmundson- Yearbook Adviser

