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ACS E-News

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Dear ACS Families and Friends,

This week, we began our first round of MAPs testing which is the computerized test on Reading, Math, and Language Usage. 2nd through 8th graders take this mid-year test and will take it again in the spring. This test allows us to determine growth of students and indicate any areas of concern that we may need to offer extra help. Middle School students should have completed these tests this week and elementary will continue testing until the first week in February. Teachers will share the results of these assessments with you at our spring Parent/Teacher Conferences!



Our SAC has been analyzing our School Improvement Plan (SIP) with our CSAP results. They have developed a wonderful analysis and I will include parts of this analysis in my newsletters. One area they concentrated on was how effective our new math curriculum is.

Math CSAP Results from 2009

8th Grade:

72% of our graduating students are proficient/advanced
30% are advanced

- The number of proficient math students increased by 11%
- The number of advance math students increased by 12%
- The number of proficient/advanced math students increased by 24%
- Above district averages in math

7th Grade:

90% are proficient/advanced
53% are advanced

- The number of proficient math students increased by 2%
- The number of advanced math students increased by 21%
- *ACS 7th grade students placed 3rd in Math CSAP results for proficient/advanced out of all Castle Rock area middle schools - behind only American Academy and Platte River Academy
- Above district averages in math

6th Grade:

78% are proficient/advanced
33% are advanced

5th Grade:

85% are proficient/advanced
45% are advanced

- The number of proficient/advanced math students increased by 1½%
- The number of advanced math students increased by 13%
- Above district averages in math

4th Grade:

90% are proficient/advanced
46% are advanced

Important Dates

- Jan. 15 - Spelling Bee
- Jan. 18 - No School
- Jan. 28 - PTO/SAC Meeting 5pm
- Jan. 29 - Dress Of Choice Day
- Feb. 8 - Governing Board Meeting 6pm
- Feb. 9-10 - Third Grade Reading CSAP
- Feb. 15 - No School

The number of proficient/advanced math students increased by 8%
 The number of advanced math students increased by 16%
 Above district averages in math

3rd Grade:

78% are proficient/advanced
 35% are advanced

As CSAP assessments are around the corner, I thought this was timely information! Our 3rd graders will take their first round of CSAP tests on Reading February 9-10 and March 2-3. 4th through 8th grade will take their CSAP assessments March 1-4. Please do not schedule doctor visits during these time frames. Thanks!

We hope you have a wonderful 3 day weekend and we'll see you on Tuesday! Remember we do have school next Friday, January 22! We do not follow the district's calendar on that day.

Warmly,

Yvette Brown
 ACS Dean

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Lost And Found Overflowing

Please check the Lost and Found in the Cafeteria as we have collected many hoodies and various other items of clothing and lunch boxes.



Did you know that your heart beats about 100,000 times every day and that your circulatory system is over 60,000 miles long? Having a healthy heart is so important!

ACS is doing Jump Rope for Heart, which is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Kindergarten through 5th grade students will be coming home with a letter and a collection envelope this Friday. Students are encouraged to register online by going to www.americanheart.org/jump. Click on register, find Colorado, and sign up under Academy Charter School. Our goal is to send out 1000 emails to friends and family inviting them to become "heart heroes" when they donate to the cause. Donations are due Friday, February 26. We will be having a jump roping demonstration and will practice our jump roping skills in PE over the next several weeks, so get ready to jump and help save lives!

Jump Rope for Heart

Picture Valentine Orders Available

Your students will be bringing home an order form for Valentines with their school picture on them in Friday folders. Only students that had a school picture taken will have these preview valentines. This is a fundraiser for our school so your order does make some money for ACS also. The order deadline is January 28th, and we request that orders are back in by this date. This is a fun way for the students to exchange their valentines!



Governing Board News

Next Governing Board Meeting


Working Session – Monday, January 25th from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

Regular Meeting - Monday, February 8th 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.




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	<p>2nd ANNUAL ACS GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER</p> <p>Hunter Arnell</p> <p>Congratulations Hunter and Good Luck at State!</p>
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Congratulations to the following students for representing their grade and doing a great job in the Geo Bee! Hope to see you back again next year.

4 th Grade	5 th Grade	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Ana Vier	Charlie Nims	Madison Arnell	Claire Hodgkins	Hunter Arnell
Zach Akin	Corey Craig	Kayla Myers	Matthew Hodgkins	Justin Pearson

	<p>ACS Spelling Bee</p> <p>Friday, January 15th @ 4:15pm</p> <p>in the ACS Gym</p> <p>All are welcome. Come cheer on our students!</p>
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<p>4th Grade</p> <p>Austin Brady</p> <p>Katy Farmer</p> <p>Samantha Osgood</p>	<p>5th Grade</p> <p>Heather Hannigan</p> <p>Cassie Unruh</p> <p>Lizzie Ragan</p>	<p>6th Grade</p> <p>Abby Andrade</p> <p>Mickey Page</p> <p>Caroline Sellers</p>	<p>7th Grade</p> <p>Eric Bayman</p> <p>Claire Hodgkins</p>	<p>8th Grade</p> <p>Ian Fullinwider</p> <p>Brianne Walker</p>
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Get Your Pride Wear Today!
Spirit Wear Fridays Start in February!
Catch the Spirit!

Spirit wear is returning to the students of ACS. 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. 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

An order form is available at end of this newsletter.

DCHS Football

If your child is interested in football at Douglas County High School next year, there will be a parent informational meeting at the Douglas County High School North building on Wednesday, January 27th, at 6:30 p.m. Coach Ketron will talk to parents about expectations and the program.

Remember that lifting will start in April for the boys!



Academy Charter School

1551 Prairie Hawk Dr.
Castle Rock, Co 80109

Phone: 303-660-4881
Fax: 303-660-6385

We're on the web!

