

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.

May 7, 2018

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

We did it!!! Congratulations to our awesome A+++ staff, students and community! This is part of the email from Bobbie O'Boyle, Executive Director of the Arizona Education Foundation, *Congratulations to you and your community on earning the 2018 A+ School of Excellence™ award! You, your staff, your students and all your stakeholders are to be commended for overall excellence and for all the hard work and collaborative effort it took to earn this award. Based on your outstanding application and a very memorable and impressive site visit to your campus, your school has truly earned the Arizona Educational Foundation's A+ School of Excellence designation.*

Our A+++ Celebration is Friday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m. and **you are all invited!** This is your celebration too. We will have a short program and a wonderful celebration dance for the students. Please call the office if you can attend and how many will be with you so we can plan seating. Thank you for all you do to make this an amazing school.

This time of year is a great time to express my thanks and gratitude to our teachers and staff. This week is Teacher Appreciation Week and I would like say that, "We have the BEST!" They always go above and beyond to make Acacia the wonderful school that it is. Please take the time to write a note to your child's teacher or have your child write a note to his or her teacher. It would be so appreciated.

I would like to send a very special **Thank you** to all of our parent volunteers too. You have jumped right in there to help with our fund-raisers, picture days, field days, copying papers, PTA events...the list goes on and on. Thanks for all you did this year for Acacia. For those of you who did not have the opportunity to volunteer at school, we know that you support Acacia in other ways. You sent us great students, you came to parent conferences, you returned our phone calls, you supported our school with tax credits and fund-raiser purchases. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to all of you too!

It's hard to believe that it is almost the end of the school year. It is always exciting to see how much your students have grown academically, socially and physically. We want to thank you for letting us have the pleasure of teaching your child and watching him or her grow. Again, I would like to thank the Acacia A+++ staff for an excellent year at Acacia. We have accomplished so much. The next two Wednesdays will be full days with dismissal at 3:15 p.m. with last day of school as early dismissal at 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal



CALENDAR

Teacher Appreciation

Teachers provide so much to our students—inspiration, motivation and, ultimately, their futures. From May 7-11, 2018, we would like to show our thanks and gratitude by treating them like the superhero they are. Teachers change the lives of millions of children every day, and their work and impact extends far beyond the boundaries of the classroom. Since 1984, National PTA has designated one week in May as a special time to honor the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children. Below is a request from our Acacia PTA.

We are looking for some volunteers for Teacher Appreciation Week. The PTA will be providing breakfast and lunch for our amazing teachers on Tuesday, May 8.

We are in need of people to provide items for both meals. We would like to serve fruit, muffins, breakfast casseroles, juice, etc. for breakfast. We will need to have it set up and ready by 7:30 a.m. so that they will be able to enjoy. That same day we will also be providing lunch starting at 10:30 a.m. so if you would like to help with providing different foods for a lunch feast we need you! Please help us celebrate our educators! Tuesday, May 8 is Teacher Appreciation Day. Contact us soon so that we can have a set plan to invite the teachers to. Thank you all for your help and support. [acacia.owls.pta@gmail](mailto:acacia.owls.pta@gmail.com)

Acacia Owls PTA Board
Misty Metcalf, PTA President

May 8	Site Council Meeting * Library * 4:00 p.m.
May 8	Student Council Meeting * 'til 4:15 p.m.
May 8	Teacher Appreciation Day
May 9	National School Nurse's Day
May 11	A+++ Celebration * 9:00 a.m.
May 11	5 th /6 th Grade Dance * 'til 5:00 p.m.
May 14	PTA Meeting * Library * 4:00 p.m.
May 17-18	6 th Grade SeaWorld Sleepover Field Trip
May 18	Kindergarten Prom * Cafeteria * 5:30 p.m.
May 21	6 th Grade Musical 5:45 p.m. * Dinner 4:45 p.m.
May 22	Last Day of School * Early Dismissal 1:45 p.m.

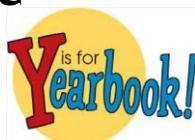
Yearbooks

are coming!

They will be

on sale for

only \$20!



Medications at School

All medications must be picked up from the health office on or before May 22 by a parent or guardian. Any medication not picked up will be properly disposed of.

Wednesdays are Full Days!

May 9 and May 16

All students dismiss at 3:15

Student Council



The last 2017-2018 Student Council meeting has been changed to Tuesday, May 8 after school until 4:15 p.m. StuCo will be discussing elections for next year's officers and planning the dance as well as end of the year wrap-up. Thank you to our StuCo Advisor, Ms. Spobert, for all of her efforts with this awesome group.

