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Counseling Closet

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We are starting to pull together our big spring project for the school year and I need resources from our wonderful parent population! I will be hosting our second annual career fair here at ACS. Last year was a great success and we are hopeful that this year will be even better. With colleges and the work force becoming more rigorous and selective in what they look for in applicants, it is imperative that our students are prepared to select courses that will lend to their success later on down the road. Whether our students will venture off to college or join the ever changing work-force, it is important that we give them the tools they need to make good decisions for their futures! I will be working with our middle school students this year on exploring different types of careers through interest surveys to help them get the feel for the types of careers that are out there and what fits with their unique personalities and abilities.



I am looking for personable and informative individuals from our community to talk with our students about their jobs/careers. This is a school wide event that many of the younger grade levels also participate in. This is a great way to get volunteer hours and an even better way to promote your field or company within our school! Please call me if you would like any further details about the career fair!

Angela Krautz
 ACS School Counselor K-8
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Important Dates

- Jan. 25 - Governing Board Meeting 6pm
- Jan. 26 - Academic Committee Meeting 6pm
- 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
- Feb. 19 - SOC HOP

Jump Rope for Heart

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!



Governing Board News

Next Governing Board Meeting

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

Regular Meeting - Monday, February 8th, 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.




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|  | <p>ACS Spelling Bee 1st Place - Eric Bayman 2nd Place – Lizzie Ragan</p> <p>Congratulations Eric, Lizzie and all of this year's contestants!</p> |
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Congratulations to the following students for representing their grade and doing a great job in the Spelling Bee!

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| 4 th Grade Austin Brady Katy Farmer Samantha Osgood | 5 th Grade Heather Hannigan Cassie Unruh Lizzie Ragan | 6 th Grade Abby Andrade Mickey Page Caroline Sellers | 7 th Grade Eric Bayman Claire Hodgkins | 8 th Grade Ian Fullinwider Brianne Walker |
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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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**DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEEDS YOUR INPUT!
 PLEASE TAKE THEIR ONLINE SURVEY BY JANUARY 27TH!**

Dear DCSD Families,

This survey is intended to collect valuable community feedback that will be used by the Douglas County School Board of Education, the District Advisory Council and the Douglas County School District as it evaluates the best use of its resources. The District will need to make significant reductions to the budget due to the Colorado state budget shortfall. Because many difficult choices lie ahead for the District, your input will allow the District to take into account the community's perception on many key areas.

Additional information can be found on the Budget Reduction Information page of the District website. Thank you for your time and for your input.

The survey will run through Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

http://www.dcsdk12.org/portal/page/portal/DCSD/District_Information/Community_Survey

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!



PTO Corner

General PTO Information

Dads Club:

Calling all Dads!! If you are interested in leading or serving on the board of the new Dad's Club, please contact Misty O'Leary at jimand-misty@comcast.net. Dennis Desormeaux has agreed to throw his hat in the ring to lead the club, but the official election will be held in April!

The next General Meeting will be held on January 28th at 5:00 pm. We will be voting on By-Laws revisions (copy can be found on the ACS website).

January Box Top Competition:

Wins "Dean for an Hour"!

Fundraising

Sock Hop:

February 19th @ 6pm. Tickets go on sale Monday, January 25th, before and after school. Tickets are \$10 each per adult and children but \$5 for children 5 and younger. All activities, games and snacks are 1 ticket (\$1/ticket). A catered meal and an evening of dancing and fun is included in the ticket price. Our silent auction will be held during the soc hop event. Fun contest prizes and door prizes! Bring the whole family.....cheaper than a family dinner at Red Robin!!

Many thanks to all the parents helping prepare classroom Auction Baskets! Thank you for your contribution to the success of this event!!

The Governing Board has approved ONE HOUR OF VOLUNTEER TIME for attending the Soc Hop Fundraiser!

If you are still in need of volunteer hours, please contact Deb VanSicklin or Allyson Ford. There are many committees that need your help.

The PTO is requesting students bring in lightly used, small stuffed toys for use in our soc hop, "stuffed animal walk game." A box for these donations will be provided in the lobby. This is a great way to clean out your closet. Thank you for your help! Please contact Marcy Pore with any questions @ stanpore@comcast.net

If you did not yet buy your ACS Cookbook, they can still be purchased at the front office.

Enrichment

Dance Classes at Academy Charter School. 4 classes for \$30 Wednesdays 4:00 to 5:00, Jan. 27 - Feb. 17

Ms. Joy from Kids Dance will teach students in grades K-6 a 50's dance. The students will perform their dance on Feb. 19th at the Soc Hop. There are only a few spots left in the class. Attached is the sign up sheet.

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.

Campbell's soup labels - If you have any questions regarding your Campbell's labels, please contact Cori O'Shea at corioshea@comcast.net.

Thank you for your support!

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!



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!!!!!!

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| <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