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Dear Academy Charter School Community Members,

Academy Charter School is pleased to announce the availability of our 2008-2009 Annual Report to the Public.

Every year, school districts in Colorado report about their performance to their communities, based on requirements in the *No Child Left Behind Act*. In addition, state law has required that districts report district accreditation information.

Both the information required by federal law and district accreditation information is now available on the Colorado Department of Education's Web site at <http://www.schoolview.org/SchoolPerformance/index.asp>

There, the district profile for Academy Charter School and Douglas County School District includes the following information:

Assessment Data

1. Colorado Growth Model. The Colorado Growth Model provides a common understanding of how individual students and groups of students progress from year to year on the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) toward state standards based on where each individual student begins. Results are disaggregated by race/ethnicity, English language learners, economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities.
2. CSAP results by grade level for each school and for the district. Results are disaggregated by race/ethnicity, English language learners, economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities.
3. School and district CSAP performance for the last two years, compared with the state of Colorado as a whole.
4. CSAPA results (for students given the alternate assessment), if applicable.
5. National Assessment of Educational Progress results for Colorado students as a whole and disaggregated by race/ethnicity, English language learners, economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities.

Accountability Data

1. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results. Adequate Yearly Progress is the federal accountability measure for schools and districts under the No Child Left Behind legislation. The report includes the overall AYP determination for schools and districts as well as their specific AYP results.

Important Dates

- 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!

2. The names and number of schools in your district that are identified as Schools on Improvement under No Child Left Behind.

Teacher Quality Data

1. The percent of classes not taught by Highly Qualified Teachers, and disaggregated by high and low poverty schools
2. Information about teachers including the professional qualifications of teachers, and the percent of teachers with emergency licenses.

Post-Secondary Readiness Data

1. Post-secondary readiness indicators including (as applicable): the number and percent of students taking advanced placement courses, students enrolled in institutions under the Post Secondary Enrollment Options Act.
2. Graduation rates and drop out rates.
3. Results of the college entrance exam (ACT) for the district as a whole, and compared to the state average.

Other Data

1. District budget, revenues and expenditures
2. Attendance rates
3. Evidence of a safe, civil learning environment, and
4. Number of expelled and suspended students;

This information is also posted on the district's Web site here: www.dcsdk12.org. If you would like a hard copy of this information, please contact the ACS front office.

Sincerely,

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Volunteer Corner

I would like to thank each and every one of you for making a contribution of your time and talents for ACS. I would like to thank the following parents for giving their time during this busy month to make Vision and Hearing screening possible: Julie Harkin, Mickie Eggebrecht, Rene Katial, Tara Novak, Sandy Meyn, Tina Henderson, Karen Chrest, Mary Carpenter, Nani Lindig, Isabel Bayman, Lori Parfitt, Renee Helvey, ChayIn Mckee, Leslie Farmer, Sherry Shuck, Jill Gensler and Sara Johnson. These folks made it possible for us to get the vision and hearing screening done in record time—thanks so much!



Nursing Home Gifts

All of our seniors have been chosen for Christmas gifts thanks to your generosity. Just a reminder, we need to have the wrapped gifts back on December 16th so we can deliver them to Castle Rock Care Center. Thanks again for helping us to remember these senior citizens.

Governing Board News

Next Governing Board Meeting

Monday, December 14th, in the ACS cafeteria from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Several topics on the agenda. Please see the agenda posted on the front door of the school.

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.



Catch the Spirit!

Spirit wear is returning to the students of ACS in mid February. In days gone by, ACS used to have spirit wear shirts which could be worn on Fridays in lieu of an ACS dress code shirt. In a blast from the past, ACS will be offering spirit wear again.

Choose shirts from two styles, short sleeve or long sleeve, with a choice between two different logos. Shirts will be \$15 each regardless of style or logo. We wanted to practice our Saxon Math multiples of 15!

Spirit wear will be sold from Jan. 8 to Jan. 22 for the first ordering period of the year. Samples will be displayed in the lobby during this ordering period. We plan to offer another ordering period later in the spring, depending on how sales go the first go round. Spirit wear order forms will be available in early January as part of the Weekly Newsletter and in Friday Folders. We hope to have shirts delivered by Feb. 12th.

If you have older ACS spirit wear clothes at home, you can begin wearing them on Spirit Fridays only after the newly available spirit shirts are delivered and if the shirt is still in good condition. If students have ACS sweatshirts from a team activity, these can also be worn when Spirit Fridays begin as well.

Students will be able to wear an ACS spirit wear shirt instead of their ACS dress code shirt on Fridays starting in mid February. All other ACS dress code guidelines still apply, so spirit wear Fridays are NOT dress down days. Spirit wear shirts must be tucked in as well.

We hope this will instill more ACS spirit at school as well as give students another option for dress code every Friday.


Not wanting to confuse the two different ACS clothing options being sold by PTO we've tried to name them appropriately.

Students wear Spirit wear

Parents wear Pride wear



ACSWantsToKnow@AcademyCharter.Org

	<p>2nd ANNUAL ACS GEOGRAPHY BEE January 8, 2010 @ 4pm In ACS' Gym</p>
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Grades 4-8 will each send two representatives to compete in the 2nd Annual ACS Geography Bee on January 8th. The first place winner will represent ACS at the National Geographic State level competition on April 9th. All ACS students, families and staff members are invited to attend. So please come and cheer on our students!

Get the Scoop on CVHS



8th Grade Student/Parent Night

**January 5, 2010
Castle View High School**

**Doors Open 6:00 p.m.
Student/Parent Meeting 6:30**

**Activity Fair in the Commons –
meet the sponsors and students
involved in CVHS activities**

Food Available for Purchase

Meet the Sabercat

Visit Classrooms and Teachers



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4TH ANNUAL DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT DENVER NUGGETS COMMUNITY NIGHT

Sponsored by the Douglas County Educational Foundation

TICKETS: \$15

As a special incentive, the Denver Nuggets and Douglas County Educational Foundation will be donating \$4 of each ticket sold directly to your school to help "Fill the Gap"!

Seats will be located throughout the Pepsi Center with a face value of \$27-\$115 and won't have any additional taxes or fees!

The top 4 schools with the most attendance will receive the opportunity to have open time on the Denver Nuggets court before/after the game!

IMPORTANT TICKET INFORMATION

- > Seats will be assigned by the schools with the largest attendance, starting in the lower level!
- > The deadline to order for school seating is Friday, January 15. After January 15 tickets won't be seated by school.
- > Tickets are subject to availability and could sell out before deadline, so please order early.
- > All tickets will arrive as a Nuggets e-tickets by Thursday, January 21 from customerservice@tickethorse.com.
- > To guarantee seats will be together, please place orders under one name.
- > All orders will be online, no hand orders will be taken at schools.



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010
7:00PM**

ORDER TICKETS ONLINE:

<http://schools.dcsdk12.org/dcef>

Click on the Denver Nuggets Night ticket link on the home page of the DCEF website to proceed to the purchase page.

Due to limited number of tickets available this season, all orders will be taken online and delivered by email.

Please contact April Wakefield at awakefield@pepsicenter.com or 303.405.6188 with questions. For orders of 50 or more, please reserve by phone at 303.405.6188.



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