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Dear Families and Friends of ACS,

Colorado weather can be crazy and ever changing...70 degrees one day and snowing the next!

Our students are finishing up their MAPs testing and the teachers are looking at student data that ensures their growth. CSAP scores for our 3rd grade students will be coming out soon. Jed Bowman will be once again coming to ACS on May 5 at 6 p.m. to explain CSAP scores and the Colorado Growth Model. If you would like more information and a better understanding of CSAP, please join us in the cafeteria!



Our Battle of the Books Competition is finishing up and both of our teams have done great! The 3rd/4th grade team missed going to the finals by 10 points. Our 5th/6th grade team placed 1st place and started the final competitions. They won their first Quarterfinals battle on Thursday and will progress to the Semifinals next week! Congratulations to our 5th/6th grade team!

Our girls' soccer team won this week and have been doing fantastic in their new uniforms. Their uniforms were donated by a philanthropist in our community who doesn't even have children at our school! He also donated our Track and Field sweat suits! Our Track and Field teams are also doing great! Our 8th grade boys received 1st place at their last meet! We have had quite the athletic bunch of kids this year!



The K-2nd grade Spring Program was wonderful and a delight to watch. The students did a wonderful job singing their songs and playing instruments. The 3rd-5th grade Spring Program is next Tuesday. I hope you can join us to watch the kids perform the Tongue-cut Sparrow performance. Our Middle Schoolers will also be performing in the Twelfth Night and the Prince and the Pauper on May 6. Our students have been practicing hard and are ready to show you what they have created!



Remember that on Tuesday, we will be practicing a change to our carpool. Please look at the maps of the carpool changes on our front doors, walls, and in emails. We hope you will familiarize yourself for these changes and be patient while we work out some of the kinks. Our hope is to make our carpool quicker and more efficient!



The end of the school year is fast approaching! I can't believe it's almost over. Thank you for your continued support of our staff. Hope the weekend weather is good!


Sincerely,
Yvette Brown
ACS Dean
brownny@academycharter.org

Important Dates

- May 4 - 3-5 Spring Program 6 pm
- May 5 - SAC Meeting 6 pm
- May 6 - MS Showcase 6:30
- May 6-7 - Flower Sale in Library
- May 10 - Governing Board Meeting 6 pm
- May 12 - 6th Grade Hexathlon
- May 13 - Band/Orchestra Concert 6pm
- May 19 - Field Day
- May 20 - PTO Meeting 4 pm

Governing Board News

- Next Regular Governing Board Meeting is Monday, May 10th 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.
- Minutes from all meetings are posted on the governing board page of the ACS website.
<http://www.academycharter.org/govboard.html>

	<p style="text-align: center;">***** NEW DATE *****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACS SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH Meet on playground at 4 p.m.</p> <p>We're going to try again and hopefully the weather will cooperate with us. If you can help, please meet Mrs. Parks on the playground at 4 p.m. We'll keep working until the mound of sand has been completely moved. If you can't make it at 4 p.m., please join us as soon as you can.</p> <p><i>Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, and gloves.</i></p> <p>RSVP: Cindy Hazlehurst @ Cindy-ACS@O.COM</p>
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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.

Volunteer Corner

We had a wonderful Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast last Friday even though the weather was not very cooperative! If you didn't have a chance to come to the breakfast, please pick up your volunteer gift at the office counter—I would like all of our wonderful parent volunteers to receive one of these small coin purses.

I would like to recognize the following families for contributing over 200 hours of volunteer time: **Arnell, Knight, Warnke and Watson**. Thanks for your special commitment to ACS! These families have contributed over 100 hours of volunteer time: **Coyhis, Johnson (Sara), Mitchell, Murphy, O'Leary, Schilffarth and Van Sicklin**. We appreciate your generosity to ACS!

Unfortunately we still have some parents with no hours posted. The following families have not contributed any hours to ACS (or perhaps they have forgotten to log them): Anguiano, Cox, Craig, DeHeve, Diana, Douglas, Helton, Keller, Long, Mabeus, Page, Polashock, Ryland, Silla, Stanford, Wicklein and Wise.

Please note, there are still opportunities to volunteer--

We will be having a parent work time on May 5th to move sand on the field. If you can help, please meet on the playground at 4:00 p.m. and bring a wheel barrow, shovel and gloves if possible.

