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## Parent Teacher Conferences

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ACS Parents:

Don't forget to stop by the gym to visit with the Specials' teachers during parent teacher conferences on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4:15-5:50 and 6:40-8:00 and again on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. All staff will be taking a dinner break from 6:00-6:40 on Tuesday and Thursday. We look forward to seeing you!

Middle School Parents

Middle school conferences will be held in the gym once again on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. They will not begin until 4:15 in order to allow our teachers time to get set up in the gym. There will be a dinner break for all staff from 6:00-6:40, so please be aware of this when you are meeting with the teachers. Teachers will be available until 8:00 pm both nights

## Academy Kids open for Parent Teacher Conferences

It is that time again, Parent Teacher Conferences--March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Conferences will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on both days.

Academy kids will be open to families needing day care for students and siblings.

Cost will be \$4.00 per child and payment is due at sign in and all children will need to be picked up no later than 8:05 p.m.

Thank you

Sara Shriver  
Director, Academy Kids

### Important Dates

- Mar. 16,18 - Parent/Teacher Conf. 4-8pm
- Mar. 19-28 - Spring Break
- Apr. 5-9 - BOGO Book Fair
- Apr. 7 - Governing Board Meeting 6pm
- Apr. 15 - 3-5 Talent Show 5:30pm
- Apr. 19 - No School
- Apr. 20 - Teacher Inservice/No Students
- Apr. 22 - PTO/SAC Meeting 5:00pm
- Apr. 27 - K-2 Spring Program 6:00pm
- Apr. 28 - MS Showcase 7:30pm
- Apr. 30 - Career Fair/Dress of Choice Day

### 8th Grade

We will be having our next 8th grade graduation committee meeting on Wednesday, March 17, in the elementary Spanish room starting at 3:05. Committee members please come ready to share your ideas for the colors, motto, and theme for graduation as well as think about a logo/design for the 8th grade t-shirt. If you are unable to attend but would like to help a committee, please let us know.



## SAC Notes

Your School Advisory Council (SAC) met on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

ACS DAC representative Cindy Heikes gave an update regarding the recent DAC conference. At the conference it was discussed that the number of charters in Douglas County may be great enough to warrant having their own feeder group. Also, SAC bylaws may need revisions to meet the specific needs of charter schools.

The Governing Board Academic Committee Chairman, Todd Warnke, gave an update as to decisions made at the recent Board of Education (BOE) meeting and what was discussed at the recent Colorado League of Charter Schools conference (CLCS). The BOE passed a motion to equalize mill levy override funds over a three year period, which brings additional levy funds to our school. The CLCS discussed changes to the current SAC bylaws due to changes in state law.

The two teacher representatives updated the SAC on progress being made with the current SIP goals. They shared the idea of disseminating SIP goal information to the teachers incrementally, in smaller achievable segments throughout the year, to help teachers accomplish the goals more systematically.

Dean Brown and Assistant Dean Peters gave the SAC an update on mid-year MAPs testing. They also went over school safety procedures in light of the recent school shooting incident at Deer Creek. Castle Rock Police officers visited the school this summer to go over school safety procedures to insure we are prepared for possible Deer Creek incidents. According to the Deans, MAPs testing for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students new to ACS indicated high growth. In addition, ACS is continuing to see significant improvement to student math scores from all grades. Saxon Math was introduced as a new curriculum during the 2008/2009 school year.

### IMPORTANT NOTE!!!:

If you are interested in participating in next year's SAC as a council member, please be sure to attend meetings or talk to any council member for more information. Also visit <http://www.academycharter.org/sac.html> for more information regarding the SAC. An application can be downloaded from there or are provided on our new bulletin board space in the front lobby. You can also access the SAC training videos on the Douglas County Website at <http://online.dcsdk12.org/moodle/course/view.php?id=221>. Applications need to be submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup>. New members will be voted in at the SAC's May meeting.

Robin Warnke  
ACS SAC Chairman

## Snacks Available in the School Cafeteria

After Spring Break, the Cafeteria manager will be selling snacks for cash only on Fridays for elementary students and every day for students in Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>).

The following items will be available:

Izze Drinks for \$1.25

Chocolate Chip or Sugar Cookies - \$.50

Sun Chips - \$.75

Cheetos - \$.75

Citrus Cyclone Fruit Bites - \$.50





## Race to Read

Race to Read® 2010 is Coming!

Reading is not a drag so start your engines! Academy Charter's second Race to Read® Reading Program is revving up! This six-week reading incentive program is designed to support at-home reading and will start Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and end Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. This program is organized and supported by Bandimere Speedway and has local sponsors. There are wonderful prizes and we are encouraging all students to participate, but it is optional. We also ask for honesty in completing the reading sheets. A kick off assembly is scheduled for this Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, around 9:15. We will have various styles of drag race cars there and the drivers will help explain how they use reading. In next week's Friday Folder, each student will receive his or her first reading sheet to complete and there will be for more information about Race to Read® on the back of that sheet. Grab a book!



## Art Show

It's time for the spring art shows again! Our first show will be at the Phillip S. Miller Library in March. The DCSD Charter School Show will have work from Academy Charter, Challenge to Excellence, Northstar Academy and American Academy. The show will run from March 12<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>, with the reception and "artwork checkout" on April 1<sup>st</sup> also. Students who have artwork selected will receive invitations for their families and be announced in the next specials newsletter.

The County Art shows are also coming up in April, Middle School runs April 9<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, and Elementary runs April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 23<sup>rd</sup>, both at the Park Meadows Mall. We will have student work entered in both shows, and I have hopes of some more "prize winners" this year. Come and visit all of the wonderful artwork from our kids!



## 8th Grade DVD Keepsake

A DVD keepsake complete with photographs and music themes is in the process of being created as a tribute to our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It will be shown at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony. If you would like pictures of your child to be included in the DVD, please email them to the address below. Be sure to include the following:

- **Student's full name**
- High quality digital images of the student (jpeg format)

**If your student has been with ACS since kindergarten it might be fun to include a "then and now" series of pictures. At least two pictures of each student will be included. Also, feel free to include pictures of your kids in sporting events. You may send as many as you like but be sure to prioritize them in case they can't all be used.**

Digital photographs can be submitted to [acs8thgradedvd@gmail.com](mailto:acs8thgradedvd@gmail.com). A confirmation email will be sent to you indicating that the pictures have been received. The deadline for photo submission is April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Copies of the completed DVD will be available for sale for a nominal price at the graduation. If you have any further questions, please contact Bryan Schaffer via email at [acs8thgradedvd@gmail.com](mailto:acs8thgradedvd@gmail.com)