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.



Our Awesome Cafeteria Staff

Join us in thanking our cafeteria staff for the wonderful meals they provide for our students. We know that breakfast in the classroom is so helpful for working parents and, of course, the lunches are always delicious and include that yummy salad bar too.

This staff works hard to make the meals for our children. Thank you to Ms. Angela, Ms. Jane, Mr. Steve, Ms. Juana, Ms. Audrie and Cafeteria Manager, Ms. Monica for taking care of the nutritional needs of our students while here at school. We appreciate all you do!

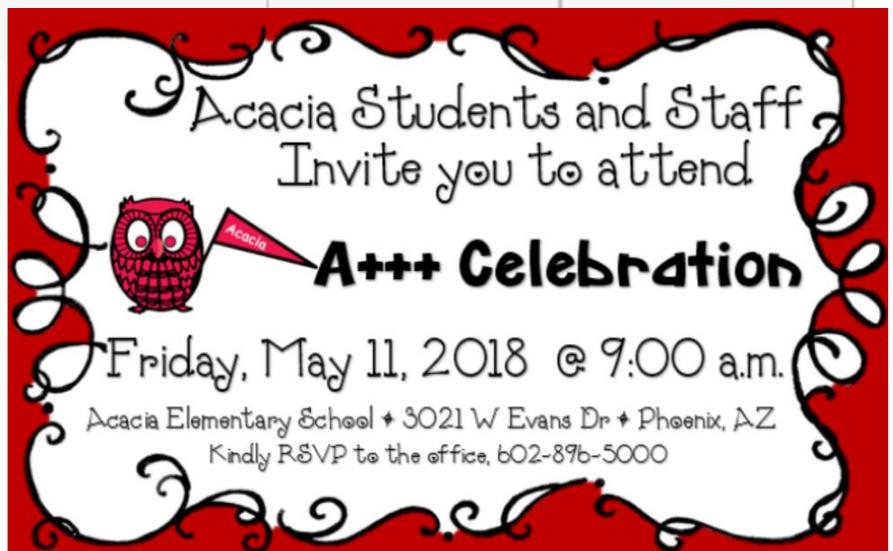
Changes to the cafeteria menu. Please note that there are no menu changes to the breakfast menu. Enjoy!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14 Bean & Cheese Burrito School's Choice *Breadsticks for preschool Uncrustable	15 Pretzel & Cheese Cup with Cookie School's Choice Uncrustable	16 French Bread Pizza School's Choice Uncrustable	17 Boneless Wings Rolled Quesadilla Uncrustable	18 *Turkey & Gravy with Mashed Potatoes and Roll School's Choice Uncrustable
21 No Menu Changes	22 No Menu Changes	23	24	25

Summer School

We are offering **FREE** Summer School. Classes are May 29 through June 21 (Monday-Thursday). Free breakfast and lunch is served in the cafeteria.

Parents must provide transportation and childcare is not available before or after programming. All students are dismissed at 11:45 a.m. Registration forms are going home this week and will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Please contact Lauri Elrod, Site Coordinator at 602-896-5067 or email Lauri.elrod@wesdschools.org if you have any questions.



Library Books

Ms. Dominique will be sending home notices for lost/missing books, so please start looking in closets, under beds, in the car, etc. for misplaced library books that need to be returned to the school library or classroom. All library books are due Thursday, May 10.



Accelerated Reader

The deadline for earning A/R points is this week also. The students have earned so many prizes this year just for reading! We will have our annual AR Assembly on May 15 with the Telephone Pioneers. We will be drawing names of students, who earned tickets when they hit specific benchmark points throughout the year, for the bikes that were donated by TP. We appreciate the encouragement you have given your child. Please continue to encourage them to read over the summer. This will benefit them greatly!!!



Class Lists for Next Year

There is considerable discussion about placing children in classes for the next school year. This is a matter that we do not take lightly at our school. The staff and principals will spend countless hours developing well-balanced classes in which all children will have an opportunity to learn and grow in their academic and social skills.

These decisions are based on observations made by the teachers who worked with your child during the course of the year in the classroom. It is evident from conversations among teachers and parents, your child may perform very differently between home and school. Our teachers are professionals who invest a tremendous amount of time and energy to understand, appreciate and meet the academic, social and emotional needs of your child.

Thank you, for understanding our process. Class lists will be completed this summer and will be posted on August 2, 2018 outside of the school. Feel free to stop by and find your teacher or call the office after August 2 and we'll assist you.

Not Returning to Acacia?

Please notify the school office if your student is not returning to Acacia for the 2018-2019 school year. 602-896-5000