

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 28, 2017

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

This week our Title I Program, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program and PTA are working together to celebrate our annual Pull the Plug from technology. We will have activities in the evening for families so they won't be tempted to watch TV or play video games. This is one of my favorite weeks because I get to see families and watch them play and interact together with staff. It's such a fun time and a great reminder of all the fun things that families can do together. Several flyers were sent home with a list of our events and it's also on Facebook. Join us any of the nights or every night. I look forward to seeing you there. Even if you can't make it to school, I encourage everyone to "Take the Challenge."

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our students and teachers are gearing up for the state-mandated standardized tests, March 27-April 13. I cannot stress enough how important it is for all students to be in class every day, all day. Our teachers spend countless hours planning instruction that will best meet the needs of their students. So please help us keep our students in the classrooms by making appointments after the school day so your child does not miss out on valuable instruction. The more prepared our students are when the test comes, the more relaxed and confident they will be. As a result of being in school, their test results will improve, and they will be able to take full advantage of their education at Acacia A++ and National Title I Distinguished School!

Sincerely,  
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal



## Dates to Remember

Feb 27-March 3	Pull the Plug Week	5:30-7:00 p.m.	
March 2	Student Council Meeting	3:15-4:15 p.m.	
March 3 & 10	Garden Club	3:15-4:15 p.m.	
March 3 & 10	Choir Practice	3:15-4:30 p.m.	
March 3	Family Fun Night	6:00-8:00 p.m.	
March 8	KC Club	7:15-7:55 a.m.	
March 9	Spring Pictures (Class & Groups)		
March 8	Band Fest Concert @ Desert Foothills	7:00 p.m.	
March 9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Rats Musical	5:30-6:00 p.m.	
March 10	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance	3:30-5:00 p.m.	
March 13-17	Sprit Week		
<b>March 20-24</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>		

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

Food Drive



### Awesome Food Drive!

Way to go Acacia! We collected six 1/2 pallets/large boxes of food and water for St. Mary's Food Bank. Mrs. Hollingsworth and Student Council challenged students to bring in food to fill the boxes, and YOU Did IT! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual WESD Food Drive and thank you to Student Council for offering daily classroom prizes to daily classroom winners!



**THURSDAY, MARCH 9**  
**INDIVIDUAL PICTURES**  
**CLASS PICTURES TOO**  
**ORDERS ARE PRE-PAY**

### Kindness Mural

Our wonderful Student Council is sponsoring a Kindness Mural that will be installed this week. They chose Ben's Bells Murals because of the message they send spreading kindness. We are so appreciative of McCarthy Building for helping us with the cost of scaffolding (which you'll notice as the mural is installed). To keep everyone safe, please ask your student not to go around the construction area.

**Thank you, Student Council, for helping us spread kindness!**

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.

### 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.

## Your PTA

You know the importance of being involved in your child's school. We know it's difficult to volunteer during the school day because of work. But you can help your child's school by becoming involved with PTA. They do family events and fun things in the evening and are always looking for volunteers. Join us at their next PTA meeting on Monday, March 13 @ 4:00 p.m. in the library. If you can't make the meeting, just email them and they will answer any questions you have. [acacia.owls.pta@gmail.com](mailto:acacia.owls.pta@gmail.com)



DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR **LOST AND FOUND** FOR ITEMS YOU MAY BE MISSING. THERE ARE MANY COATS, SWEATERS, LUNCHBOXES AND EVEN **EYEGLASSES!** ITEMS NOT CLAIMED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 17, WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY.



Congratulations to the following students who will have their Artwork on display at ASU West for the WESD Art Show being held on March 28:

Tori S., Maryjane W., Jettlynn D., Hannah G., Kaydance K., Iziah M., Leo V., Caitlin R., Alicia A., Tyler H., Harlee D., Rubees S., Itzel F., Nina W., Denise A., Delaynee B., Belize M., James B., Phoenix W., and Juliana O.



Congratulations to the following students whose Artwork is now on display in the Boardroom at the WESD District Office being displayed through the month of March:

Peggy N., Juliana O., Gwenn S., Izaac M., Natalia H., Bryant Y., Damone B.

## Acacia Pop Tabs for Ronald Mc Donald House



This year, Acacia's Kindness and Compassion Club (KC Club) will be collecting POP TABS as an outreach project for the remainder of the school year. We encourage all students to bring in pop tabs. To get everyone excited, KC Club will be having a contest from February 27 thru March 10. The class that brings in the most over the next two weeks will win a snow cone party.

After the contest for the snow cone party ends, any other Pop Tabs that are brought in will be collected in a designated box in the library. Thank you for your help in supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities and families in our communities.

## Pull the Plug Week: Join us for Family Fun Activities every night!

Sponsored and Hosted by 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Title I.

Monday, Feb. 27...Activities w/Storybook Characters...5:30-7:00 p.m.

Free activities and visits with book characters. Free book for every child who attends!

Tuesday, Feb. 28... Fun and Fit Night...5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Receive FREE Risas dental goody bags, make healthy snacks and get recipes, learn fun fitness moves, play games and earn prizes.

Wednesday, March 1...Big Game Math Night...5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Using oversized dice & other fun games, families will play games while practicing math. See how creative & exciting oversized games can be. Win door prizes!

Thursday, March 2... Acacia's Got Talent...5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Watch the talent of Acacia students as they perform. Free entertainment as a family. Concessions for sale to support the Music Department.

Friday, March 3... Family Fun Night...6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Bingo! Brought to you by Acacia PTA - \$2.00/Wristband-Win bingo prizes and drawings! Concessions for Sale.



Spirit Week: 3/13 - 3/17 \*look for the flyer to come home

Monday - Camo Day \* Tuesday - Backwards Day

Wednesday - Sports Day \* Thursday - PJ Day

\* Friday - A++ Spirit Day \*

