

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.

March 13, 2018

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

Congratulations to everyone who unplugged technology last week during our annual Pull the Plug Week and didn't watch TV or play video games. It's a tough week, but I was thrilled to see how many families took the challenge. I want to thank the volunteers, teachers and staff who stayed each night to offer fun family activities for everyone through our ASA and Title I Programs. I challenge all families to make just one night every week their Pull the Plug night.

We were honored to be visited by A+ Representatives last Thursday and Friday. These administrators were here to determine if we can continue our A+ status with the Arizona Education Foundation. This is a three-year title that we've earned twice and we are up for a renewal. We are hopeful but won't know the results of their visit until the end of April. We all know what a wonderful school we have with all of the fun activities, great teaching and wonderful students learning as well as community involvement. Let's hope the judges feel the same way.

School safety has always been a priority with me and the Washington Elementary School District. However, I understand the heightened awareness in light of the tragedy that occurred in Parkland, Florida earlier this month. As a District and school, we have established protocols for responding to crisis and emergency situations. We will always continue to be proactive in ensuring the safety of our students, staff and community members.

Spring Break is next week. With this beautiful weather, I hope you can get out and have fun. I hope you also have the chance to rest up and get everyone healthy so they can be in school every day and ready for important state-mandated testing coming up next in a couple weeks. It is always important that your child is **here every day on time**, but during testing it is even more essential that he or she is on time and present. We will have drawings and prizes for students here and on time each day of testing. Please know the importance of attendance during this time.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I hope you all have a wonderful week and enjoy the spring break!



Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal

CALENDAR

Mar. 15	Spring Pictures
Mar. 16	Field Trip: 1 st Grade to Acacia Park
Mar. 16	Bingo Family Fun Night * 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 19-23	Spring Break
Mar. 29	ASA Parent Class * 6:00 p.m.
April 2-6	AzMERIT Testing! No afternoon ASA
April 5	Field Trip: 2 nd Grade LegoDiscovery
April 9-13	4 th Grade AIMS Science Testing
April 9	PTA Meeting * 4:00 p.m.
April 10	Site Council * 4:00 p.m.
April 10	Kindergarten Music Concert
April 12	DF 6 th Grade Parent Night 6:30 p.m.
April 13	Field Trip: 1 st Grade to Children's Museum

Picture Day

March 15

Individual pictures
Class pictures, too.
Orders are pre-pay.

Family



Friday, March 16

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Lots of great prizes!



Spirit Week: 3/12 - 3/16
Monday, March 12 * TROPICAL DAY
Tuesday, March 13 * TWIN DAY
Wednesday, March 14 * SUPER HERO DAY
Thursday, March 15 * DRESS YOUR BEST
Friday, March 16 * ACACIA SPIRIT DAY



From the Health Office

Just a reminder that students cannot bring any medicine (prescription or over the counter) to school. All medication must be brought by a parent and a consent form must be signed. Thank you for understanding policies and procedures to protect everyone.

Thank you!

We are so lucky to have such amazing students and parents. We want to give a huge "Thank you" to the Walcker Family for paying off an entire class's library fines. Power of Kindness! Thank you!



DON'T MISS OUT ON THE MEMORIES!!!

Reserve your 2017-2018 all color yearbook.

Only \$15

(2 for \$25 in the same family)

Price will increase in May



Call or come to the office for an order form.

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.



Bunny Grams

Student Council will start selling Bunny Grams on Monday, March 26. They will only be sold for one week because the holiday comes so early. So come in to the office as soon as you can to buy them. Grams can also be purchased in the cafeteria during lunch. Buy a bunny gram for only \$1, which gives the recipient a card and a treat. They will be delivered to classrooms on Fri, March 30.

