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PTO Corner

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FUNDRAISING

Just a reminder that the Soc Hop is this Friday. There will be door prizes including two Family Fun Packs to Brunswick Bowling, as well as five contest winners for the following contests: Best Hula Hooper, Best Bubble Gum Blower, Best Costume, and Best Dancer (winners gets a free sundae from Baskin Robbins!).

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!

DADS' CLUB

Dennis Desormeaux is interested in leading the dad's club. If you are interested in leading or being a part of the Dad's Club, please email jimandmisty@comcast.net. Elections will be held in April!

SOCIAL

Thank you to all the families that made the 3rd grade breakfast such a huge success!

Robin Warnke	Lecia Walker	Victoria Richmond
Jean Whisman	Maura Mitchell	Susan Gadeken
Julie Witonsky	Deanna Schmidt	Kresta Lancaster
Lisa Ellis	Meagan Andrade	Jen Craigle
Jodie Kaylor	Debra Vansicklin	Carrie Herren
Mindy Whitworth		

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.

NEXT MEETING

The PTO Executive Board will have a Working Session Thursday, February 25th @ 4pm.

Thank you for your support!

Important Dates

- 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

Governing Board News

Catch the Spirit - Spirit Wear Fridays Are Back!

Spirit Wear Fridays start today! Students are allowed to wear an ACS spirit wear shirt instead of their ACS dress code shirts on Fridays starting February 19, 2010. *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. ACS Athletic Hoodies or ACS Hoodies may also be worn on Spirit Fridays.

If you missed out on the first ordering window for Spirit Wear, do NOT worry. You will be able to place your order starting next week through March 10th. Look for the display in the lobby.

Next Governing Board Meeting

- Regular Meeting - Monday, March 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 Spelling Bee Champ is Going to State – Eric Bayman earned first place in the ACS Spelling Bee last month and has qualified for the state level competition. Congratulations, Eric, and Good Luck at state!



ACS Students Collect \$1,870.17 For Haiti – ACS students often say they feel strongly about charities and wanting to do something to help others in need. Well they did just that! Most likely your students came home asking for change and told you about the student body's campaign to raise money to help families in Haiti. Donations were collected from every grade. Here Hailey Midolo sells hot chocolate and cookies for the cause. Thank you to everyone who helped them achieve their goal!



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.

The Counseling Corner

This month we have started a new program in our middle school called the Youth Education and Safety Series (YESS). This program is taught in collaboration with the Castle Rock Police Department and will last for 6 weeks. This is a great program that teaches our kids about positive teen relationships, harassment, cyber and Internet safety and substance abuse. We have been receiving a great response from the students about this information and many of them were very shocked at some of the dangers out in the cyber world. Now that we are educating our students on these dangers we would like to educate our parents with some of our national cyber safety statistics. For more information about the YESS program or resources on how to keep your children safe, please contact me at krautza@academycharter.org

Cyber Safety Statistics: Parents if you don't know about the need to protect your kids online, keep reading...

- 4,000,000 children are posting content to the Web everyday
- 15,000,000 youth use Instant Messaging
- 1 out of 17 kids have been harassed, threatened, or bullied online
- 1/3 of kids have been contacted by a stranger on the Internet and half of these were considered inappropriate
- 20% of children age 10-17 have been solicited online; that's 1 out of every 5 kids
- 75% of youth who received an online solicitation did not tell a parent
- 89% of solicitations towards children are made in either chat rooms or instant messages
- 90% of parents will never know that any inappropriate contact has occurred
- 14% have actually met face to face with a person they have met on the Internet
- 95% of parents don't recognize the lingo kids use when chatting or texting with a friend
- When asked how they responded the last time they were contacted online by a complete stranger, just 3% of online teens/preteens said they told an adult or authority figure
- Most kids will not report inappropriate Internet contact to their parents because they are afraid of losing Internet privileges
- 61% of 12-17 yr olds have a personal profile on social networking sites, w/wo parent consent
- 44% of online teens with profiles like Facebook and Myspace have been contacted by a stranger, compared with 16 percent of those without profiles.
- 71% have reported receiving messages from someone they do not know
- 45% have been asked for personal info from people they do not know (including parent credit information, home and school addresses, social security numbers, etc.)
- 48% of teens/preteens report that their parents know "very little" or "nothing" about their online activities
- MySpace deletes 25,000 profiles weekly of users who don't meet the site's 14-year-old minimum age requirement
- From 2007-2009 MySpace has deleted 90,000 accounts because they were created by registered sex offenders

The Internet can be a fun tool for kids to use but parents should keep close tabs on their child's Internet use by utilizing some of the following strategies:

- 1- Only allow your children to use the Internet in a family area, i.e. the living room or some place out in the open where secretive stuff is less likely to happen.
- 2- Use your computer's parental settings and/or tracking software to insure that your child is being safe on the Internet.
- 3- Talk to your student about the dangers on the Internet and make sure they tell you if something feels wrong. Report any abuse or inappropriate users to your Internet provider or contact authorities, just because your child is safe doesn't mean others are.

Thanks!

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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

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ACS Yearbook

Dear Teachers and Parents,

We need pictures of classroom activities for all grade levels. Please submit them online or if you **don't have the time, you can email Mr. Goody or Mrs. Boshoven and we will get them in! Please don't forget to mention in the details which class the photo is about!**



Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username:400003017 and password:acs
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 4/1/2010.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Yearbook Adviser and the 2010 Yearbook Staff.

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

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. These items will be given to charity within a couple of weeks.



H1N1 Flu Shot Clinic

South Elementary School
1100 South Street, Castle Rock

Friday, March 5, 2010

4:15 - 5:30 pm

FREE

uninsured

underinsured

DCSD employees

Courtesy of Front Range Flu Clinics



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