

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.

February 13, 2017

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

It was great to see so many parents here meeting with teachers for conferences. The home/school connection is so important. We appreciate you taking an important role in your child's education, which includes academic, as well as social skills. I encourage all of our families, friends, neighbors and community to Like us on Facebook to see all of the wonderful things happening at Acacia. Search Acacia School Phoenix and look for the red owl.

Valentine's Day is tomorrow. It's the perfect time to thank all of our wonderful volunteers and tell them how much we appreciate all they do. Thank you to all family members who help in our classrooms, supervise field trips, serve on the Site Council and operate the PTA. I especially want to thank those who are consistently here every week, making copies, laminating, shelving books, reading to students and helping with small group math. We appreciate you and we are a very lucky community to have so many people caring for our children.

We are enthusiastic about the **WESD Food Drive** this year that supports St. Mary's Food Bank that begins today! This year the assistant principal, Mrs. Dial, and I are challenging the students to collect the most in the District. Some items to save and bring in would be cases of water bottles, spaghetti sauce, canned soups, etc. Thank you for supporting those in need.

I want to ask you to mark your calendar for the week of February 27-March 3. Our Title I program, PTA and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program are working together to celebrate our annual Pull the Plug Week. We will have activities in the evening for families so they won't be tempted to watch TV or play video games. Be looking for more information on this fun event, and I encourage everyone to "Take the Challenge and Pull the Plug."



We truly believe, "**We are Acacia and together we can do ANYTHING!**" Year after year, we prove this mantra to be true and have only done this with your continued support. You are all appreciated. Thank you ALL! Acacia's parents truly are the best!

Sincerely,  
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal

## Dates to Remember

Mon., Feb. 13	PTA General Meeting * Library * 4:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 13	Girls Red Basketball Game * Manzanita * 4:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 13	Girls Black Basketball Game * Alta Vista * 4:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 14	Site Council Meeting * Library * 4:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 14	Girls Home Basketball Games * Red 4:00 p.m. * Black 5:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Recorder Concert * Cafeteria * 5:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 16	ASA 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Reading Strategies Parent Class * 5:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 17	Student Council Meeting (date change) * 4:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 17	Choir Practice * 'til 4:40 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 17	Garden Club * 'til 4:15 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 20	Presidents Day * No School
Tues., Feb. 21	Girls Red Basketball Game * Orangewood * 4:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 21	Girls Black Basketball Game * Ironwood * 4:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 22	KC Club Meeting * 7:15 a.m.
Wed., Feb. 22	WESD Strings Festival Concert * Desert Foothills * 7:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 24	Girls Home Basketball Games * Red 4:00 p.m. * Black 5:00 p.m.

**Early Dismissal  
Every Wednesday  
1:45 p.m.**

## Open Enrollment

The following information is for students on a variance or open enrollment. Please look for the open enrollment letter in order to apply for open enrollment status for the next school year. These applications must be completed yearly. Also note that attendance, tardiness and behavior are determining factors on the approval of open enrollment.

~The student's parent/guardian completes the applicable portion of the open enrollment application and submits it to the school in which the student seeks to enroll during the enrollment period commencing in February and ending May 15.

~The principal determines whether the student's admission would be within the criteria set forth in Policy JFB.

~The student's parent/guardian shall be notified if the application was denied, as promptly as possible. If no decision has been made by August 1, the student's parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the status of the application by the principal at the school in which the student seeks to enroll.

~Enrollment priority will be given to continuing open enrollment students and their siblings, as long as the enrollment of such students may be accomplished in accordance with the District's admission criteria as provided for in Policy JFB.

### **Safety in the Morning**

**Please remember that students are not allowed on campus before 7:55 a.m. Staff members are not on duty until that time, and we cannot have children on campus unattended.**

Please be courteous to our neighbors

Do not park in front of or block driveways.

Favor de ser corteses con nuestros vecinos

No se estacionen en frente o bloqueen los caminos de entrada de vehículos.

## WESD Community Food Drive

Washington Elementary School District will be hosting the WESD Community Food Drive (#WESDCommunityFoodDrive2017) through Friday, Feb. 24 to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. Right now, one in four children in Arizona is going to bed hungry. WESD can help change that. As a community leader and partner with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, WESD is asking every school to participate. Questions about getting involved may be directed to Jill Hicks, WESD director of Community Engagement and Marketing, at 602-347-2644.



## Alimentos Comunitario del WESD

El Distrito Escolar Washington será anfitrión del Recaudo Comunitario de Alimentos del WESD, (#WESDCommunityFoodDrive2017) del lunes, 13 de febrero hasta el viernes, 24 de febrero para beneficiar al programa 'St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance'. En este momento, uno de cada cuatro niños en Arizona se va a dormir con hambre. WESD puede ayudar a cambiar esta situación. Como líder comunitario y socio con el programa 'St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance', WESD está pidiendo la participación de cada escuela. Preguntas acerca de cómo involucrarse pueden ser dirigidas a Jill Hicks, Directora de Participación Comunitaria y Marketing del WESD, al 602-347-2644.

**Our Acacia PTA needs your support!** We appreciate their work and effort for all of our families:

- Join the PTA ☺
- Volunteer to support a PTA event
- Attend a PTA meeting

Our PTA leaders have done a great job! We're looking forward to some great family events coming up.



Thank you PTA for hosting dinner for the teachers on one of our parent/teacher conference nights. We appreciate the time you took to take care of us.

## Accidents Happen

We are always looking for donations to the Health Office for students who have accidents. Any pants or shorts with elastic and in good condition and/or new underwear would be appreciated. A big shout out, "Thank you," to a wonderful first grade family for the donation of new underwear to our health office. It's very much appreciated!

## Pull the Plug Week is coming!

February 27 – March 3 is our annual Pull the Plug Week. Mark your calendars for activities every night all week. We're excited to bring back our awesome Reading with the Stars and Talent Show. We'll have other exciting activities the other nights and then end the week with a fun family night! Be looking for more information and flyers to come home.



## Donations Needed For Family Fun Night

Do you have a favorite restaurant? A favorite nail salón? A favorite family outing venue? Next time you visit your favorite stores and-venues consider asking for donation for our Family Fun Night PTA drawing. If you would like a donation letter, please stop by the school office.



**No School**  
**Mon., February 20**



Student Council will be assisting Ms. Marcum with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Outreach in collecting and counting cans. The Student Council Representatives have great incentives and exciting things planned for classrooms who bring in nonperishable food items.