Academy Charter School

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## Important Dates

- Apr. 5 - Elem Testing Day
- Apr. 5-9 - Book Fair
- Apr. 7 - Governing Board Meeting 6pm
- April 8th - Grandparents Day
- April 9th - 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

# Race to Read

Race to Read® is Underway! Here's an Update…

Race to Read officially started March 22nd. It will continue for 4 more weeks, until April 30th. Several students have already turned in Sheet 1 and are working on Sheet 2. We have had several students turn in Sheet 2 also! It's great to see kids so excited to read!

Check out the Race to Read website for our school. You can get to it by clicking the Race to Read link located under "Quick Links" on our homepage, clicking on the Race to Read label, bookmarking www.academycharter.org/racetoread.html , or by clicking here. On this website there are pictures from our Kick-off Assembly, links to the coloring sheets that you can print, and parent information about the program and The Night of Fire and Thunder.

Please remember these few things:

1. Fill out the sheets in order. In the upper left-hand corner of each sheet will be a box with the sheet number. The sheet after number 4 will have a place to write in the lap (for lap 5 and beyond).
2. Have your child turn in his/her sheet as he/she finishes it. They can bring their sheet to Mrs. Bigbey during morning or afternoon carpool (Room 126, with the Race to Read banner by the door), or turn it in to their teacher to receive their prizes. It is easier to keep track of where they are when they complete one sheet at a time.
3. Check out the bulletin board by the elementary computer room in the main hall to see what lap students are on, how many sheets from each class have been completed, and progress of the school. The hallways will also display all of the cars that have been colored.
4. The top reader from each grade will receive a Race to Read® T-shirt!
5. Classes with 100% participation will receive a free Dress of Choice Day!
6. Top classes will receive a pizza party!
7. If your child did not read, or was not read to, please do not sign the sheet. This program operates on the honor system.

Enjoy reading and remember to use the prizes! If you have any questions or comments, please email Mrs. Bigbey at bigbeyj@academycharter.org. We hope your students enjoy this program!

# PLEASE HELP!

We are missing a white and yellow FLIP video camera. It has been misplaced. If anyone has seen it please return it to Mr. Goody.

# Reminders!

Monday, April 5th, is an elementary (K-5) testing day only (they don't have regular classes) but a regular school day for students in 6th through 8th grade. The middle school students were granted a Dress of Choice Day on Monday!

# Spring Pictures on Friday, April 9th

Van Gogh School Photographers will be here next Friday from 9:00 – 12:45 to take spring pictures. Your student will be bringing home information today regarding the pictures. Students may wear street clothes to have their individual picture taken and you can select the background you want. All students will be photographed with their class at this time also (in their regular uniform clothes). If the weather is nice, we will have the group pictures taken outside. Since we had many complaints regarding our school pictures this fall, we are trying a new company and believe they will be much better.

If you desire to have a group class picture or individual spring pictures of your student, you must return the order form with your payment or credit card information enclosed. Should you have questions, please call Anne in the office.

# Volunteer Corner

We are racing into April! Please log your hours for me so I can recognize those who have achieved new volunteer levels. We will be honoring our volunteers on April 23rd with a special breakfast at 8:30. Please mark this on your calendars and let us treat you to a great breakfast as we truly do appreciate all you do for your school during the year.

Also, I would like to encourage you to continue to log hours even after you have completed your mandatory 20 hours. When we apply for grants and do various reports, it is always better for us as a school to report a large number of volunteer hours—every hour you log helps!

Mrs. Staley in the school library is still needing volunteers for the book fair next week. If you are able to help at any time next week, please talk to Sandy or email her at staleys@academycharter.org.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Easter.

Anne Belfrage
Volunteer Coordinator
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# Avalanche Tickets Available

The Douglas County Educational Foundation is sponsoring a Douglas County School District Appreciation Night with the Colorado Avalanche on April 11th. Tickets are priced at $45 for the lower level and $23 for the upper level. Tickets are limited and seating is on a first come, first served basis. Tickets can be ordered online at http://Schools.DCSDK12.org/DCEF. Click on the Colorado Avalanche Night link on the home page of the DCEF website to proceed to the ticket purchase page. The Los Angeles Kings will be playing the Avalanche on Sunday, April 11th at 1:00 p.m. Every ticket purchased will bring $5.00 to ACS!

# Governing Board News

ACS Spring Parent Survey Available Now!

- Last Date to take Survey is April 5th.
- We need your feedback!
- An 80% Participation Rate will give the students and staff a dress down day.
- Earn 1 hour of volunteer time!

Questions? Contact Cindy Hazlehurst @ Cindy-acs@Q.com

Next Governing Board Meeting
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 7th from 6pm to 8pm 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

State Geography Bee Next Week!
Good Luck to our
ACS representative, Hunter Arnell!

Charter School Artwork Show
Award Winners Announced

The Charter School Artwork Show was held at the Philip S. Miller Library from March 12th through April 1st. Each contestant was given a Certificate of Art Excellence by Ms. Huskins at a reception held in their honor last night. The artwork was judged by an art teacher from another charter school and ribbons were awarded for 1st through 3rd places and two honorable mentions. The following award winners will have their artwork on display at the district art show. Congratulations to all our art contestants!

1st Place – Emilie Krieger

2nd Place – Matt Hodgkins

3rd Place – Kaleb Davis

Honorable Mention – Taylor Knight

Honorable Mention – Emily Huskins

# PTO Corner

Box Tops

Congratulations to Daniel Bodiford! He is the March winner with 100 box tops!! Thank you to the following students who supported the box top fundraiser in March: Mikaela Berzins, Ethan Coyhis, Cameron Coyhis, Ava Lange, Mitch Bivona, Brianna Coyhis, Zachary Coyhis, Andrew Wojtkewicz, Casey Marsh, Eric Tschudy, John Tschudy, Rachel Russell, Hailey Midolo, Courtney Parks, Hannah Russell, McKinley Dirks, Morgan Parks, William Merrick, Taylor Knight, Erynn Hargrave, Gianna Spangler, Lucas Tokarski, Garrett Smith and Jasmine Joel.

The grade that submits the most box tops for April wins an Ice Cream Party! So, encourage your friends to cut box tops! Deadline is April 23rd!

Last PTO General Meeting of the Year!

- April 22nd @ 5 p.m. We will vote in the Dad's Club chairperson!

Social

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the parents that made the parent/ teacher conference dinners so wonderful for teachers and staff.

Learning Points Rewards Program!

Academy Charter School has just kicked off the Learning Point Rewards® program and we'd like your help! This program helps direct a percentage of your everyday purchases right back to our school.

Our students have been provided with Free Learning Point Rewards cards that are automatically tied to Academy Charter School (that's right, no selling!). We only ask that you simply present these cards or phone number alongside your normal day to day purchases at participating Learning Point Rewards merchants. These merchants are committed to donating a percentage of each of these purchases back to our school each month AND are awarding card holders with "points" that can be redeemed at www.LearningPointRewards.com for exciting prizes.

Please contact Jeannie Reddan, ACS- LPR Coordinator, at txreddan@msn.com with any questions.

Perpetual Ways to Support ACS!

*Box Tops *Campbell's Soup labels
*Papa John's Pizza *Wells Fargo (see attached)

# Eagle Water Bottles

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

The 8th 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 8th grade Washington DC Trip!

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