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Important Reminders—



- Parent Work Day, tomorrow at ACS 8:00-2:00 p.m.
- Governing Board Meeting, Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00
- Picture Re-take Day, Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-12:30
- **Veteran's Day Celebration, Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**
- Middle School Information Night, Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten Sibling Sign up with Anne Belfrage
- Extra Dress Down Day on November 24<sup>th</sup>
- Lottery applications now being accepted

## Educational Outfitters Sale

\*November Special @ Educational Outfitters\*

\*20% off all instock pants or shorts\*    \*10% off all pants or shorts not instock\*

\*Call our store for more details: 720-200-6666\*

## Volunteer Corner

It seems like we are back into the school routine after Fall Break and our snow days! It looks like our volunteers are busy doing all kinds of things in our school. Please log your hours as I will be re-calculating them next week.

Tomorrow will be a great opportunity for many of you who are unable to come in during the week to log some hours. There are many jobs that need to be done around the school. The Work Day will be starting at 8:00 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m.

I will need many volunteers to help with Vision and Hearing Screening on December 10<sup>th</sup> all day and December 11<sup>th</sup> in the morning only. You can help on December 10<sup>th</sup> for a half day or full day. Please let me know if you can help me on either day.

Thanks again for being our Priceless Treasures at ACS!

Anne Belfrage  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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### Important Dates

- Nov. 9 - Governing Board Meeting 6pm
- Nov. 11 - Picture Re-Takes
- Nov. 12 - Middle School Information Night 4pm
- Nov. 19 - PTO/SAC Meeting 5pm
- Nov. 20 - Dress of Choice Day
- Nov. 24 - Dress of Choice Day
- Nov. 25-27 - Thanksgiving

## Governing Board News

Thank you ACS Parents for taking the Fall Survey!

Thank you for taking the survey and for providing us with valuable feedback about our school. Stay tuned for further information from the board regarding your suggestions.

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- Don't forget to log one hour for taking the survey on your volunteer cards.
- Next Parent Survey will be given in the Spring.
- Extra Dress Down Day for all students and staff on Tuesday, November 24th!

Reminder – Fall Clean Up Day is Tomorrow!

 <p>GET VOLUNTEER HOURS!</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> 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 @ <a href="mailto:Cindy-acis@q.com">Cindy-acis@q.com</a> 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> <p>Please bring work gloves, paint brushes, paint rollers, and shovels.</p>
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Next Governing Board Meeting:

Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.



Announcing [ACSWantsToKnow@AcademyCharter.Org](mailto:ACSWantsToKnow@AcademyCharter.Org)!

We know our students are amazing and we want to recognize them for their accomplishments whether it be academically, musical talents, athleticism, and the work they do in the community. Each month we'd like to recognize outstanding students by publishing their accomplishments in the ACS Newsletter. All you need to do is send an email with their name, grade, class, and their amazing story to [ACSWantsToKnow@AcademyCharter.Org](mailto:ACSWantsToKnow@AcademyCharter.Org) and we'll take care of the rest.

We would like to recognize ACS students for their accomplishments in the following areas:

- Academics
- Contests (Writing Contests, Spelling Bees, Geography Bees, etc.)
- Musical Talents
- Athleticism (Sports, Martial Arts, etc.)
- Community (4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Young Marines, Charity Work, etc.)
- Perfect Attendance
- ACS's 1 Degree of Difference Recipients
- Battle of the Books Winners

Our ACS volleyball teams did remarkably well this season.

The B Team fought hard all season and finished with a very impressive 9-2 record! Amazing job, girls! Congratulations to the following players:

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Stephanie Wicklein | Grace Kennedy     |
| Victoria Watson    | Gabby Haneke      |
| Blair Whitworth    | Allison Hedeem    |
| Kayla Murphy       | Sarah Thiessen    |
| Olivia Engobor     | Monica Helvey     |
| Bri Coyhis         | Makenzie Mitchell |
| Claire Hodgkins    |                   |



The A Team made it to the playoffs and finished with an outstanding UNDEFEATED season at 13-0. They brought home the South Metro Athletic Conference Championship trophy. Congratulations to these players:

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| Caitlin Carpenter | Melissa Anderson |
| Marianna Haneke   | Meagan Butera    |
| Leilani Rodriguez | Kayla Brady      |
| Kayla Swisher     | Karissa Kelly    |
| Madison Arnell    | Casey Marsh      |
| Jessa Marsh       | Kaeleen Knopp    |

Way to go, EAGLES!

## Middle School Parent Information Meeting

. Academy Charter School is hosting a Middle School Information Night on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. Parents will have a chance to visit with our talented Middle School staff as well as see the exciting things our Middle School students learn through the Core Knowledge Curriculum. Door prizes will be given out throughout the evening! Parents interested in learning more about the ACS Middle School program are encouraged to attend.



