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Volunteer Corner

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Spring is really here and we are almost through April! The opportunities to log volunteer hours continues for those of you who are needing them--

We are going to have a Spring Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. There is sand to move and also trimming shrubs. If you are able to help, please bring your wheelbarrow, shovels, gloves and trimmers if you have them.

Governing Board meeting on May 10th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SAC meeting April 22nd 6:00-8:00 p.m.

PTO Meeting (final) April 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

I do not like to do this, but it is my responsibility—

The following families have not logged any volunteer hours for this year: Anguiano, Cox, Craig, DeHeve, Diana, Douglas, Gentry, Helton, Keller, Lee(Ron and Lettie), Long, Mabeus, Merrick, Page, Polaschock, Ryland, Sellers, Silla, Solis, Stanford, Templeton, Wicklein and Wise. Please log any hours that you may have contributed and or take advantage of the opportunities listed above to complete your commitment to Academy Charter School.

Remember, we are having a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast next Friday, April 23rd, at 8:15 in the Cafeteria. We would like to treat you to a wonderful breakfast in appreciation of the large contribution you make to ACS—you are our priceless treasures!

Enjoy your weekend with your students.

Anne Belfrage
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Volunteer Coordinator

Important Dates

- 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

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.



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

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone that participated in this year's survey!



Please remember to log one hour of volunteer time.

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

Next Governing Board Meeting is Monday, May 10th from 6pm to 8pm 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.

	<p>ACS SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY Saturday, April 24th from 9am to Noon</p> <p>Thanks to a very generous donation, ACS just received a delivery of sand and we need parent volunteers to help move it. We will also need to trim the shrubs.</p> <p><i>Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves and trimmers to trim the shrubs.</i></p> <p>RSVP: Cindy Hazlehurst @ Cindy-ACS@Q.COM</p>	
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ACSWantsToKnow@AcademyCharter.Org

<p>Thank you, Hunter Arnell For Representing ACS at the State Geography Bee! We are so proud of you!</p>	
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	<p>ACS Students are doing their part for Earth Day.</p> <p>Hailey Cambria, Lauren James, Hope Larson, Claire O'Shea, Jenna Trost, Cassie Unruh, and Emily Van Sicklin have an idea on how to help the environment. See their proposal below.</p>
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Help Make Academy Charter School an Idle Free Zone for carpool

Hailey Cambria, Lauren James, Hope Larson, Claire O'Shea, Jenna Trost, Cassie Unruh, and Emily Van Sicklin are members of Girl Scout Troop 2847 and they are working on their environmental badge. One of their projects is to help the environment by educating parents on the problems with idling their cars while waiting for carpool to begin. Some parents arrive 30+ minutes before carpool starts and leave their cars running the entire time. The Girl Scouts want to improve the health of all students and families, plus reduce the resulting air pollution by requesting that all parents turn off their cars before carpool starts.

Idling your car:

Wastes your money –Turn off your car if you will be idling for more than 10 seconds to save \$.

Damages your car - Idling causes incomplete combustion which can damage engine components.

Creates air pollution - Nitrogen oxide, particulate matter, carbon monoxide and volatile organic compounds are the main health-harming pollutants in vehicle emissions. Diesel engines emit more than 40 hazardous air pollutants.

Contributes to global warming - For every 10 minutes your engine is off, you'll prevent one pound of carbon dioxide from being released (carbon dioxide is the primary contributor to global warming).

Causes health problems – asthma, cancer, heart disease, and chronic bronchitis.

What can you do?

Turn off your engine if you arrive before carpool starts.

Park your car and walk in to pick up your kids. Save more time and money, plus get some exercise too!

Thank you!



Middle School Showcase: An Evening of Drama and Music

6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6th

ACS Gymnasium/Stage

Admission is Free!

Come and see our talented 7th and 8th 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.

Race to Read

Race to Read – Week 4 Update

There are just two weeks remaining for students to read for prizes for this program. All sheets need to be turned in to Mrs. Bigbey (room 126) by the end of the day on Friday, April 30th.

With the completion of the 3rd sheet, students will receive their prizes, but they will not receive their ticket and complementary adult ticket for “The Night of Fire and Thunder” until the week of May 10th. Prizes for additional laps will also be handed out that week.

