

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.

April 2, 2018

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

As you know, this is testing week! We need students here every day and on time so they don't miss any part of the AzMERIT test. While most parents realize these are high-stakes tests, the content and importance of those exams might not be clearly understood.

The Arizona Department of Education has set educational standards that define what students should know and be able to demonstrate by the end of each academic school year. The teachers at Acacia work very hard to plan, teach and assess each of these standards to ensure that every student has the opportunity to master it. In order to lessen the stress that sometimes occurs with high-stakes testing, teachers have been practicing different testing formats as well as reviewing the many concepts taught throughout the school year. This provides a risk-free opportunity for all students to work through the challenges and anxiety of testing.

It is vitally important that all Acacia students attend class and are ready to learn when they get here. You can help by making sure your child gets 8-10 hours of sleep every night and has opportunities to be physically active each day. Make sure that your child arrives to school at 7:55 a.m. on testing days. Talk about the test with your child. Remind him or her to do his and her very best. Please **do not schedule appointments** for your child during this week of scheduled state testing or next week for 4th grade students. If your child is signed out early or misses any part of the test, he or she will receive a score of "0" from the state on the missed part of the test. Please do not let your student miss this very important measurement test! We know they can do it. I know you've seen my plea to not make appointments during school this week, and I want to tell you how much I appreciate your efforts. We are so proud of them all! Please join us as we get ready for this exciting time and prepare students to celebrate what they know! Thank you!

Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal



CALENDAR

Lamp of Learning

We are so excited to announce that our wonderful front office tech, Ms. Laurie, has been awarded the highest honor given in WESD. The Lamp of Learning Award is given for outstanding service to the children of our District. Ms. Laurie has been a WESD employee for 14 years and at Acacia for six of those years. If you have met Ms. Laurie, you know she is one the kindest, most caring people you will even come across. She is not only professional and excellent at her job, but is also a smiling and calming support for our students. We could not be more proud of you, Ms. Laurie! So well deserved!



Box Tops

Our parent co-chairpersons for PTA Box tops would like to send "congratulations" on another great month for box tops! The winner for the 1/15-2/14 contest was Ms. White's kindergarten class! They collected over 500 box tops. Everyone, keep saving and sending in Box Tops! Don't forget to watch for the expiration dates on the box top.



April 2-6	AzMERIT Testing! No afternoon ASA
April 4	Report Cards go home
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	Kinder Concert & Ice Cream Social 5:30 p.m.
April 10	Date changed to 4/30 DF 6 th Grade Parent Night
April 12	Student Council Meeting * 'til 4:15 p.m.
April 12	ASA Parent Class; Positive Discipline 5:30pm
April 13	Field Trip: 1 st Grade to Children's Museum
April 16-19	Book Fair * Library * 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
April 16	Soccer Game @ Washington School 4:15 p.m.
April 17	Choir Field Trip to Greenway High School
April 17	District Choir Festival @ GLHS 6:00 p.m.
April 19	Soccer Game @ Sunnyslope School 4:15 p.m.
April 23-27	AC Olympics / Field Days 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

No ASA Classes April 2-6

There will be no before- or after-school classes during testing week, April 2-6. This includes Wednesday too. All students are dismissed at 1:45 on Wednesday, April 4.



Shout Out to Our Awesome Crossing Guards

Student safety is a top priority at Acacia. This is evident by our awesome crossing guards, Ms. Salinda and Mr. Lyle. Give them a wave as you go by but know that they are always watching children to keep them safe. Thank you both for taking care of our kids!

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.



Spring Fling!

Come and join the fun while supporting our school on Saturday, April 28 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. There will be lots of fun carnival games and prizes as well as food trucks with yummy treats. Vice Mayor, Thelda Williams, will be here with the City of Phoenix Bike Rodeo! Ride your bikes to school and run the obstacle course. All students participating in the bike rodeo will receive a free bike helmet! The Fire Department will also be here doing car-seat checks. Thank you to our Acacia Owls PTA and City of Phoenix for planning and preparing for this event. Can't wait to see you all there!



City of Phoenix



Immunizations Needed for 11 Year Old Students

Arizona School Immunization Law, Article 7, R9-6-701-708 states that **all students 11 years of age and older who are entering the 6th, 7th and 8th grade must have one dose of Meningococcal vaccine (MV)**. This means that all students starting 6th grade in August, must have their immunizations updated before they can start school. These students are **also required to have one dose of Tdap vaccine** if five or more years have passed since their last tetanus/diphtheria vaccine dose. Please bring your child's shot record to show proof of the additional shots. If you have any questions regarding immunizations of your child, please contact the health office at **602-896-5010**.

Acacia Fun and



Field Day Olympics!



April 21 - 24

Mornings: Field Day Stations

Afternoon: Classroom Competitions

Report Cards:

Report cards for 3rd quarter will be going home on Wednesday, April 5. But, we're not done learning and testing yet! Students still have more District tests up until the end of the school year. Please help your student continue his or her positive attitude. The last day of school is not until May 22. There is still so much to learn! So, please make sure your student is here and ready to learn, every day. We are all looking forward to a great remainder of the school year!



Congrats to the soccer team!



Acacia is excited to announce the roster for the upcoming 2018 WESD soccer season. The Acacia soccer team is open to all boys and girls in both 5th and 6th grade. This year, Acacia will play against the following schools: Desert View, Alta Vista, Washington, Manzanita, Moon Mountain, Lookout Mountain and Sunset. The WESD soccer league has grown even more in its third season adding three more schools, which is great, and we hope to add other WESD schools in the future. Our season will kick off April 16 against Washington Elementary and the game will be held at Washington Elementary. All games begin at 4:15 p.m. Please come and support us. Hope to see you there!
Andrey A., Bryce J., Ezra P., Tania M., Ian M., Dane A., Sebastian R., Johnny B., Jose H., Arianna M., Dario L., Mark E., Dominick H., Yahir C., Dakota T., Shyann S., Matthew R. and Saul V.



Acacia Artists! Congratulations to these Acacia Artists! Their beautiful artwork will be on display at the Washington Elementary School District Governing Board Room in April.
Kimberly W., Roxana L., Roxel L., Saul V., Sophia H., Tania M. and Dario L.

Positive Discipline Parent Class!

Together, with the Washington Resource Information Center, Acacia is pleased to present a Positive Discipline Workshop for Acacia families.

Learn how to use positive reinforcement, set age appropriate limits and boundaries and exercise consistency with your child.

When? Thursday, April 12 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Where? Acacia Library!



Please return this portion to hold your spot in the class!

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

If you have questions about this event please contact: Hannah Marcum, 602-896-5036