## Orchestra, Choir and Band



There will be no Orchestra, Choir or Band classes the Monday & Tuesday before Thanksgiving break.

Enjoy your holiday!

Please note that our Winter Orchestra, Choir & Band performance is scheduled for December 10 at 6:00 PM and we are excited to show everyone what we are learning.

If you are able to help with refreshments for this evening, please contact Mrs. Dortch.

Thank you!

Questions? Email Mrs. Dortch: dortcht@academycharter.org

## Health News from Your School Nurse

Are you smoking around your kids?

Protecting your kids from secondhand smoke takes only one step: Always step outside the home and the car before smoking.

Windows can't be opened wide enough. Fans can't be turned up high enough. Walls between rooms can't be built thick enough. Only stepping outside is enough to protect your kids from secondhand smoke.



### Tips to Help You Take Smoking Outside

As with any new habit, stepping outside the home and car to smoke will take some getting used to. Use the health of your kids as motivation, and try these tips to help you get started.

- Create a smoke-free home and car policy. Let everyone in your household and everyone who visits the home know about the policy.
- Put a wallet-sized picture of your kid on your cigarette pack to remind you why stepping outside is always worth it.
- Place an ashtray and a chair outside to create an area for smoking.
- Keep a jacket, hat, and gloves near the doorway to make it easy to step outside in colder months.
- Keep your lighters and cigarettes outside your door (and out of the reach of kids) so you're not able to light up a cigarette indoors.
- Leave five minutes earlier so you have time to smoke outside before you get in the car.
- Place "step outside" reminders in your car and in the places at home where you typically smoke.
- Team up with another parent who smokes. Together, make a commitment to step outside for your kids and agree to help watch each other's kids during smoke breaks.
- Ask your kids or other people in your life to encourage you to step outside.

(taken from [www.raiseSmokeFreeKids.com](http://www.raiseSmokeFreeKids.com))

## Avalanche Tickets

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Douglas County School District Community Night with the Colorado Avalanche is Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m. The Avalanche will be playing the Vancouver Canucks. Tickets can be ordered for \$22 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.



## Picture Re-Takes



Skow Photography will be here on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 to 12:30 to do re-take pictures of our students. If you want re-takes done, please bring in the package you ordered so the students can turn them in when they have their new picture taken. Information was sent home in Friday folders today regarding the school pictures. I have heard many complaints about the quality of the pictures and I want you to be happy. Please request re-takes if you are not happy. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Anne Belfrage in the office ([abelfrage@comcast.net](mailto:abelfrage@comcast.net)).

5th Annual *Apple Awards* set for March 6th, 2010!

Highlands Ranch, CO, November 6, 2009 – The Douglas County Educational Foundation (DCEF) in cooperation with the Douglas County Federation (DCF) and the Douglas County School District (DCSD) are pleased to announce the nomination process for the 2009-2010 *Apple Awards* is now open online at <http://schools.dcsdk12.org/dcef>. The *Apple Awards* is an annual *fundraising event* that has brought in over \$400,000 in proceeds for collaborative programs within the Douglas County School District.

The *Apple Awards* honors teachers who have demonstrated a superior ability to foster excellence in education while contributing to the continuous improvement of student learning and the school environment throughout Douglas County Schools. Nominations are sought for educators who are included in the following: Pre-Kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers, Guidance Counselors, Building Resource Teachers, Special Area Teachers (Special Education, ESL, etc.), Speech/Language Pathologists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Media Specialists. Students, parents, teachers and community members are encouraged to nominate an outstanding teacher for these prestigious awards. Continuing on the success from last year, *Apple Awards* nomination forms will be available and accepted ONLINE only via the DCEF website at <http://schools.dcsdk12.org/dcef>. The online nomination process will close at midnight on Tuesday, November 24th, 2009.

Hundreds of teachers are individually recognized through the nomination process, leading to the selection of an *Apple Award* representative from each Douglas County School, to attend the event. From this list of representatives, an elementary and secondary finalist from each feeder area will be eligible to become one of the two *Apple Award* recipients. During this special evening, which honors teachers for their excellence in education, each school representative will receive the red carpet treatment.

The *Apple Awards* will be held on Saturday, March 6th, 2010 at the Wells Fargo Theatre in downtown Denver. This year's fundraiser has been customized in order to welcome as many district employees as possible, thus the change to a new, larger venue. Over 5,000 DCSD employees and guests will be in attendance to recognize excellence in the classroom! Nationally known Special Guest Speaker, Tom Sullivan, will also be featured. This year's event theme is "Fill the Gap", a new Foundation fund giving program that will provide matching grant opportunities to all schools within Douglas County!

Nominate a deserving DCSD teacher today! Visit <http://schools.dcsdk12.org/dcef>.



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