



# ACACIA An Arizona A+++ School of Excellence ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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**Acacia's Mission:** The mission of Acacia Elementary, in partnering with parents and community, is to provide a safe, comfortable and cooperative environment ensuring that **all** students develop the knowledge, skills and character necessary to achieve their **highest potential**; and to become productive members of an ever-changing society.

January 14, 2019

Dear Acacia A+++ Families,

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your break. The New Year is an excellent opportunity for people to take a step back, reflect upon the priorities of life, recommit and refocus. Even though it falls in the middle of the school year, the New Year offers parents and staff a new beginning when we can rededicate ourselves to our joint responsibility of educating young people. Happy New Year and welcome back to school and to a fun and exciting remainder of the year!

As you know, every minute your child is in school is important to his or her learning. The first bell for school is at 8:10 a.m. with the school day starting at 8:15 a.m. with children ready to learn. Students are welcome to campus anytime starting at 7:55 a.m. when we have staff on duty. In the same way, instruction in your child's classroom continues until 3:15 p.m. when we dismiss for the day. It is difficult for teachers to complete their instruction and students to focus and stay attentive with the disruption of calling students out of class early. We want your help in keeping these disruptions to a minimum. Please do not sign out students 30 minutes before dismissal. Thanks!

Report cards went home last week with students. Please review the grades with your child, and sign the report card envelope to return to the teacher as soon as possible. Mark your calendars for Parent/Teacher Conferences, which will be the first week in February. On behalf of the Acacia School staff, we dedicate ourselves to a positive, productive and successful "New" year. We hope that you, our parents, join us in this commitment. With mutual communication, effort, understanding and support, success for our students is greatly enhanced. Happy New Year!



Sincerely,  
Christine Hollingsworth  
Principal

## Calendar

Jan. 14	PTA Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	6 <sup>th</sup> Gr. SeaWorld Parent Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School
Jan. 18	PTA Family Bingo Night @ 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	No School – Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 22	2019-2020 Kindergarten Blast-Off @ 5:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. ASA Overnight Phoenix Zoo Trip
Jan. 29	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Concert @ 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 4-8	Parent/Teacher Conferences * No ASA p.m. class
Feb. 18	No School – Presidents Day

### Spelling Bee



Acacia held its annual spelling bee right before winter break. We are proud to announce that 1st place went to 6th grader **AddySon H!** Our 2nd place winner was 4th grader, **Camila D. AddySon** will move on to participate in the WESD District Spelling Bee on January 22! We are very proud of our winners and all of the participants that represented their classes in the competition.

Please check the Acacia website calendar for dates and times of club meetings, Student Council meetings and basketball games <http://acacia.wesdschools.org/>

### Kindness/Compassion Club

Our Acacia KC Club is starting their coin collection for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. We are excited to be a part of the Pasta for Pennies campaign to support this group. Please help your child collect coins for the next two weeks to bring in to school to donate to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Thank you, Acacia, for helping to teach our students ways to service our community!

### Box Tops!



Congratulations to December's classroom winner: Ms. Andrade's 5th grade class! They earned the Box Tops trophy and goodies. Jovee A. in Mr. Ciliberti's class brought in the most Box Tops by an individual student. Congrats, Jovee! She will earn a goody bag and become a Box Tops celebrity on the Acacia's Facebook page. Keep collecting those box tops and turning them in to the classroom!

The awesome Box Tops Committee has been entering names of students, who brought in box tops, for a drawing this first quarter. They are happy to announce that Maria S. in Ms. Clark's class and Allie in Ms. Arnold's class each won a Family Fun Pass to As You Wish Pottery Painting. Keep bringing in those Box Tops! There will be two more drawings at the end of the school year.



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## Kindergarten Blast-Off!



Join us at Acacia for Kindergarten Experience

January 22, 2019

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Incoming kindergarten students will go into a real kindergarten classroom and participate in a creative activity with a teacher. We will have information tables set up in the cafeteria to answer questions for parents and help them get comfortable with the Acacia Way and school expectations. Parents will receive information on curriculum and supplemental materials used as well as information on before/after school care, PTA, and registration information. The principals will be here to answer any questions and we will even have Acacia spirit shirts for sale. If you know of a child who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2019, please forward the information to join us.

