

December 4, 2009



## Dean Brown

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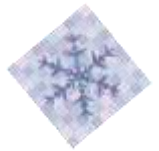
Dear ACS Families and Friends,

We've had quite a busy week back from Thanksgiving vacation! We started out the week with a Fire Drill which was a good thing as we had to evacuate the building on Thursday morning. Gas was smelled in the building and we were informed that we needed to immediately evacuate. Our students and staff did a wonderful job of getting everyone out of our building quickly and safely! It was determined that we did not have a gas leak and the students were allowed to return to their classrooms. We did have a little problem with our HVAC system and a part was ordered and replaced today! Never a dull moment at ACS!



On Wednesday, selected students ate lunch with me at Brown Bagging with the Dean! The students are full of wonderful ideas and truly make me laugh. The Middle School Students would like to have a student dress up as an eagle for our mascot and come to games. I love this idea and was wondering if anyone knows where we could find an eagle costume. Please contact me if you have one or know how we could obtain one!

Next week we will have two programs! Our Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will perform on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria and on Thursday our Band, Orchestra, and Choir will perform at 6:00 p.m. Our students have been practicing and working hard on these programs and we hope that you will be able to attend!



Please remember to dress your children warmly for these chilly days ahead! Have a wonderful weekend and stay warm!

Warmly,

Yvette Brown  
ACS Dean  
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### Important Dates

- Dec. 8 - K-2 Winter Program 6 pm
- Dec. 10 - Band/Orchestra and Choir Concert 6 pm
- Dec. 14 - GB Meeting 6 pm
- Dec. 15 - 3-5 Winter Program 6 pm
- Dec. 17 - Dress of Choice
- Dec. 18 - Jan. 3 Winter Break
- Jan 4 - Welcome Back!

## Governing Board News

Dear Families and Friends of ACS,

An important meeting regarding the financial health of ACS was held last night, December 3, 2009, in the gym. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss all of the financial aspects of ACS for this year as well as the following two years as it relates to funding cuts from the State. Highlights of our options and solutions include the following:

- Increasing class size to 22 or 24
- Raising Registration Fees to \$750 per student

- Staffing cuts
- Program cuts

As a Governing Board, we have to make tough decisions that benefit and effect our entire student population. We want our parent community to be informed and educated regarding the tough road we will have to climb in the next few years. Our only goal is to continue with the excellent education we provide for our children here at ACS. Your continued support is valued and we appreciate the support you have shown us.

Thank you to everyone who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend and offer comments, opinions and suggestions to such an important topic. We received some outstanding suggestions from both staff and parents alike. As a follow-up, the Governing Board will be holding a working session on December 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Please look for the agenda early next week on the front window. We will also post the meeting on our marquee out front.

Sincerely,

The Governing Board

## PTO Corner

### FUNDRAISING

February Soc Hop

Watch for more information coming for the spring Soc Hop fundraiser, celebrating ACS's 15th Anniversary. If you need volunteer hours, this will be a great way to get them. Committees are forming now for this event. Contact Allyson Ford or Deb VanSicklin for more information.



Cookbooks

Watch for cookbook orders being distributed before Winter Break.

### PTO BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

Beginning December 7th, the proposed amendments to the PTO By-Laws will be available for review on the ACS website. Amendments incorporate wording for the Dad's Club voted in September, and the 8th Grade Washington Trip Committee becoming a sub-committee of the PTO, voted in November. Amendments will go up for vote in January's PTO General Meeting.

### BOX TOPS

Congratulations to Janna Allen! For the month of November, she won an extra Dress Down day for submitting 133 box tops!

Thank you to the following students for participating in November's Box Top competition: Brittney Fuller, Cayd Bolling, Hailey Midolo, McKinley Dirks, Gianna Spangler, Jeanna Wardlaw, Ryan Eddy, Aspen Parker, Callie Dortch, Aca Kids, Joey Fortelka, Maddie and Grant Mills! Thank you all for supporting ACS!

December's winner will receive a \$10 gift card from Barnes & Noble.



### PERPETUAL WAYS TO SUPPORT ACS

Papa John's and Douglas County Educational Foundation have increased their donation for on-line orders to \$1.00 per order. All other orders will receive a donation of .50 cents per order. Don't forget to use our school code: ACHART and forward this code to family and friends. This offer is good for any Papa John's in Colorado.

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](mailto:corioshea@comcast.net).



## Nursing Home Gifts

We have only 13 more names that need to be selected for gifts! We are sponsoring Christmas gifts for the folks at Castle Rock Care Center. Feel free to pick your senior name up by the school office window as soon as possible. The requested gifts are on the ornament with the name. We need the gifts wrapped and the "ornament" with name and request on the gift by December 16<sup>th</sup>. Let's make this year a special Christmas for these senior citizens in our community!

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

### Informational Meetings

December 9th

Douglas County High School 6:30 p.m.

We hope you can join us at this meeting. This is the last of the Information meetings and are a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to get an overview on the program and hear from students who are currently navigating their way through IB. Often we have guests on the student panel who have graduated with the IB diploma and are currently participating in college.

Applications for the IB program are due January 15, 2010 and may be obtained online at the [Douglas County High School website](#).

## ACS Pridewear Available

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class here at ACS will be taking a trip to Washington, D.C. at the end of the school year.

The students that are participating in this trip are trying to raise their own funds. As a fund raiser for these 8<sup>th</sup> graders, we have created adult ACS "Pride Wear" along with water bottles, and car decals to come.

This is a great opportunity for the adult community here at ACS to show school spirit and help out our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, just in time for Christmas.

We are taking pre-orders on the clothing and water bottles. We will be keeping the water bottles in stock, and are expecting to have the red and blue in time for Christmas. Silver water bottles will not be on time for Christmas delivery.

Please feel out your order form and turn them into the school office. The order form is on the next page of this newsletter.

For questions please call Kendra Landrey 303.814.3043.



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