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## Governing Board News

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### Next Governing Board Meeting

- Regular Meeting - Monday, February 8<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.



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### ACS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT UPDATE



#### ACS GIRLS BASKETBALL RED TEAM TAKES 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE!

Our ACS Girls Team won an exciting game in overtime against Parker Core Knowledge on Tuesday which advanced them to the South Metro Area Conference Finals. They lost a close game yesterday to Littleton Academy and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Congratulations, ladies, and Coach Hargis on an outstanding season!

#### ACS BOYS BASKETBALL RED TEAM TAKES 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE!

Our ACS Boys Red Team beat Cherry Creek Academy in the semi-finals on Tuesday and advanced to the Finals. They played Littleton Academy at home yesterday and won 1<sup>st</sup> place! Congratulations gentlemen, Coach Arnell and Coach Nicholaides.

#### ACS Boys Basketball White Team

The Boys White team has an undefeated season with a 14-0 record and will play one more game today. Congratulations to this team and Coach Landrey and Coach Von Feldt.

#### ACS GIRLS BASKETBALL WHITE TEAM HAS A GREAT SEASON!

The ACS Girls White team has a 13-1 record and will play one more game today. Congratulations, ladies, and Coach Grebe for an awesome season! We look forward to seeing you all play next year.

#### Want to see more basketball? Come support ACS' Boys White and Blue Teams!

- January 29<sup>th</sup> - ACS Boys Blue Team @ Colorado Academy at 4:30pm
- January 29<sup>th</sup> - ACS Boys White Team @ Colorado Academy at 5:30pm
- January 30<sup>th</sup> - ACS Boys Blue Team @ Mesa Middle School @ 3pm
- February 6<sup>th</sup> - ACS Boys Blue Team @ Castle Rock Middle School @ 10am
- February 20<sup>th</sup> - ACS Boys Blue Team @ Mesa Middle School @ 4pm

If you have news you'd like to share about your student, please 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.

### Important Dates

- Feb. 8 - Governing Board Meeting 6pm
- Feb. 9-10 - Third Grade Reading CSAP
- Feb. 15 - No School
- Feb. 19 - SOC HOP
- Feb. 25 - PTO 4:30pm
- Feb. 26 - Dress of Choice Day
- Mar. 1 - CSAP Begins
- Mar. 8 - Governing Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- Mar. 11 - End of 3rd Quarter
- Mar. 12 - No Students

## Volunteer Corner

We are looking for a Dad to volunteer to help in the Elementary Computer lab removing and installing computer trays. This could be done on a Friday evening or Saturday. If you are available, please contact Wendy Hollister at [hollisterw@academycharter.org](mailto:hollisterw@academycharter.org).

We are also needing volunteers to help with the PTO Soc Hop that is coming up. Please contact Deb VanSicklin at [castlerockvans@gmail.com](mailto:castlerockvans@gmail.com) or Allyson Ford at [allyson4d@hotmail.com](mailto:allyson4d@hotmail.com) if you can help with this important fundraiser for ACS. You can also earn one hour of volunteer time for attending the Soc Hop on February 19<sup>th</sup>!

Thanks for all the volunteer work you do for ACS. You are our priceless treasures!

Anne Belfrage  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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## Health News from your School Nurse Consultant

### Four Myths That Keep Parents from Protecting Kids from Secondhand Smoke

As a parent, protecting the health of your children is always on your mind. And if you're like most parents, you're probably taking steps to try and protect your children from being exposed to secondhand smoke. But, what if the steps you're taking to protect your children aren't actually protecting them at all?

**The Distance Myth:** When someone is smoking near your children, how far away is far enough for them to be safe? Is there such a thing as a safe distance? The truth is that when there is secondhand smoke in your home or in your car, there is no safe distance between the smoke and your children. Because air circulates throughout your house, smoking anywhere in your home is the same as smoking everywhere in your home.

**The Ventilation Myth:** What if the person smoking opens a window, or turns on a fan or an air filter when they smoke? The truth is that none of these actions can effectively remove the poisonous chemicals in secondhand smoke from the air. In fact, not even the most expensive, air filtration systems are able to clear the air of the chemicals found in secondhand smoke.

**The Odor Myth:** If you can't smell secondhand smoke in the air, then it's gone, right? Wrong. The poisonous chemicals in secondhand smoke stay in the air for up to three hours after a cigarette is put out—and they can stay in clothes, furniture and carpet for weeks. That's why covering up the odor with air freshener doesn't help make the air in your home safe to breathe.

**The Quit Myth:** So, is quitting smoking the only way to protect children? Not necessarily. While quitting smoking is a great way to protect children from secondhand smoke in the home and car, there is another option. You, or others in your home who smoke, can take One Step for your children—step outside before smoking.

Stepping outside to smoke may not always be convenient, but it's always worth it. Breathing secondhand smoke makes a child more likely to develop ear infections, more severe and frequent asthma attacks, allergies, bronchitis and pneumonia.

For more information about secondhand smoke, the One Step and the Four Myths that keep parents from effectively protecting their children, visit [www.RaiseSmokeFreeKids.com](http://www.RaiseSmokeFreeKids.com).

