



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 14, 2017

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

What a busy couple weeks we've had with our awesome Acacia families, the neighborhood community, and our business partners! Thank you to everyone who participated in our Pull the Plug week. Everyone who attended all of our fun family nights was entertained with the activities and I know my staff loved hosting them. Thank you to some great businesses for helping us during the week. We appreciate your partnership.

I'm sure most of you have noticed our amazing mosaic mural outside the cafeteria building, "Power of Kindness." Our wonderful Student Council has been raising money for a while to be able to purchase something special like this. The students even made some of the clay tiles and painted them! What a great legacy for the students to leave!

We were so lucky to be chosen as one of the Title I Schools to have the STEAM Extravaganza (S=Science, T=Technology, E=Engineering, A=Art, M=Mathematics) here at our school last week. This awesome program had the Arizona Science Center (ASC) personnel at Acacia with different Science, Technology, and Engineering activities for students during the school day while teachers were in professional development learning teaching techniques from ASC personnel. Thunderbird Charities donated \$7,500 to ASC so they could bring it to our school. We held an assembly to thank both the Thunderbirds and ASC. The students were great and really showed their enthusiasm. We also need to give a big thank you to our wonderful volunteers. We could not have had such a successful event without them!

As you know, AzMERIT testing for students in grades 3-6 starts when we get back from spring break. I know you all received my flyer and testing pledge that was sent home. I want to thank you for your cooperation during these couple weeks. You know the importance of state testing and attendance for our students. **THIS IS OUR TIME TO SHINE!** We want our students to show everything they've learned and strive to do their best on the test. Please encourage your students, like we do at school, to do their best. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.



Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal

Dates to Remember

March 13	PTA General Meeting	4:00 p.m.
March 13,14,16	Soccer Tryouts	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
March 14	Site Council Meeting	4:00 p.m.
March 15	CANCELLED: ASA ASSEMBLY	
March 16	Kinder Field Trip: Wildlife Zoo	9:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m.
March 17	1 st Grade Field Trip: Acacia Park	10:45 -12:15
March 20-24	Spring Break	
March 27-31	NO AFTER-SCHOOL ACADEMY	

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

Highest Honor

We are so lucky to have such wonderful people working with and for Acacia and your children. This year we want to congratulate our 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Bauer, for achieving the WESD Lamp of Learning. This award is presented by the Washington Elementary School District to staff, community and business members who have made outstanding contributions to the students, schools, and communities of the District. This is the highest recognition given by the Washington District. Its objective is to recognize those who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of education in the District and in the state while exemplifying the vision, Mission, and Values of the District.

Along with teaching our sixth grade students writing and other curriculum subjects, Mrs. Bauer can be found at all of our family events volunteering! She is always looking at the whole child and is always looking out for what's best for children. She knows the families and gets excited when former students come back to visit her and tell her of their successes. She doesn't just stop being their teacher in the classroom, she wants them successful all the way to adulthood.



Along with Mrs. Bauer, other district honorees will be celebrated on May 5 at the Lamp of Learning Awards Dinner. Congratulations to our Mrs. Bauer! An honor well deserved!

Register for full-day kindergarten for 2017-2018

Parents and guardians are invited to register their kindergartner at the WESD Welcome and Registration Center, located just west of Cholla Middle School at 3200 West Cholla Street. Call 602-896-6950 for more information.

Children must be 5 years old before September 1, 2017 to be registered for kindergarten. Remember to bring!

- A certified copy of the child's birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Proof of residence (e.g. lease agreement, escrow papers, recent utility bill)
- Legal papers regarding custody, if applicable



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.



Ben's Bells Mosaic Mural

Please help us thank our wonderful Student Council for the awesome Ben's Bells Mosaic Mural, on the outside cafeteria wall, promoting "Kindness." Student Council students have been raising money for this project while Mrs. Frost searched for several years to find just the right artist to create our mural. She found it! Our appreciation to her and to Ms. Sporbert for coordinating the students to create and paint the tiles for the mural. Please help us also thank Mike H. with McCarthy Building for helping us with the scaffolding. We didn't realize how much money, time and coordinating we'd need for such an undertaking and Mike helped us so much! He reached out to Daryl at Safway Services who was able to deliver and coordinate the scaffolding for the artists. We appreciate our business partners and all they do for our school! You guys are the best!



Did You Pull the Plug?

Thank you to all of the students and families who "Took the Challenge" and "Pulled the Plug". Students turned in a signed slip from parents if they didn't watch TV and those were put in a drawing each day for prizes. We even had staff taking the challenge. Staff were also put into a drawing for prizes. Congratulations to Ms. Boehmler, Mrs. Hoang, Mr. Blair and the following students whose names were drawn for prizes:

Nathaniel W., Bella C., Isaac B., Hayden T., Chloe M., Audrey W., Porter B., Justin P., Kaydence W., Jadyn K., Alexis D., James S., Jayla Z., Dahlia M., Isaiah T., Leilani P., Oliver T., Kailynn K., Ben B., Bryce S., Emily S., Lily M., Dalton M., Aldin H., Alana W., Efrain D., Alice C., Angelina G., Joseph R., Niko L., Mariana E., Isabella P., Nathan W., Jessenia B., Nazareno F., Lucas B., Afton H., Adriana R., Anthony B., Cassandra H., Angel C., Leslie V., Zoey D., Vironika H., SJ M, Lakshaya G., Luka Y., Tiyana M., Angel H., TJ K., Stella S., James B., Larisa H., Willow R., Landon M., Zia G.



We would like to take the time to thank business partners for helping us with one of our family event nights.



35th Ave (North of Peoria)
10621 N. 35th Ave – Phoenix, AZ 85029
Hours: Mon-Sat 9am to 8pm
Phone: 602-978-9040



Thank you, Christine,
Tristan & Diana
7th Street
Bell Road



Congratulations to our wonderful performers who entertained us during Pull the Plug week. The following students auditioned to perform in the Talent Show. These students have such great talent! Way to perform a great show!

Desiree L., Danna F., Jaelyn W., Kierra G., Allanis M., Andrew C., Isabella P., Aspyn D., Alana M., Laeliana JM, Dane A., Kaydence W., LaReah S., Serene F., Cassandra F., James S., Connor L., Clinton S., Amira L., Elizabeth R., Stella S., Adriana R., Christopher V., Alexa S., Mercedes R.

It was a fun performance with lots of talent! A big thank you to our hosts, "The Bros," for a fun and entertaining evening. Mrs. Frost passed the microphone on to the guys after she hosted for the last nine years! We'll miss her humor and introductions that entertained us. We also want to thank Mrs. Weed for all of her hard work and efforts to organize and put together such a great show. She loves to showcase the wonderful talent of Acacia students!



AzMERIT Testing!

Don't be late or absent! Please don't schedule appointments.

March 28 - 31

April 3 - 5

AIMS Science Testing for Grade 4 Only

Tuesday, April 11

wednesday, April 12 (Still an Early Release Day)



Acacia PTA

Your Acacia PTA has fun things planned for the rest of the year! They're planning the Spring Fling which is scheduled the morning of April 8. Teachers will have game booths set up for lots of fun with lots of prizes. We'd love for you to be a part of it. Mark your calendar! We're always looking for volunteers too. Show your children you're also a part of our school. Call 480-492-3017 if you can volunteer.



March 20-24

