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Dean Brown

Dear ACS Families and Friends,

Here comes Fall Break! I hope your Parent/Teacher Conferences were helpful and informed you about your child's progress.

Today I celebrated with the kids some of their successes at ACS. I recognized our **Dean's List and Honor Roll students, Perfect Attendance Awards, and our 1 Degree of Difference Awards.** Since I had so many wonderful designs for our T-shirt contest, I haven't decided upon the winner. I am going to talk with the t-shirt company about what would look good on a t-shirt first before I choose the winner. I talked to the middle school kids about what makes a good leader and shared with them some leadership thoughts from Dale Carnegie.



Our 1st winners of the 1 Degree of Difference t-shirts are Liam Desai, Courtney Casias, Alyssa Twitty, and Logan Linder. These students will be given t-shirts that may be worn once a month on any day they choose! Congratulations to these winners!

My first "Brown Bagging with the Dean" will be on November 4th and the students will have the opportunity to sign up after we return from Fall Break. I hope I have many students who would like to participate in this because I want to hear their wonderful ideas of how to make ACS great!



The ACS staff enjoyed the delicious meals that were provided on Tuesday and Thursday evening for Parent Teacher Conferences. Thanks for making our long nights so much easier!



We hope you have a wonderful, relaxing Fall Break! Enjoy your time off with your kids and see you in a week!

Sincerely,

Yvette Brown
ACS Dean

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Important Dates

- Oct. 15th – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 16th – 23rd – Fall Break!
- Oct. 28 - SAC Meeting 6pm
- Oct. 29 - PTO Meeting 4pm
- Oct. 30 - Dress of Choice Day
- Nov. 9 - Governing Board Meeting 6pm
- Nov. 12 - Middle School Information Night 4pm
- Nov. 19 - PTO/SAC Meeting 5pm
- Nov. 20 - Dress of Choice Day

Governing Board News

Last Chance to Take the Fall Parent Survey is Today!

69%

We value your input! We're at 69% participation right now, which means we need 18 more families to take the survey! 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.

ACS Presentation to Town of Castle Rock Update

A very special thank you goes to Clayton Watson and his committee for the excellent presentation to the Town of Castle Rock Tuesday night. The town agreed to enter into negotiations with ACS and assigned a team to work with us. We will keep you informed as we move through the negotiation process. If you have any questions, please contact Clayton Watson at cwatson@bristol-realty.com.

 <p>GET VOLUNTEER HOURS!</p>	<p>1st ANNUAL ACS FALL CLEAN-UP DAY</p> <p>Saturday, November 7, 2009</p> <p>Time: 8am – 2 p.m.</p> <p>RSVP: Email Cindy Hazlehurst @ Cindy-ac@q.com if you can help.</p> <p>Projects include painting the hallways, washing tables, putting sand down for the playground, cleaning out a shed, and a whole lot more!</p>
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The Academic Committee is Back! - The governing board and parents in attendance at our October 12th board meeting approved a change to the by-laws reinstating the Academic Committee. This committee is responsible for overseeing curriculum, assessments, staff development and interfacing with the Student Advisory Council. Todd Warnke, governing board member, will chair this committee.

Next Governing Board Meeting Dates – A working session is scheduled for Monday, October 26th, from 6-8 p.m. and the next regular governing board meeting will be held Monday, November 9th, 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.

Middle School Basketball Parent Information Meeting



Tuesday, October 27th

6:00 PM

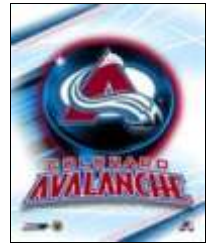
ACS Cafeteria

Anyone interested in playing boys or girls basketball

We are still in need of coaches, especially for our girls. If you are interested, please email Lisa Arnell at arnell@academycharter.org.

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.



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





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



1st Quarter 2009 Dean's List and Honor Roll

<u>6th Grade Q1</u>				<u>7th Grade Q1</u>			
<u>Dean's List</u>		<u>Honor Roll</u>		<u>Dean's List</u>		<u>Honor Roll</u>	
Abigail	Andrade	Lucas	Bauer	Jason	Acosta	Melissa	Anderson
Madison	Arnell	Gabriella	Haneke	Kayla	Brady	Eric	Bayman
Benjamin	Cappella	Erynn	Hargrave	Rachael	Cal	Shannon	Gallagher
Connor	Chackman	Jacob	Hotzfield	Ryan	Connolly	Allison	Hedeen
Carson	Cooper	Reid	Jellison	Kaleb	Davis	Claire	Hodgkins
Madison	Harney	Michael	Lemon	Austin	Hazlehurst	Seth	Landrey
Michaela	Keeling	Michael	Page	Cassandra	Hinton	Chelsea	Taylor
Sawyer	Kitching	Molly	Patrick	Matthew	Hodgkins	Trey	Vann
Morgan	Laverty	Holly	Sidney	Isabella	Nucci		
Lexie	Long	Lauren	Thiessen	Victoria	Watson		
Casey	Marsh			Julia	Whitworth		
Kayla	Murphy						
Kayla	Myers						
Gabrielle	Pearson						
Zachary	Witonsky						

<u>8th Grade Q1</u>			
<u>Dean's List</u>		<u>Honor Roll</u>	
Janna	Allen	Alexander	Colgin
Hunter	Arnell	Olivia	Engobor
Meagan	Butera	Shannon	Harney
Caitlin	Carpenter	Hayden	Nicholaides
Nathaniel	Chadwick	Leilani	Rodriguez
Clarke	Cooper	Sheridan	Silla
Lauren	Farmer	Kayla	Swisher
Kevin	Flynn	Cory	Von Feldt
Marianna	Haneke		
Braydan	Isaac		
Karissa	Kelly		
Grace	Kennedy		
Kaeleen	Knopp		
Hunter	Linder		
Jessa	Marsh		
Sidney	Martinez		
Michael	McNeill		
Mackenzie	Mitchell		
Joshua	Murphy		
Justin	Pearson		
Austin	Pitchford		
Madison	Schaffer		
Brianne	Walker		