WESD Art Show

The following students had their artwork chosen to be on display at the Washington Elementary School District Art Show. The show display at OSU West started March 1 and will run through March 27 with a reception on March 27 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Congratulations to the following students:

Lex D, Lorena B, Lily G, Camila R, Hector H, Ezra P, Aldin H, Alanah H, Mia J, Indiana H, Desiree L, Jesus J, Alexa K, Natalie E, Scarlett L, Barbara A, Dulce S, Juliana O, Myah S, Jazmine C, Aliyana H, Emma E, Dora N, and Zamantha R. Way to Go A++ Artists!

Garden Club

Garden Club, that meets every Friday, has lots of yummy things growing. They are learning and cultivating at the same time. They are currently growing vegetables; beets, lettuces, carrots, radishes, kale, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, snap peas and rapini/ broccoli. They are also growing herbs; cilantro, parsley, mints/ lemongrass/basil (all in one pot) and even flowers; sunflowers, petunias, marigolds and more.



Talent Show!

Congratulations to our wonderful performers who entertained us during Pull the Plug Week. The following students auditioned to perform in the Talent Show and performed last Thursday. These students have such great talent! There were singers, dancers, performers, and more. Way to perform a great show!

Nardeen N., Haidyn N., Ava H., Janae S., Desiree L., Shyann S., Indiana H., Addyson H., Isabella P., Belize M., Madilyn L., Kennedy T., Drezden A., Jayden H., Niko L., Lady J R., Brooke H., James S., Mercedes R., Alexa C., Sophia H., Valentina H., Roxana L., Alina R., Everett H., Amy B., Riley S., Nina W., Alexa S., Victoria B., Khia A., Savannah S., Serene F., Trinity B., LaReah S., Evelyn D., and Alexys H.

Thank you to Mr. Blair, our MC for the evening, and Mrs. Weed for all of your efforts putting the show together. Our judges, Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Dial, Mrs. Fitch and Mrs. Lester had a difficult time deciding the winners but they were entertained by everyone! Acacia, You've Got Talent!!!

Gifted Services Testing Opportunity

Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as gifted. Testing for placement in the gifted program takes place three times a year on ALL campuses. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please complete the screening form found on the Gifted Services website www.wesdschools.org/Page/18 or 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 website as well. 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 your campus can be reached by email at Jordan.blair@wesdschools.org or by phone 602-896-5044 as well.

Oportunidad para Evaluación de Servicios para Estudiantes Dotados

El Distrito Escolar Washington provee un continuo de servicios para estudiantes identificados como dotados. La evaluación para colocación en el programa para estudiantes dotados toma lugar tres veces al año en TODAS las propiedades escolares. Si sienten que sus hijos demuestran características de un aprendiz dotado, favor de completar el formulario de evaluación leve que se encuentra en la página Web de Servicios Dotados 'Gifted Services' www.wesdschools.org/Page/18 o comunicarse con el maestro de sus hijos para organizar una evaluación. Además, en la página Web se encuentra un folleto describiendo los servicios provistos para estudiantes dotados y una lista de características. Siéntanse en libertad de llamar o enviar un correo electrónico al Coordinador de Servicios para Estudiantes Dotados, Dr. Jason McIntosh, con cualesquier preguntas que pudiesen tener Jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org / 602-347-2651. Pueden comunicarse con el maestro de estudiantes dotados en su propiedad escolar por correo electrónico en www.jordan.blair@wesdschools.org o también por teléfono 602-896-5044.

Attention Acacia Families!

Join us for a hands-on class for parents! Acacia will be hosting an instructional class for parents on Thursday, March 29 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Acacia Library.

- Academic strategies for math & reading
- Strategies to motivate your student
- Online resources and activities your student can access from home!
- Hands-on experience and examples working with acacia's amazing teachers

All Acacia families looking for resources to help their students increase academic success are welcome to attend this wonderful class! The class will be hosted by our very own Acacia A++ teachers!

Students are welcome to attend with parents. We will provide a fun and engaging activity for students while parents are participating in the class! Please return the bottom portion to hold your spot!



Return to Ms. Marcum, OSQ Family Links Coordinator



Student Name: _____ Teachers Name: _____ Number of People Attending: _____