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Dear Families and Friends of ACS,

Thank you for the delicious dinners that were provided for the staff during parent-teacher conferences. We enjoyed all the wonderful food you so generously donated. I would also like to thank you for your support of your students by attending their conferences.

Remember, Spring Break starts tomorrow-- Friday, which is different than the other District schools.

Race to Read begins next Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and students may begin reading their books. Please look for more information coming home in Friday folders today.

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

Sincerely,

Yvette Brown  
ACS Dean  
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Important Dates

- Mar. 19-26 - Spring Break
- Apr. 5-9 - Book Fair
- Apr. 7 - Governing Board Meeting 6pm
- April 8<sup>th</sup> - Grandparents Day
- April 9<sup>th</sup> - Spring Pictures
- Apr. 15 - Elem Talent Show 5:30 pm
- Apr. 19 - No School
- Apr. 20 - No Students/Teacher Inservice
- Apr. 22 - PTO/SAC Meeting 5pm
- Apr. 27 - K-2 Spring Program 6pm

*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



## Governing Board News

### Next Governing Board Meeting

- Working Session - Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the library.
- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the ACS Cafeteria

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](mailto:ACSWantsToKnow@AcademyCharter.Org)



Congratulations to Eric Bayman for representing ACS at the State Spelling Bee Championship!



Congratulations to Hunter Arnell!

He qualified for the State Geography Bee at DU on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Good Luck, Hunter!



ACS Artwork on display  
at Phillip S. Miller Library  
March 12<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>

## RACE TO READ 2010



Race to Read<sup>®</sup> is a six-week reading incentive program designed to support at-home reading. This starts Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and ends Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. This program is organized and supported by Bandimere Speedway (Morrison, Colorado) 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. Our kick off assembly was today and we had various styles of drag race cars there and the drivers helped explain how they use reading. In today's Friday Folder, each student will receive his or her first reading sheet to complete. On the back of that sheet is a Parent Information sheet. Reading done over the weekend will not count, because it begins on Monday! There will be a link on our homepage ([www.academycharter.org](http://www.academycharter.org)) with additional coloring sheets, information about "The Night of Fire and Thunder," a Parent Information Sheet, and I will add periodic updates and spotlight top readers. There will also be a bulletin board located outside of the elementary computer lab that will have some of this information. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Bigbey at [bigbeyj@academycharter.org](mailto:bigbeyj@academycharter.org). Happy Reading!





# Charter School Essay Contest

2010 Charter School Essay Contest

Sponsored by CollegeInvest

Tell us why your charter school "rocks" and you could win a scholarship from CollegeInvest!

Deadline for Entries is April 2, 2010

The Colorado League of Charter Schools and CollegeInvest are partnering up again to present the 2nd annual Charter School Essay Contest.

Encourage your charter school students to submit an essay telling us why their charter school "rocks" and they could win a \$250 or \$500 scholarship from CollegeInvest.

[Click here](#) to download an entry form and full rules and guidelines or visit

<https://www.coloradoleague.org/charterweek/essaycontest.php>.

Questions? Contact Stacy Rivera at [srivera@coloradoleague.org](mailto:srivera@coloradoleague.org) or Sarah Pearman at [spearman@coloradoleague.org](mailto:spearman@coloradoleague.org).

We look forward to hearing from Colorado charter school students about how their charter school is preparing them for their future.

## How it Works

There are three age categories. One winner from each age group will receive a scholarship award from CollegeInvest. Winning students will be honored at the Colorado State Capitol on Thursday, April 22, 2010, during the [Colorado Charter Schools Rally](#). During the event, winners will be presented with their scholarship prize by a representative from CollegeInvest and the Colorado League of Charter Schools, as well as a representative from the Colorado State Legislature (name of legislator to be announced).

## Age Categories / Submission Requirements

*Middle School (Grades 5-8) - Prize: \$250 in 529 Savings Account*

Middle School Students - tell us in 300-500 words why your charter school rocks. Tell us how your charter school has changed you as a student and how it has prepared you for high school, and college.

*Elementary School (Grades K-4) - Prize: \$250 in 529 Savings Account*

Elementary students - tell us in 100-400 words why your charter school rocks. Tell us about your favorite charter school teacher and how they are helping you prepare for your future.

## How to Enter

Please send completed entry form (with parent and/or teacher's signature) and essays by Friday, April 2, 2010, via mail, fax or email to: Colorado League of Charter Schools, Attn: Sarah Pearman, 725 S. Broadway, Suite 7, Denver, Colorado 80209 | Email: [spearman@coloradoleague.org](mailto:spearman@coloradoleague.org) | Fax: 303-984.9345

## Rules

1. High School and Middle School Essays must be typed. Elementary School Essays can be hand-written or typed, but must be legible.
  2. Only students currently attending a public charter school in Colorado are eligible to enter.
  3. Only one entry per student.
  4. Entries must be postmarked by April 2, 2010.
  5. Winning students must be willing/able to travel to the Colorado State Capitol for presentation of their award on Thursday, April 22, 2010.
  6. Entry forms must be signed by the student's teacher and/or parent/guardian.
  7. Essays will become the property of the Colorado League of Charter Schools, and may be used in marketing materials by the Colorado League of Charter Schools and/or CollegeInvest.
- Winners will be notified via a phone call to their teacher and/or parent/guardian at least two weeks prior to the rally so that they can make appropriate arrangements to attend the rally.

## *Lost And Found Overflowing*

Please check the Lost and Found in the hallway as we have collected many items of clothing and lunch boxes. All items will be given to charity during spring break



## *Eagle Water Bottles*

Everyone would like a casual day pass or homework pass...Buy a water bottle!

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are continuing to sell Eagle water bottles. For a limited time, they are filled with candy and you will also get your choice of a casual day pass (so you can untuck your shirt) or a homework pass! They are \$15, and you can buy them during carpool on Fridays, from the front office, or from Mrs. Arnell before and after school. Thank you for supporting the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC Trip!



### Academy Charter School

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**We're on the web!**

[Academycharter.org](http://Academycharter.org)



## 2010-2011 Academy Charter School Calendar

July							August							September						
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**KEY: :**

- No School/District Closed**  
~ Holidays
- No Students/School Closed**  
~ Fall Break - Oct 18-22, 2010  
~ Winter Break - Dec 20-30, 2010  
~ Spring Break - Mar 21-25, 2011  
- Oct. 15 and March 18 Teacher Comp Days

**SCHOOL IN SESSION**

- No Students/Teachers Only**  
Aug 6-11- Staff Development  
Sep 24- Professional Development  
  
Oct 8- Teacher work day  
Dec 17- Teacher work day  
  
Mar 11- Teacher work day  
  
April 18 Professional Development  
May 27- Teacher work day

denotes end of grading period

**Special Days**

- Aug. 30 Elem Testing Day
- Oct. 12-13 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Dec. 3 Elem Testing Day
- Mar. 15-16 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- April 4 Elem Testing Day
- May 26 1/2 day of school