

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.

September 5, 2017

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

We would like to invite everyone to our annual Open House on Thursday, September 21. We are excited to show our families some of the fun ways children will be learning in our classrooms. Just as we did last year, we are inviting grandparents too. This is the time for students to show off their classrooms! To make this a more enjoyable evening, our PTA has invited several food trucks with wings, frozen yogurt, pretzel mustaches and more. We will have tables set up outside by the flagpole for families to visit, eat, laugh and enjoy being together. It's going to be a fun, family night!

As always, we have a lot of things happening at Acacia. We're excited to welcome Cory McClosky with Channel 10 in a couple weeks. We'll send you more information about the schedule for the students. We'll want all of the students here by 8:00 and in their class t-shirts. If you haven't ordered your class shirt from your teacher, be sure to connect with them so your child is wearing his or her class shirt on that day. We are also in the planning stages of our annual Walk to School Day with the City of Phoenix on October 4. We want families to plan to walk around Acacia Park with us before school, so children learn how to walk safely. As always, parents set the best example for children to follow. We'll have more information on these events coming home soon.

While you're marking your calendars, pencil in Trunk or Treat. We will be hosting our Annual Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31. We will be sending home flyers looking for volunteers to dress up, decorate their trunk and pass out candy to trick or treating children. Of course, we'll have my famous Dance Contest hosted by me! We love our community and all the fun we have with our Acacia family!

Acacia has a wonderful, active PTA. This is a great way to become involved in your child's school. They host fun community/family events while supporting the teachers and school. They certainly are appreciated! Site Council is another great opportunity to partner with our school. We are currently looking for parent members. Council meetings are the second Tuesday of the month with the first one on Tuesday, September 12. All meetings are at 4:00 p.m. in our school library. If you are interested in supporting your school in this way, and would like more information about being a member, please call the office. We will be happy to answer any questions. Site Council applications and meeting dates are also available in the school office. We have a great community and we want you to be a part of it.

Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal



CALENDAR

Sept. 5 - Day 1	Boys Bball Tryouts until 4:45
Sept. 6 - Day 2	Mid terms Go Home
Sept. 7 - Day 3	Boys Bball Tryouts until 4:45
Sept. 11 - Day 1	PTA Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 12 - Day 2	Aug. Acacia Way Celebration
Sept. 12 - Day 2	Site Council Meeting at 4:00 p.m. KC Club Parent Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
Sept. 14 - Day 4	Picture Day! Bring your smile
Sept. 21 - Day 1	Open House * 5:00 PM-6:00 PM
Sept. 27 - Day 1	Channel 10 Morning Show
Sat., Sept. 30	Love our School Day*Volunteer
Oct. 2 - Day 4	Hearing and Vision Screening
Oct. 4 - Day 2	City of Phoenix Walk to School
Oct. 9 - Oct. 13	Fall Break * No School

Picture Day September 14



Picture day is coming on September 14 for all students. Order envelopes will be going home this week for those wanting to purchase school pictures. Each student's photo will be taken and printed on an ID card and kept in a pouch with their Z-pass. This will become his or her individual ID card for the school year. These cards are very important and must be worn on campus at all times. Please remind your student to be careful and not lose his or her ID or damage it. There is a \$5 fee to replace the ID and Z-Pass.

KC Club ...Start a Chain Reaction of Kindness! We are looking for students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are interested in helping others, learning community service, and sharing kindness. If your student would like to start a Chain Reaction of Kindness and join our Kindness and Compassion Club, there is a **parent meeting Tuesday, September 12 at 5:00 p.m.** Club meetings will be every other Tuesday morning from 7:15-7:55 a.m. Call Mrs. Guarine or Mrs. Lester if you have any questions or would like more information 602-896-5000.



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.

thankyou

Please help us give a huge "Thank you" to Ms. Pat, and her daughter Ms. Caron, for the awesome donation of school supplies! These two ladies do not have any students here but they have giving hearts! They donated eight boxes of school supplies including spiral notebooks, rulers and crayons as well as boxes of tissue for runny noses. They even purchased a gallon jug of glue! Thank you, ladies, for your thoughtfulness and kindness! We appreciate it!

Cross Country Runners

Acacia School has a wonderful Cross Country program. Our team is open to any student in kindergarten through sixth grade who wants to run. Starting in October, team members will have practice Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school. There are four regular season meets (Tuesday afternoons) at which students will compete against other elementary schools. There will be an informational meeting for students and parents coming soon. Be looking for more information.



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.

Garden Club

The Acacia A++ Garden Club is looking for dedicated second to fourth grade students and parent volunteers. Teachers have permission forms for students/parents who are interested or you can pick one up in the front office. Permission slips are due before September 15. Space is limited and club members will be chosen on a first come first served basis. An acceptance notice will go home with the student when the permission slip is received. Need a tax credit? Consider the Garden Club!



We are also looking for talented people to help paint a Garden Club mural. If you are interested call the office.

attendance MATTERS

To encourage and celebrate on-time attendance, we have implemented Attendance Matters again this year by tracking homeroom attendance. By grade level, the homeroom class demonstrating the highest percentages of on-time attendance each month will receive "treat coupons." Grade-level classroom winners also receive the Attendance Matters trophy to proudly display in their classroom for the month. Additionally, if a student misses part of the school day, for example, leaving before the end of the school day, the attendance record is marked. Thank you for recognizing the role and importance of regular attendance and arriving to school on time. Congratulations to our August classroom winners!

Kindergarten: Ms. Trueblood's Class

1st Grade: Ms. Marcum's Class

3rd Grade: Ms. Swaydan's Class

5th Grade: Mrs. Andrade's Class

2nd Grade: Ms. Nesimi's Class

4th Grade: Ms. Sporbert's Class

6th Grade: Ms. Gedney's Class



We were so lucky to have the Albertsons/Safeway Campus Committee join us last week for announcements. The business campus on 27th Avenue and the 101 collected school supplies and had a Farmer's Market to raise money to donate to our school. When the committee came to our school, they had several boxes filled with crayons, spiral notebooks, scissors, glue and glue sticks as well as backpacks. They also brought a check to use for our Marine Biology and other school supplies. Wow! We appreciate the business community and the support they give our students! Thank you, Albertsons/Safeway!