Governing Board Meeting on May 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Field Day help on May 19th selling snacks—please contact Allyson Ford at allyson4d@hotmail.com.

PTO Meeting on May 20th at 5:00 p.m.

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

Anne Belfrage
Office Manager/Registrar
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PTO Corner

BOX TOPS

Sarah Traxler won the April box top competition. This month was a close race, however, Sarah won an ice cream party for her entire 5th Grade!

Thank you to the following students who participated in this month's competition: Emily Moore, Brock Hardison, Katy Farmer, Gabe Martinez, Grace Wise, Daniel Smith, Christian Beh, Hailey Midolo, Reed, Jonah Smith, Holly Sidney, Austin Hazlehurst, Noah Smith, Lindsey Moore, Paityn Hardison, Brooke Moore, Gianna Spangler, Ella Davis, Evan Kayton, Tanner Reddan, Brenna Smith, Ashley Smith, Tessa Smith, Owen Kayton, Sam Cook, Abigail Justus, Naomi Porras, Casey Marsh, McKinley Dirks and Faith.

Please remember, if the expiration date is not included with the box top, your box top is not included in the count. Campbell's soup labels have their own receptacle and if you do not place your contributions in the right place, your school might not get credit for your hard work. We still receive a lot of bags of box tops with no name. Obviously, the student cannot receive credit or recognition if we don't know who you are.

The May winner will earn a dress down day for their entire classroom! Deadline is May 14th!!

PTO BY-LAWS

Please review the PTO By-Laws on the ACS website. Amended By-Laws, removing the 8th Grade Trip from the PTO, will be voted at the final PTO Meeting on May 20th at 5 p.m.

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. If you would like to volunteer to help sell uniforms, please contact Allyson Ford at allyson4d@hotmail.com.

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 on the 19th. We will be selling cotton candy, snow cones, water, jamba juice smoothies, coffee, muffins and granola bars.

LEARNING POINTS REWARDS

Are you a real estate agent or do you know someone who is? ACS is looking for a school specialist for our Learning Point Rewards program that was just launched a couple of weeks ago. The LPR schools specialist would help those families who would like to sell or buy real estate through the LPR program exclusively with ACS. Please contact Les Krieger at 303-903-1000.

VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

Due to a conflict in her schedule, we are sad to announce Emily Ragan will not be able to continue her PTO position next year. If you are interested in serving on the PTO Board as VP of Communications, please contact Misty O'Leary at 303-688-6631 or jimandmisty@comcast.net for more information.

The position would be "interim" for next year, but then could run again in 2011 for a full two year term for VP of Communications, or another PTO position. This is a voting position. Remember, the district requires us to have a complete PTO Board!

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 School Advisory Council (SAC) met on Thursday, April 22nd, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.

Cynthia Heikes, our community representative, discussed the results of the academic portion of the most recent parent survey:

95% of parents surveyed were satisfied with the school's efforts to achieve academic excellence.

90% of parents surveyed felt they were provided with enough information to understand their student(s) academic progress.

Parents felt their student(s) Exceeds/Meets in the academic subjects as follows:

Math	94%	
1Writing	89%	1Current School Improvement plan goal
Reading	89%	
2Science	93%	2 2010/2011 School Improvement plan goal
Social Studies	96%	

91% of parents of alumni felt their student(s) was prepared academically. Many alumni were in AP classes.

50% of parents surveyed gave an accurate definition of Core Knowledge. The definition is:

The "Core Knowledge" movement is an educational reform based on the premise that a grade-by-grade core of common learning is necessary to ensure a sound and fair education. For the sake of academic excellence, greater fairness, and higher literacy, schools should provide a solid, specific, shared core curriculum in order to help children establish strong foundations of knowledge. The Core Knowledge curriculum states explicitly what students should learn at each grade level.

67% of parents surveyed were aware of the reasons science is being considered as one of the next academic School Improvement Goals. Reasons are:

Outdated curriculum and student performance improvement

88% of parents surveyed felt their student(s) received work at his/her appropriate level of challenge.

Todd Warnke, the GB academic committee chairman, gave the SAC an update regarding the progress of creating the school's new academic vision. If you want to know more, contact Todd Warnke @ todd@lynxnetsecure.com for the date of the next academic committee meeting.

The Dean discussed progress on next year's School Improvement Plan and felt able to provide a close to completed plan to the SAC in July.