Academycharter.org

Academy Charter School Soc Hop

Please join us for an after school enrichment program to learn a '50s dance for the Soc Hop on February 19th!

Kids from Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome to sign up for the dance (we need boys too!!!!) (All grades are invited to the soc hop)





Dates: January 27, February 3, 10,17 * DANCERS MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL REHEARSALS*

Where: Academy Charter School

Time: 4:00-5:00

Cost: \$30.00 per child. \$5.00 will go directly back to Academy Charter School.

We need at least 6 kids to hold the class and no more than 16. Hope to see you there!!!!!!

<p>Please fill out and mail to Kids Dance with payment. We accept: Check/Visa/MC/Discover 4284 Trail Boss Drive #110 Castle Rock, CO 80104 Phone: 720-733-8635 E-mail: dance@kidsdance.net</p>  <p>Today's Date ____/____/____ Student's First Name _____ Student's Last Name _____ Home Phone _____ Mother's First & Last Name _____ Father's First & Last Name _____</p> <p>We accept: Check/Visa/MC/Discover/AMEX Card Holders Name: _____ Credit /Debit Card Number : _____ Signature: _____</p>    <p style="text-align: right;">Amount: \$30.00</p>	<p><u>RELEASE AND LIABILITY WAIVER</u>—Required</p> <p>I, _____ (Printed First and Last Name) Hereby authorize Kids Dance, LLC and all of its employees, agents and representatives to instruct me/my child in the art of dance and related activities. I understand that although the instructor will use appropriate methods and reasonable care, I recognize that there is a chance of injuries, which may occur in the course of the activities related to dance instruction.</p> <p>I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, AND AM WILLING TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICIES SET FORTH BY KIDS DANCE LLC ,ITS OWNER, DIRECTOR, AND EMPLOYEES.</p> <p>SIGN HERE _____</p>
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2010 DCHS Winter Cheer Clinic

Featuring Members of the '07, '08 & '09 5A Varsity Coed State Champions!!!

Saturday, January 30, 2010 (1pm-4pm)



The Douglas County Huskies Cheerleaders are happy to present the 2009 Winter Cheer Clinic for youth, ages 4-14. The Clinic will be a fun day of cheerleading to allow children to learn important skills such as motions, jump techniques, cheers, dances and much more!

The Douglas County Huskie Pups will also get the thrill of performing in front of a large group of fans at the Boy's Basketball game on Friday, February 5, 2010. Each child and one parent will enter the game for free!!!

The clinic will be held at Douglas County High School (North gym) on Saturday, January 30, 2009 and will begin promptly at 1:00 pm. The Freshman, JV and Coed Varsity Team will be giving a special performance immediately following the Clinic. A snack and beverage will be provided and water available all morning.

Cost: Clinic is only \$25.00 per participant if postmarked or received by January 23, 2009 and \$30.00 after January 23 and at the door. The cost includes a Huskie Cheer T-shirt to wear on the Game Day Performance!

***PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLER MUST BE PRESENT WITH CHILD FOR THE DURATION OF THE CLINIC.**

Make Check Payable to: HCBC (Huskies Cheer Booster Club)
Return Registration and Check to: Jennifer Gross
988 Pleasant View St.
Castle Rock, Co 80104



2009 DCHS Huskies Fall Cheer Clinic Registration Form

Participant's Name: _____ Grade: _____
 Participant's School: _____
 How did you hear about the clinic? _____
 Parent's Name: _____
 Cell # _____ Home # _____
 Parent's Email _____

(Email will be our preferred mean of contact. Please Print Legibly)

T-Shirt Size: (Circle One) Youth-M Youth-L Adult-S Adult-M

You are guaranteed a T-Shirt if you register by January 23, 2009. If registered after, there is no guarantee, but a limited amount of extras will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

PARENT RELEASE: I hereby state that my child is in good physical health and capable of participating in the activities involved in the cheer clinic. I hereby waive and release any liability and hold harmless Douglas County High School, the organizers, directors, officers, sponsors and coaches from any injuries that may occur while my child attends the clinic.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

(REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE)

FOOD ALLERGIES, MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR SPECIAL NEEDS PLEASE INDICATE ON BACK OF

ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL "SPIRIT WEAR" ORDER FORM
 SPONSORED BY THE ACS-PTO

PLEASE RETURN ORDERS AND PAYMENT TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY JANUARY 22, 2010

Name _____
 Phone _____ Email _____



LOGO A



LOGO B



LS T-SHIRT

Long-sleeved grey t-shirt made of 90% cotton/10% polyester blend (pre-shrunk) and printed with choice of approved Spirit Wear Logo A or B. See sample shirts in the lobby.

Youth Sizes: YXS(2-4), YS(6-8), YM(10-12), YL(14-16)
 Adult Sizes: AS, AM, AL, AXL, A2XL, A3XL

COST: \$15



SS T-SHIRT

Short-sleeved grey ringer t-shirt made of 90% cotton/10% polyester blend (pre-shrunk) and printed with choice of approved Spirit Wear Logo A or B. Navy blue neck and cuff bands. See sample shirts in the lobby.

Youth Sizes: YS(6-8), YM(10-12), YL(14-16), YXL(18-20)
 Adult Sizes: AS, AM, AL, AXL, A2XL

COST: \$15

ITEM	SIZE	LOGO A or B	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
				\$15.00	
				\$15.00	
				\$15.00	
				\$15.00	
				\$15.00	
				\$15.00	

\$\$\$ MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ACS-PTO \$\$\$

GRAND TOTAL

***Spirit Wear shirts may be worn in place of uniform shirt on FRIDAYS. All other dress code guidelines still apply.