Information and additional coloring sheets are available on the ACS Race to Read website at www.academycharter.org/racetoread.html. If you have any comments and questions, feel free to email Mrs. Bigbey at bigbeyj@academycharter.org. With a four-day weekend, I'm sure you'll have lots of time to read! Remember, any reading you do outside of school will count towards completion of your laps!



PTO Corner

SOCIAL

A big Thank you to all 1st grade parents that lent a helping hand for the First Grade hosted breakfast.

Mary Dunn, Amy Lee, Shannon Lopez, Mindy Morley, Deb Colgin, Kim Maez, Tara Novak, Leah Schagel, Jill Hanger, Suzie Romero, Michaela Gauer, Tina Rolle, Deanna Schmidt Erin Smith, Susan Gadeken, Jeannie Reddan.

A HUGE THANK YOU for your generous heart in hosting and cleaning up this breakfast!

DAD'S CLUB

If any dads are interested in being a part of the new Dad's Club, please contact Misty O'Leary at jimandmisty@comcast.net. Dennis Desormeaux has thrown his hat in the ring to head up this new club. Official elections will be held at the April meeting.

FINAL PTO GENERAL MEETING

The last PTO meeting will be on April 22nd at 5:00 p.m. We will vote in the Dad's Club leader.

FUNDRAISING

Uniform Sale

If you're doing spring cleaning and cleaning out closets, please donate your uniforms to ACS! You can bring them to the front office until May 14th. All proceeds will go to the school.

Field Day

Field day will be on May 19th, and we are looking for volunteers to help run concession stands. If you are interested, please contact Allyson Ford at allyson4d@hotmail.com Please send money with your students. We will be selling cotton candy, snow cones, water, jamba juice smoothies, coffee, muffins and granola bars.

Learning Points Rewards

Have you used your LPR card yet?... In the last couple of weeks our school has launched the Learning Point Rewards program. Every student received a FREE LPR card to register. A portion of every dollar you spend will go back to our school. Once you register your card you can use it when you shop at places like LePeep, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Dazbog Coffee, Burger King and even Grease Monkey and many others. You can also use it when you make online purchases at places like Orbitz, Wal-Mart, Office Depot and Disney etc...Is there anyone you know right now who might be buying or selling a home? If so, it could mean hundreds or even thousands of dollars to our school! Make sure to tell them about Learning Point Rewards. Learning Point Rewards is partnered with a network of real estate professionals, making it possible for schools to earn big money and for card holders to earn big points as well!

To find out more about how Real Estate works with the Learning Point Rewards program go to HYPERLINK "<http://www.learningpointrewards.com>" www.learningpointrewards.com

PERPETUAL WAYS TO SUPPORT PTO

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.

Wells Fargo Bank will donate \$300 to ACS for every new home purchase or refinance, when ACS-PTO is mentioned. Please see attachment for more details.

Thank you for your support!

SAC News

Your next School Advisory Council (SAC) regular meeting will be held on Thursday, April 22nd, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This will be right after the PTO general meeting from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. This is a great way to attend two meetings at one time!

We will be hearing from our Deans regarding next year's School Improvement Goals before they submit them for approval to the Governing Board. We will also be discussing the results of the most recent parent survey. Our Governing Board representative will update the SAC on what progress to next year's new academic vision. The candidates for the two open SAC positions will be attending to ask questions about the role of the SAC.



If you are interested in learning more about what the SAC does for our school and ACS academics, please feel free to attend meetings or talk to any council member for more information. Also visit <http://www.academycharter.org/sac.html> for more information or visit <http://online.dcsdk12.org/moodle/course/view.php?id=221> to access the SAC training videos.

We have an open forum at the end of each meeting for parents to ask general academic questions or to share general academic concerns.

Attendees include Dean Brown, Assistant Dean Peters, our Governing Board Academic Committee Chairman, 2 teacher representatives, a PTO representative, a community member, 3 parent members and YOU!!!

We will be providing free babysitting. Please contact Robin Warnke at robin@lynxnetsecure.com if you plan to bring your children.

See you there!
Robin Warnke
ACS SAC Chairman

8th grade Graduation committee members



Don't forget the 8th grade Graduation Committee meeting will be held next Friday, April 23rd, at 3:05 in conference room. We will be voting on the t-shirt designs as well as communicating regarding each committees updates as to their progress on getting things ready for the big event! See you then!



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