IMPORTANT NOTE!!!:

Jed Bowman will be attending our next SAC meeting - May 5th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In addition to assisting the SAC on data interpretation, he will be here to explain the changes in student performance measurements to The Growth Model and how it will affect future test scores. He will also discuss how parents can successfully interpret their student's CSAP scores. This is open to all parents and will be held in the cafeteria.

Robin Warnke
ACS SAC Chairman

Upcoming 8th Grade Graduation Fundraisers

- Next Friday, May 7th, students have the opportunity to have an extra dress down day. Students who dress down are encouraged to bring in a suggested donation of \$2.00. Collection tins will be available in all home-rooms. Proceeds from the donation will go to our 8th grade graduation ceremony.
- On Friday, May 14th, students are encouraged to **bring a "buck" and wear their favorite hat** to help raise funds for our upcoming 8th grade graduation. Collection tins will be available in all homerooms. We appreciate your support of the class of 2010 as your student will sometime become an 8th grader!





Race to Read

Race to Read® ends today. Great job to all the readers who participated this year! Next week the final results will be posted with top readers, classroom participation, laps completed, hours read, and updated information for “The Night of Fire and Thunder,” which will be on Saturday, May 15th.

Final prizes will be picked up next week and delivered to your child’s teacher the week of May 10th. Included will be the wrist bands that will serve as the tickets to Bandimere’s “Night of Fire and Thunder” presented by Napa Auto Parts.

Attached is a list of people who sponsored Race to Read®. It would be wonderful, if your child participated, to have them write a thank you to at least one of the sponsors. Please return it to me (or email a note of thanks) and I will send it as a group. It would also be nice to drop a note to our PTO, who provided funds for the program, so they know that it is valuable to ACS and would be more inclined to continue it in the future. If you have any comments or suggestions, I would love to hear them. I would also like to hear any successes or stories about your reader! Drop me a note or [email](#) me. We appreciate any feedback about this program.

Again, thank you for the participation in this 2nd year of this reading incentive program. Hopefully, we’ll see you at the speedway on May 15th!

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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.

Elitch Gardens Event

The Douglas County Educational Foundation (DCEF) is excited to announce the 7th Annual [Douglas County School District Community Night at Elitch Gardens!](#) The DCEF will once again be sponsoring an event for DCSD to enjoy an exciting night of rides, games and attractions on [Friday, May 14th from 5-11PM](#). Tickets will be **\$20** (save over 50% per ticket, regular admission is \$40.99). As a special incentive, Elitch Gardens and the DCEF will be donating \$3 of each ticket sold directly to your school to help "Fill the Gap"! Additionally, a **\$10 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT** picnic meal will be served from 5:30-8:30PM and **\$1** of each pre-purchased meal ticket sold will be given back to your school.

Tickets may be purchased in the school office.





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.

MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE !!!

ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL LIBRARY



We are having our second annual Mother's Day Plant Sale!!
Please come!! There will be a variety of plants for your selection.
All proceeds go towards the library.

MAY 5-7

TIME: 8:00-4:30



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Increased 2010/2011 Enrollment Demands New Carpool Pattern

Additional Carpool traffic is expected for the 2010/2011 school year. To lessen those impacts, ACS has developed a plan to further improve Carpool. See the following Quick Reference Guide regarding a new Carpool Pattern that will begin on:

Tuesday, May 4, 2010



Thank you for your patience and cooperation!



April 23, 2010

New Carpool Pattern Quick Reference Guide

Figure 1: New Carpool Pattern (afternoon pick-up example shown)



Legend

-  Vehicle waiting to pick up their student.
-  Vehicle with student(s) in vehicle, now proceeding to exit Carpool.
- 1** Staff will control pedestrian and vehicle traffic at this crosswalk.
- 2** Staff will control vehicle traffic here. (Afternoon Carpool only)
- 3** Students that need to access the 'new' carpool area will cross here (NO VEHICLES ALLOWED HERE).
- 4** New "End of Carpool".
- 5** Staff will control traffic here. (Afternoon Carpool only)

Notes:

1. Pedestrians, use the sidewalk when walking north of the crosswalk.
2. Parking in the stalls generally located between **1** & **2** will be reserved for ACS Staff only. The primary purpose is to eliminate the problems of vehicles backing out during Carpool.



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