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## Race to Read

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

We are half way done as Race to Read wraps up its 3<sup>rd</sup> week! There are many readers who have completed lap 1 and some are on their way to laps 3 and 4. Remember, all coloring sheets are located on the website at [www.academycharter.org/racetoread.html](http://www.academycharter.org/racetoread.html) under the R2R links. If you are unable to print these coloring sheets from home, there may be extra sheets by the bulletin board, or ask Mrs. Bigbey. There are 4 different coloring sheets for the first 4 laps, then one blank sheets for each additional lap.

Your student will receive his or her prizes for the first 3 laps when he or she turns in the reading sheet, and at the end of the program your student will receive his or her prizes for the laps beyond the first three. The wristbands that will be used for the tickets to Night of Fire and Thunder will be passed out the week previous to the event. More details will be available towards the end of the program. Any comments or questions can be sent to [Mrs. Bigbey](#).

### The Race is on!! (\*\*\*) Leaders)

Updated 4/9/2010 –

- Sanders' Super Dooper Readeroos – 5 laps
- JZ's Zoomers – 16 laps \*\*\*
- Runyan's Rockin' Racecar Readers – 9 laps
- Team Pearson Racers – 11 laps
- Cambria's Cruisers – 13 laps \*\*\*
- Zimmerman's Mean Reading Machine – 9 laps
- Wheelie-Poppin' Weeber's – 5 laps
- Cook's Charging Challengers – 14 laps \*\*\*
- Mrs. Frederikson – 9 laps
- Super Sonic Solomon – 3 laps
- Mrs. Young –
- Martinelli's Marvelous Mustangs – 12 laps
- Beep Beep Larkins' Jeep – 2 laps
- Delimont's Deloreans – 6 laps
- Vroom Vroom Gauer's Room – 1 lap
- Vier's Vipers – 3 laps
- Blazin' Fast Bigbey's – 6 laps
- Kelly's Crazy Corvettes – 12 laps

Each lap represents 4 hours of reading for K-2 and 8 hours of reading for 3-5! Keep it up!

### Important Dates

- Apr. 15 - Elem Talent Show 5:30 pm
- Apr. 19 - No School
- Apr. 20 - No Students /Teacher In-service
- Apr. 22 - PTO/SAC Meeting 5pm
- Apr. 27 - K-2 Spring Program 6pm
- Apr. 30 - Career Fair. Dress of Choice Day
- May 4 - 3-5 Spring Program 5pm
- May 6 - MS Showcase 6:30

## MISSING!

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.



## Governing Board News



### ACS Spring Parent Survey Results Are In!

Thank you to ALL the families that participated in the spring survey. We exceeded our goal of an 80% participation rate.



82% Participation Rate!



Students & Staff will receive an additional Dress Down Day.



Please log 1 hour of volunteer time for taking the survey.



Survey Results are posted on the ACS Website <http://www.academycharter.org/govboard.html>

The Governing Board began our discussion on the survey results Wednesday night and will continue reviewing the results in the weeks to come. Some of the highlights are below. For complete summary results, go to the governing board webpage at <http://www.academycharter.org/govboard.html>

### Top Factors for Enrolling Your Student at ACS

Smaller Class Size  
Academics & Curriculum  
Uniform  
Environment (Safe, Family Oriented Environment & Quality Teachers)  
Traditional School Calendar

### Most Proud of at ACS:

Teachers  
Family Oriented Environment/Atmosphere  
Academic Progress of Students

### What can we do better?

Healthier lunches  
Explore Gifted and Talented Program Offerings  
Continue to Improve Communications Between ACS and Parents  
Homework Policy  
Carpool



### Next Governing Board Meeting

- Regular Meeting –Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the ACS Cafeteria
- Minutes from all meetings are posted on the governing board page of the ACS website.

<http://www.academycharter.org/govboard.html>

- 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)



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

## Volunteer Corner



Another month to celebrate all of our wonderful volunteers! The following families have completed 20 plus hours: Ampe, Bayman, Berzins, Bolen, Bodiford, Bottin, Cappella, Chrest, Cisneros, Connolly (Michael and Sara), Damrow, Dortch, Downing, Dunn, Gensler, Guth, Hedeem, Hicks, Hinton, Jack, Katial, Kullander, Lange, Larson, McKee, McVicar, Mekelburg, Morley, Nims, Novak, Patrick, Pore, Sanders, Spangler, Taylor, Thiessen, Trost, Walker (Lecia), Walker (Wade and Sheryl). Please continue to log your volunteer hours as they will count for our school total.

These families have logged 50 plus hours of volunteer time: Desormeaux, Ellis, Ford, Hodgkins, Parks, VonFeldt. We appreciate the contribution you are making to our school!

The following families have logged over 100 volunteer hours: Mitchell, Schilffarth, and Van Sicklin. Way to go! You are contributing to the success of our school and we appreciate your commitment.

Unfortunately there are still some families that have failed to log any volunteer time. Letters were sent out this week reminding parents of the signed contract committing to 20 hours of volunteer time. We have a couple of months and I am sure you can get your hours completed. Please contact me with questions or concerns regarding volunteering.

On a happier note, we will be having a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 8:30. Plan to drop your students and join us for a wonderful breakfast. If you need to grab and go, that is fine also.

I would also like to thank Victoria Richmond for helping out all morning with the student picture process—we couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks again for all your do—you are our Priceless Treasures!

Anne Belfrage  
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 Volunteer Coordinator

## ACS 3-5 Talent Show

The Talent Show is almost here! Information was sent home last week with talent show participants as well as sent by email to 3-5 parents. If your child is participating, please be sure to read ALL the information. We will have a rehearsal on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 and will be performing for the elementary students at this time. The show is Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30. Students in the show will need to be here and ready to go at 5:00. We welcome all ACS families to come see the show! We are so proud of our participants and thank the parents for encouraging your children to perform. It's such a great way to help their confidence grow! If you have any questions, please contact Beth [Midolo---midolob@academycharter.org](mailto:Midolo---midolob@academycharter.org).



## 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.



**Middle School Showcase: An Evening of Drama and Music**

**6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**ACS Gymnasium/Stage**

**Admission is Free!**

Come and see our talented 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they present *Twelfth Night*, *Prince and the Pauper*, *The Governess*, and *The Necklace* as well as some wonderful classical and contemporary music. Refreshments will be sold during intermission.

## *Avalanche Tickets Available*



The Douglas County Educational Foundation is sponsoring a Douglas County School District Appreciation Night with the Colorado Avalanche on April 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Every ticket purchased will bring \$5.00 to ACS!



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