Stacey Barlow, RN  
School Nurse Consultant

## Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders:



We wanted to let you know that we will be having our first 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation meeting on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 3:05 in the Spanish Room. During this meeting we will be discussing the various mini-committees and finding our "chairs" for each committee.

Please come ready to head up a mini-committee as well as share ideas and suggestions to make this year's class of 2010 a memorable occasion!

Yvette Brown and Kendra Peters  
Dean of ACS and Assistant Dean

## PTO Corner

### General PTO Information

8th Grade Washington Trip will sell chocolate roses for Valentine's Day. Watch for more information coming soon!

### Box Tops:

We had tough competition this month, with several students submitting over 100 box tops. Wow! However, Trey Downing submitted the most, with 165, so he will be Dean Helper for an Hour as winner for January.

Thank you to the following students for participating and supporting the box top fundraiser: Brandon B., Delaney Brown, Olivia Brown, Taylor Hanson, Christen Ellis, Alli Gillespie, Payton Jacob, Kyra Connolly, Morgan Laverty, Ben Rolle, Hunter Meyn, Dawson Morley, Evan Morley, Culley McNeill, Adrian Stucky, Elizabeth Colgin, Rachel Russell, Noah Smith, Daniel Smith, Jonah Smith, McKinley Dirks and Hailey Midolo.

February's winner gets a free homework pass!

The next box top submission will be the end of February, so if you have box tops expiring before June, 2010, please submit them now.

### Soc Hop:

Don't forget to purchase your soc hop tickets for the February 19th fundraiser and ACS 15th Anniversary recognition! Your entry fee of \$10 covers your catered meal and dancing. Many other activities and games are included in the evening of fun for \$1/ticket. Prices increase night of the event, so purchase your tickets early!

The PTO appreciates the Soc Hop Committee, volunteers, and classroom coordinators for helping us pull off a successful event.

Don't forget to wear your best 50s costume!!!!!!

### Auction Baskets:

Your classroom coordinators will be finalizing and submitting your class's respective basket by February 12th to the PTO. Please help them by getting your items in as soon as possible, so they can complete this task. Be sure to include the value of your donated item.

Thank you again to all parents for supporting the Silent Auction during the Soc Hop on February 19th!

### Silent Auction:

In addition to the wonderful baskets being put together by parents, the PTO will also have some stand-alone items, such as a "Condo Stay in Keystone" valued at \$800, and a "Mickey Mantle autographed book" valued at \$500, and a Papa John's donated basket, just to name a few. Auction items will be on display a few days prior to the Soc Hop!

### Stuffed Animal Donations:

The PTO is looking for gently used stuffed animal/toys donations to be used for the "stuffed animal walk" during the soc hop. You can drop off your donations at the box in the lobby. This is a great way to clean out your closet!

### Volunteers:

The PTO always offers many ways to help parents get their 20 hours of volunteer time. The Soc Hop is still in need of a lot of volunteers, so if you are still in need of some hours, please contact Deb VanSicklin or Allyson Ford to sign up.

Treasurer's Report:

Donations through Jan 22:

Corporate: \$1,250  
 Foundations: \$12,500  
 Individuals: \$5,085

Net income from:

Fall Cookie Dough Fundraiser: \$4,744  
 Hoodie Pre-Orders \$3,046  
 Box Tops: \$763  
 Local Value: \$628  
 Cooking Class: \$368  
 Funky Brewster: \$141  
 School Supplies sold at Registration: \$103

What PTO has paid for so far:

For 2010 Field Day (money raised at LY's field day)	\$359.69
Teacher Trainings (from LY's money)	\$5,000
Snow Removal (per donation made for this purpose)	\$4,000
Curriculum approved at PY April General Meeting (LY's money)	\$15,407
6th Grade Treasurers program	\$2,200
3rd grade History Books for Core	\$1,228.50
Teacher special requests:	
4th grade for Story Work	\$161.47
Middle School Dissection	\$108.00
3rd grade Rand McNally Atlas	\$192.53
Middle School Trip to Pikes Peak Center	\$392.00
Middle School Trip Downtown	\$466.24
T-shirts for Virtue Awards	\$495.25
Bully Program stage 2	\$854.93
5th grade scholastic mags	\$96.58

Dad's Club:

Calling all dads! Any dad interested in leading or participating in the new Dad's Club, please contact Misty O'Leary @ [jimand-misty@comcast.net](mailto:jimand-misty@comcast.net). Elections will be held in April. Thank you to Dennis Desormeaux for agreeing to throw his hat in the running

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 - 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).

Thank you for your support!

# Valentine Gram

All orders must be placed by Friday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>

Proceeds Benefit the 8th Grade Washington DC Trip

Please fill out a separate order form for each student and attach together along with payment for all orders and turn in to the front desk.

*Chocolate Rose with Message*



\$1.00

*See's Candy Bar with Message*



\$2.00

*Candy Filled ACS Water Bottle with Message*

\$15.00



Circle One: (red) (blue) (silver)

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

All gifts and personalized messages (below), will be delivered to the student in their class room on Friday February 12<sup>th</sup>

Payment by Cash or Check payable to "ACS - 8th Grade Trip"

Please email [Kendra@Landrev.com](mailto:Kendra@Landrev.com) with any questions.

## Happy Valentine's Day

To: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Message: \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_