Get ready to be successful in Kindergarten!

**May 28 - June 13**  
Location - TBA  
\*Registration begins January

Morning four-hour sessions

- Make Friends •
- Learn Kinder Routines •
- Practice Kinder Readiness Skills •
- Family Lunch Activities •
- Transportation Will Not Be Provided •

**Free Breakfast & Lunch**  
\*Your child must be registered in WESD For Fall 2019 to attend this program.

## Girls Basketball Teams

Congratulations to our 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball teams. These girls are lucky to have teachers, Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Ciliberti and Coach Marin instructing and teaching them basketball skills, team building and responsibility. As always, academics come first with our athletes and we are proud to show these awesome girls that with their hard work, they can have both. With so many girls wanting to play the sport, we have two teams this year. Shout-out for a great season!

### RED TEAM

Sidney S., Lizzy R., Mia E., Zainab M., Laynee B., Raven G., Jaelyn W., Alyna O., Romy R., Iveria S., Delena J., Alycia J., Alana R., Katelyn K., Desirae H., Adriana R., and Ayanna J.

### BLACK TEAM

Hailey F., Kierra G., Victoria B., Jordyn G., Danika C., Shyann S., Michelle M., Jordyn S., Stella S., Mercedes R., Dalila A., Lillyana G., Brittanya S., Jessica V., Kennedy T., Juliana O.

### RED TEAM BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Time
1/15	AC vs. Lookout Mtn.	4:00
1/18	AC @ Orangewood	4:00
1/24	AC vs. Alta Vista	5:00
1/29	AC vs Ocotillo	4:00
1/31	AC @ Washington	4:00
2/11	AC vs. Manzanita	4:00
2/15	AC @ Moon Mtn.	4:00
2/21	AC @ Lookout Mtn.	4:00
2/25	AC vs. Orangewood	5:00



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Date	Game	Time
1/15	AC vs. Lookout Mtn.	5:00
1/18	AC @ Orangewood	5:00
1/24	AC vs. RE Miller	4:00
1/25	AC @ Tumbleweed	4:00
1/29	AC vs Desert View	5:00
1/31	AC @ Ironwood	4:00
2/11	AC vs. Orangewood	5:00
2/12	AC @ Lookout Mtn.	4:00
2/25	AC vs Tumbleweed	4:00
2/26	AC @ RE Miller	4:00



## Gifted Services

Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as gifted. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please contact your child's teacher to arrange for testing. A brochure describing services provided to gifted students and a list of common characteristics can be found on the WESD website. Feel free to call or email the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Dr. Jason McIntosh, with any questions you may have (Jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org / 602-347-2651). The gifted teacher on our campus can be reached by email at Jordan.blair@wesdschools.org or by phone at 602-896-5044 as well.

## Bus Drivers Needed:

Are you looking to join a team that is committed to helping you succeed? The WESD is currently hiring bus drivers! As a driver, you will receive:

- Pay while attending free CDL training
- At least 30 hours a week plus overtime opportunities
- Insurance/benefits
- Retirement- District Matches
- 13 paid holidays/ 10 paid leave days

Apply today at [jobs.wesdschools.org](http://jobs.wesdschools.org). We can't wait for you to join the #WESDFamily!



## Remainder of 2019 No School Dates

January 21 - Martin Luther King Day  
February 18- Presidents Day Holiday  
March 18-22 - Spring Break

**May 21-Last Day of School**



## Future Dates...



## 2019-2020 School Year

August 5 - First Day of School  
September 2 - Labor Day Holiday  
October 7-11 - Fall Break  
November 11 - Veterans Day Holiday (Observed)  
November 28-29 - Thanksgiving Break  
December 23-January 3 - Winter Break  
January 20 - Martin Luther King Day  
February 17- Presidents Day Holiday  
March 16-20 - Spring Break  
May 19- Last Day of School