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Dear Families and Friends of ACS,

We have had a busy, wonderful week! As I'm sure you heard, I had my 40th birthday which was fun although I hate admitting that I'm now in my 40's. The kids wrote me birthday cards which just made me laugh. Also many students "fooled" me into thinking they were sent to the Dean's office for disciplinary reasons. It was a fun day but I'm still referring to it as my 15th anniversary of 25! J



Brown Bagging with the Dean



I ate with the selected students from K-8th grade who signed up to eat lunch with me. The students came with some wonderful ideas about how to make our school better. The middle school students asked if we could have cheerleading next school year. I asked Mrs. Arnell if this was a possibility and she agreed! Mrs. Cook also agreed to help coach too. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Mrs. Arnell!

Soc Hop

We will be having our Soc Hop on February 19th at 6 p.m. in our gym! This is a very important fundraiser for our school. We are trying to raise money for our Science Curriculum which is 10 years old and out of date. Please support this fun event and purchase your tickets in our lobby!



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

CSAP Testing



Our 3rd graders will be doing their first CSAP test on February 9-10 next week. They will be taking the Reading portion of this test. The remainder of these tests will be taken March 1-4 for grades 3-8. Please try to ensure that your children get enough sleep, a good breakfast, and attend school those days! We want them to have every opportunity to do their best and show us how smart they are.

As always thank you for your support of ACS and allowing us the opportunity to teach your children! Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Yvette Brown
ACS Dean
brownny@academycharter.org

Dennis Uniform Sale

March is Double Punch Month at Dennis Uniforms

Earn 2 stamps for every \$10 purchase on your DENNIS Advantage Card. Shop at your DENNIS store during March and earn twice the savings! This offer is valid for in-store purchases only during March 2010. For internet specials, please visit our website: www.dennisuniform.com

Governing Board News

GOVERNING BOARD NEWS

- Next Governing Board Meeting
- 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.



ACSWantsToKnow@AcademyCharter.Org



ACS BASKETBALL RECAP

ACS GIRLS BASKETBALL RED TEAM TAKES 2nd PLACE!
Congratulations, ladies, and Coach Hargis on an outstanding season!

ACS BOYS BASKETBALL RED TEAM TAKES 1st PLACE!
Congratulations gentlemen, Coach Arnell and Coach Nicholaides.

ACS Boys Basketball White Team has Undefeated Season!

The Boys White team won their last game against Colorado Academy and ended the season with a perfect record of 15-0. Congratulations gentlemen, Coach Landrey and Coach Von Feldt.

ACS GIRLS BASKETBALL WHITE TEAM HAS A GREAT SEASON!

The ACS Girls White team finished their season last Friday with a win over Colorado Academy and a record of 14-1 record! Congratulations, ladies, and Coach Grebe for an awesome season!

Want to see more basketball? Come support ACS' Blue Team!

February 6th – ACS Boys Blue Team @ Castle Rock Middle School @ 10am

February 20th – 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 and we'll take care of the rest.

Parents of 8th graders:



We wanted to let you know that we will be having our first 8th grade graduation meeting on Thursday, February 18th, 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

BOX TOPS

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!

BY-LAWS

Amendments to the By-Laws were officially voted at last week’s General Meeting. The 8th Grade Washington Trip and the new Dad’s Club are now a permanent addition to the PTO Fundraising Committee

AUCTION BASKET DEADLINE

Classroom Coordinators will be finishing up the baskets for submission to the PTO by Friday, February 12th. If you have not been able to contribute your item or money and plan to do so, please touch base with your respective coordinator so they can complete your basket.

Sincere thanks to all parents for their support of the silent auction. We look forward to this being a successful addition to the soc hop evening!

SOC HOP TICKETS

The PTO is unable to physically sell soc hop tickets every day at carpool; but, we will as volunteers allow. However, parents can continue to purchase their tickets in the office. The deadline for pre-orders will be February 12th. This allows us to notify the caterer of our head-count. Tickets can always be purchased the night of the event, but price will increase to \$15 per adult or child, and \$7 for children 5 years and younger!

STUFFED ANIMAL DONATIONS

Please donate any gently used stuffed animals for the Stuffed Animal Walk at the Soc Hop. Donations will be taken through February 12th. Thank you!

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.

Thank you for your support!

Why financially support a new Science Curriculum?
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2007/2008 new Treasures Reading/Language Arts curriculum
 Purchased by parents through the PTO

Look what happened!
Look what happened!

- 7th grade:** 12½% increase in proficient/advanced students
 Placed 2nd in CSAP results for proficient/advanced out of Castle Rock D.C. Charter and middle schools
- 4th grade:** 13½% increase in proficient/advanced students
- 5th grade:** 17½% increase in proficient/advanced students
- 4th grade:** Placed 2nd in CSAP results for proficient/advanced out of Castle Rock D.C. Charter Schools
- 3rd grade:** 88.33% of students are proficient or advance

2008/2009 new Saxon Math curriculum
 Purchased by parents through the PTO

Look what happened!
Look what happened!

- 8th grade:** 30% are advanced
- 7th grade:** 53% are advanced
 Placed 3rd in CSAP results for proficient/advanced out of Castle Rock D.C. Charter and middle schools
- 6th grade:** 33% are advanced
- 5th grade:** 45% are advanced
- 4th grade:** 46% are advanced
- 3rd grade:** 35% are advanced

2010/2011 new Science curriculum
 Purchased by parents through the PTO

What is going to happen?
What is going to happen?

Academy Charter School-PTO

SOC HOP

February 19th

6:00 PM



Academy Charter School Families:

Please respond by February 5th or sooner to Misty at jimandmisty@comcast.net.

We need an accurate account of those attending the Soc Hop so we can budget and order the right amount of food.

Plan on attending and earn one FREE volunteer hour for supporting your child's school .

This fundraiser is very critical for our school. We NEED everyone's support. Thank you so much .

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please fill in the following questions so we can have a great Sock Hop event.

Name: _____

Number attending the event

5 & under \$5.00 _____

6 & up \$10.00 _____

Food preference. Please indicate the number of people that would either like BBQ or Hotdogs.

BBQ: _____

Hot Dogs: _____

Game Tickets 10 tickets for \$10.00 and get 2 FREE tickets or \$1.00 each ticket. Please specify the number of 10 packs or individual tickets needed.

\$10.00 pack and 2 FREE _____

\$1.00 each _____

Cash or Check _____

Total \$ _____

Orders will be accepted until Monday Feb. 8th

Valentine Gram

All orders must be placed by Friday Feb. 5th

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 12th

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

Please email Kendra@Landrev.com with any questions.

Happy Valentine's Day

To: _____

From: _____

Message: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher/Homeroom: _____