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## Governing Board News

The school year is going by quickly and so much has already been accomplished thanks to your help. We hope you all will take time to relax and enjoy some quiet time surrounded by those you hold most dear.

Happy Holidays,  
Clayton Watson, Cindy Hazlehurst, Todd Warnke, Cari Gillespie, Chad Mitchell, Scot Brooks, and Steve Schilffarth

### Governing Board Meeting Recap:

1. Through incredible pricing from Chris Damrow and Tony Durbin (parents at ACS) we were able to install a card key entry system for the staff to access the building and their classrooms after hours. The system and work was completed through the Capital Construction account and has no affect on the operational funding of ACS.

2. Through the many hours of involvement, planning and execution by Scot Brooks (Governing Board member), ACS recently completed a drainage project along the north elevation of the building to mitigate water infiltration to the building in the lower level elementary classrooms. Over the prior couple years, this infiltration resulted in mold issues in several of the elementary classrooms that was mitigated and reconstructed prior to the beginning of the current school year. The mitigation work was completed in late July and early August prior to the 1st day of school.

3. The Governing Board and administration continue to work toward the addition of more parking spaces to serve our ACS families. The new parking will be located at the east elevation of the turf field and the southeasterly portion of the existing parking area. The planning and approval process with the Town of Castle Rock is nearing completion at which time it will strictly be an issue of funding. The Governing Board is committed to not taking on debt for the project and relying on existing capital construction funds and funds anticipated over the next couple years. As soon as money is available and practicable, the work will commence that will add approximately 175 parking spaces to our campus.

4. The 2010 Fall Parent Survey has been finalized and results will be posted to the website upon our return to school in January. A working session has been scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. to discuss the survey results in detail. All parents are welcome to attend.

### Upcoming Meetings:

All Governing Board meetings are open to the public and minutes from the meeting are posted on the ACS Website.

- Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm – Working Session
- Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm – General Session

### Important Dates

- Dec. 17 - Teacher Work Day / No Students
- Dec. 17 - Jan. 2 –Winter Break
- Dec. 18 - Report Cards Available
- Dec. 17- Jan. 2 - Winter Break
- Jan. 3 - Welcome Back! First Day Third Quarter
- Jan. 8 - Harlem Wizard Game at CVHS
- Jan. 10 - GB Meeting 6:00pm
- Jan. 14 - MS Dance 6-8:30pm
- Jan. 17 - No School

## Dean Brown

Dear ACS Families and Friends,



Thank you for all of your help with our parties and the gifts for our staff. Your generosity is much appreciated and we could not have such fun parties without your help.

This week we had our mascot tryouts! Our Student Council Board members were our judges and they graded each of our applicants on Spirit, Enthusiasm, and Showmanship. All of our applicants did a great job and our judges had a hard time deciding who to pick but a decision was made. The identity of our mascot is a secret! Our eagle made its debut on Tuesday of this week and will continue to come to all of our home games. The elementary students decided on the eagle's name which is Soarin!



Our Apple Award winner was also decided this week. **Sandy Kelly** will represent Academy Charter School! Congratulations, Mrs. Kelly!

We hope you have a wonderful break, a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a fantastic New Year! See you next year!

Warmly,

Yvette Brown

ACS Dean

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## PTO Corner

Happy Holidays to the Teachers and Staff!!

ACS teachers and staff will enjoy a chocolate fountain on Friday, to thank them for a wonderful first half of the school year, and help kick-start their Holiday Season. Thank you to Kelly Guns for organizing this fun event for our wonderful teachers and staff.

Kidz Korner Holiday Shoppe

Thank you to the parents and students for supporting the Holiday Shoppe. The PTO had a great response and the kids seemed to enjoy browsing through the items and making some purchases for family and friends.

As usual, the PTO cannot be successful without the many wonderful parents and staff volunteering for these events. A special thanks to Brenda Knight, Sara Shriver and Dawn Pankonien for helping set up. Thank you to the following parents for volunteering as Santa's Helpers: Julie Harkin, Troy Terranova, Lori Parfitt, Denise Wilkins, Kristy Matsalla, Sheryl Walker, Diana Lange, Connie Holden, Bonnie Buckley, Jillian Moster, Karen Davis, Robin Warnke, Stacey Osgood, Amy Lee, Sharon Tschudy, Emily Ragan, Deb VanSicklin, Jeannie Reddan, Allyson Ford and Susan Trost. For those accidentally left off this list, you know who you are and we so appreciate your help!

Fundraising

The 80's dance is around the corner and each class will start working on an auction item or basket to auction off at the dance after the holiday break. Look for details from your classroom coordinator.

The St. John Family has won the auction for the Air Hockey Table for \$250. All proceeds will go directly to the PTO for our goals. Thank you to the generous Tina Cooper Family for donating this item!

## Denver Nuggets Community Night



The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Douglas County School District Denver Nuggets Community Night will be Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. The Denver Nuggets will be playing the Cleveland Cavaliers. Tickets are \$15.00 each and may be ordered online at <http://schools.dcsdk12.org/dcef>. ACS will receive \$4 from each ticket purchased, so it is a fundraiser for our school also.

Let's support our team and enjoy a night out with the family!

## Burger King Receipts = Money for ACS

Please save your Castle Rock Burger King receipts and turn them into the office. The kind owners of Burger King will return 10% of the sales receipts back to Academy Charter School. Start saving those receipts and turn them into the office!

Thanks for supporting ACS this way.



### Academy Charter School

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We're on the web!

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



Cougars' mission is to give kids a chance to learn and play the exciting sport of lacrosse. We emphasize teaching players proper fundamentals along with good sportsmanship and teamwork.

## 2011 Spring Lacrosse Registration is Open!

Be a part of the fastest game on two feet!

Girls and Boys can register now at:

[www.cougarslax.com](http://www.cougarslax.com)

Discounted registration fees until  
January 15<sup>th</sup>

First 250 to register will receive a FREE ticket to the Colorado Mammoth Indoor Lacrosse game against the Philadelphia Wings on Saturday, January 22 at 7 PM at the Pepsi Center



***Attention 2011-2012 Incoming TRHS  
Students and Parents . . .***

You are cordially invited to attend our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night!

**PLEASE JOIN US ON  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13TH  
FROM 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.  
THUNDERRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

This evening will cover course registration, transitioning to high school, academic expectations, timelines, extra-curricular activities, interventions and much more.

**Don't miss this essential informational session  
planned especially for you.**

For more information go to the TRHS website or call 303/387-2205.

**8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT**

# Spotlight on Chaparral



Wednesday, January 19, 2011  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Chaparral High School Main Gym

An important opportunity for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents to learn about academics, athletics, and activities offered at Chaparral High School.

**\*Parents of students interested in taking Honors or Advanced Placement classes:** Please meet in the Theater at 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

