

# ACS E-NEWS



Academy Charter School January 20, 2012

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## Governing Board News

### The State of ACS – January 2012

Good People of ACS,

The Governing Board wants to take this opportunity to provide the ACS community with the "State of ACS" which we provide each year around this time. I want to focus primarily on the finances of ACS as educational funding has been a widely discussed topic within Colorado this year and rightfully so.

You likely know the results of the November election to increase funding for education at the state and district levels did not pass. These results will keep a tight strain on K-12 funding state wide and within Douglas County. I want to assure you that ACS is in good financial standing due to the business practices we have followed over the past several years and the planning efforts of our administration and business manager. That being said, we anticipate ACS will continue to see decreases in operating revenue due to state reductions in educational funding. I want you all to be aware that the Governing Board will be considering ways to reduce our costs or increase our revenue stream in the coming months.

Some tough decisions will have to be made and I can assure you that they will not be determined lightly. So everyone is aware, increasing K-5 grade class sizes from 22 to 24 (6-8 grades are already at 24) will be a consideration. The Governing Board will take the steps deemed necessary for ensuring the continued success of ACS while keeping a rigorous learning environment for our children. Please take the opportunity to attend Governing Board meetings on the second Monday of each month in the ACS cafeteria at 6 p.m. to voice any ideas moving forward. We all want the best for our children and ACS so I have no doubt that we can prosper through these challenging economic times.

I will close by thanking each of you and our outstanding PTO for the fundraising efforts that have been put forth so far this year. You have been able to raise a tremendous amount for ACS this year and it is very much appreciated. Thank you for all of your efforts and your continued support of ACS.

Yours Truly,

Paul Hardison  
ACS Governing Board President

### Next Governing Board Meetings:

Monday, February 13, 2012

5:00 pm – Working Session – Review Staff Survey Results

6:00 pm – General Session – ACS Cafeteria

## Important dates:

- Jan 24 - PTO Meeting 4-5 pm
- Jan. 27 - Dress Of Choice Day
- Jan. 27 - Spelling Bee 4-5 pm
- Jan. 30 - Dominos Pizza Night
- Feb. 13 - Governing Board Meeting 6 pm
- Feb. 14 & 15 - 3rd Grade CSAP
- Feb. 17 - No Students
- Feb. 20 - No School

## PTO Corner

### You're Invited...

...to the PTO general meeting next **Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m.** Please join us to learn about upcoming PTO activities and offer your suggestions.



### Western Dance, February 24<sup>th</sup>



**Pre-sales** for tickets **begin the last week of January.** Look for the ticket table during afternoon Carpool.

- **Bring your stuffed animals** to donate to the Animal Walk at the dance. Box will be in the Lobby.
- **Silent Auction Items Needed!** If you would like to donate anything, please contact [Shaw-naspokes@msn.com](mailto:Shaw-naspokes@msn.com).
- **Need Volunteer Hours?** We still need volunteers for the dance. If interested, contact Kelli at [k.wojtkewicz@acs-pt.org](mailto:k.wojtkewicz@acs-pt.org).

### Fundraising

**Haircuts are still available from Aspen Grove Salon!** Get a **FREE ladies hair cut** and raise \$\$\$ for ACS. The first 100 people to schedule an appointment at Aspen Grove will receive a free haircut (\$48 value) from an experienced stylist, in exchange for a \$20 donation to ACS.

1. Schedule an appointment for a haircut directly with Aspen Grove, 303-663-4772.
2. Print out the attached flyer ([click here](#)) and bring it along with a \$20 check made payable to ACS.

**Hurry, this fundraising opportunity expires on January 31, 2012!**

### King Soopers Cards Again?!?!?!?

Yes, we're still talking about King Soopers Reloadable Cards. They are simply the easiest way to raise money for ACS. **We could raise up to \$24,000** additional each year by using this convenient, easy card. Get yours at ACS Front Desk today!



### Dates to Remember

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup>** – PTO Working Meeting @ **4pm**/General Meeting @ **5pm**

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, and Mar 16<sup>th</sup>** – PTO Paid Dress Down Days

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup>** – Western Fund Raising Dance



Paypal Direct Donations – Land's End: **900054636** – French Toast: **QS46E87** – DIRECTV: **B4RNS**

### Thank You to ACS Families

Once again, ACS staff would like to thank the Parents and PTO for wrapping presents and cooking dinners for their families during the holidays. Here are a few more "Thank You" notes from our incredible staff and faculty.

ACS Families -  
 During such a hectic time of year, you still found time and energy to show appreciation to us teachers and staff. Thank you for the wonderful dinners and present wrapping that was provided. They were thoughtful and considerate gestures that I really appreciate.  
 Thank you so much!  
 Jenny Bigley  
 4th grade

On behalf of my family and me, thank you so much for the delicious meal you provided for us on December 13<sup>th</sup>. It was so nice to sit and enjoy visiting with my family while dinner was in the oven. I am so thankful for all of you who contributed to this lovely meal.  
 God Bless,  
 JoEllen Solito

PTO -  
 Thank you so much for the dinner and gift wrapping. I really appreciated it. It made the last week of school less stressful for me and it was such a blessing! Please thank all who were involved in the organization and implementation of these acts of kindness and service. Thanks again!  
 Sandy Kelly 😊

Dear ACS Families,  
 Thank you so much for the delicious meal and gifts you gave me in December. You are always so thoughtful and generous! It is a pleasure to work with you.  
 Anne Bulfroze

PTO -  
 Thank you for organizing the dinners and wrapping before the holidays. What great ideas! I loved the dinner and the timing was very nice. Thanks again for thinking of us, especially during this busy time!  
 Jenny Bigley  
 4th grade

Dear wonderful ACS families,  
 Thank you so much for the fabulous dinners you prepared and all the time & effort you put in to bless us & our families. What a treat it was! My family and I enjoyed everything so much!  
 Vicki Knapp

## DENNIS PROMOTIONS CALENDAR for 2012 and 2013

### Ongoing through May 2012 DENNIS Advantage Card Savings

Earn fifteen \$10 stamps on your DENNIS advantage card and save \$10 on your next in-store only purchase.

### January 2012 - New Year's Savings

10% savings on all purchases & orders. . . phone, mail, internet and in-store.

### February 13-20, 2012 - Valentine Special

Buy 3 pair of pants or shorts and see 20% savings. . . phone, mail, internet orders and in-store purchases.

### March 2012 - Double Punch Month

Earn 2 stamps for every \$10 purchase on your DENNIS Advantage Card in-store purchase only.

### March 2012 - Internet Special

Free shipping on all orders. . . phone, mail and internet.

### June 10-July 10, 2012 - Early Bird Savings

10% savings on all purchases & orders. . . phone, mail, internet and in-store.

### October 2012 through May 2013 DENNIS Advantage Card Savings

Earn fifteen \$10 stamps on your DENNIS advantage card and save \$10 on your next in-store only purchase.

### November 5-19, 2012 - Academic 101: Pick a polo

Spend \$101 and pick out any polo for free . . . phone, mail, internet orders and in-store purchases.

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