

**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.

October 2, 2017

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

Wow, we have been busy! Students are learning, taking assessments, ASA has started, and of course there has been lots of dancing with our A/R celebrations each week! Fall is here which means we've almost completed our first quarter and conferences are coming. Please make every effort to meet with your child's teacher to hear the progress he or she has been making and to collaborate on any challenges your child may be having. We all want what's best for your child so let's work together to help make him or her successful!

On Saturday, we participated in the valley-wide "Love Our School Day." This is an opportunity for schools to forge partnerships with businesses and/or faith-based organizations on various projects. We are lucky to have such a great relationship with Palmcroft Church and I want to thank all of the members who came to help us beautify our playground areas. They even brought a group of students from GCU! They pulled weeds and grass from the sand areas and raked sand out of the grass areas. They even helped the garden area by pulling weeds and grass. Even our Kindness and Compassion Club (KC Club) students were here working and learning the importance of community service. We want to give all of them a great big THANK YOU for making our campus beautiful for our families.

Fall Break is next week. I hope you enjoy your family time together. Don't forget to keep reading 20 minutes every night. The public library is always available for students to check out books if they read all of the ones they bring home from our library. Ask your child questions about the book and what kept their interest or what character they liked.



Sincerely,  
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal

## CALENDAR

October  
2-6

SPIRIT  
WEEK

Monday: 50's Day  
Tuesday: Disney Day  
Wednesday: Rainbow Day  
Kindergarten; Red  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade; Orange  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade; Yellow  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Green  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Blue  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade; Purple  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade; White  
Thursday: Crazy Hair Day  
Friday: Acacia Spirit Day

Oct. 2 - 6	Spirit Week (see flyer)
Oct. 3 - Day 1	Basketball Game @ John Jacobs - 4:00
Oct. 4 - Day 2	Walk to School Day - 7:15
Oct. 5 - Day 3	Kindergarten Field Trip to Tolmachoff Farms
Oct. 6 - Day 4	6th Grade Field Trip to ASU
Oct. 9 - 13	No School * Fall Break
Oct. 16 - Day 1	PTA Meeting - 4:00
Oct. 16 - Day 1	Basketball Game @ Chaparral - 4:00
Oct. 19 - Day 4	Student Council Meeting 3:15 to 4:45
Oct. 20 - Day 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to AZ Science Center
Oct. 20 - Day 1	Basketball Game @ Acacia - 4:00

Please check the Acacia website calendar for dates and times of KC Club, Cross Country, Basketball practice and games, Cheer practice, and Garden Club.



### Walk Our Children to School Day

The Partnership for a Walkable America is a public/private alliance of organizations, agencies, businesses and individuals who have come together to promote the benefits of walking and the changes needed to make America safer for walking. On Wednesday, October 4, teachers and parents from Acacia will join with local leaders to walk our children to school. We will meet in Acacia Park at 7:30 a.m. and walk around the park route to school where we will conclude the walk with an assembly on the intermediate playground. At the assembly, students who entered and won the drawing contest, coloring contest and writing/essay contest will be announced. We hope you all will join us!

**FALL BREAK ♦ NO SCHOOL ♦ OCTOBER 9-13**



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.**

### Accelerated Reader



Our students are doing great with their reading and A/R! Please encourage your child to read. Congratulations to our current student leaders:

#### Primary:

Isaac B. 10.1, Nina W. 7.9, Ben B. 7.8

#### Intermediate:

Zade M. 62.3, Ezra P. 56.0, James B. 55.5

#### Classroom Leaders:

Trueblood 2.3, Dean 79.8, McLendon 128.5, Swaydan 80.5, Sporbert 112.0, Frost 199.8, Bauer 191.7



The Acacia cross country team is getting ready to start their 2017 season. The team is open to ALL students at Acacia, kindergarten through sixth grade. We practice twice a week in the morning on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:25 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. on the intermediate playground. We run against other elementary schools in the WESD. Our meets are held on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. and they are held at nearby schools and parks. Be looking for the schedule to come home so you can invite all of your family to come and watch!

## Boys Basketball Team

Congratulations to our Boys 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball team. These boys are lucky to have our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Mr. Hamrick, coaching and teaching them basketball skills, team building and responsibility.

### The 2017 Acacia A++ Boys Basketball Team:

Presley I., Dario L., Jayden B., Damien M., Eli W., Carlos D., Mathew C., Shawn V., Leroy W., Deron B., Marzel J., Kristian G., Jordan L., Jericho L., James B., Tabian B., Ezra P., Aldin H., Landon M., Conner S., and Joseph S.

The coaches and players encourage you to come out and support your school team at the home games.



Fri., Oct. 20 @ 4:00  
Thurs., Nov. 2 @ 4:00  
Tues., Nov. 7 @ 4:00

## Cheer Squad

Acacia's Cheer Squad provides a great spirit boost for our basketball team. The squad will be cheering at all home games led by their Coach, Ms. McLendon. Being a member of the cheer squad comes with a great deal of responsibility which include maintaining good grades, displaying exemplary sportsmanship and a positive attitude towards all. Congratulations to the following students for their participation on the Acacia A++ Cheer Squad: Deziree L., Alana H., Elizabeth R., Dimariya I., Belize M., Amira L., Alana M., Jaelyn W., Adriana R., Alexa S., Addyson H., Analicia P., Samantha S., Sophia H., Beija E., Tone A., Arianna M., Alina R.



The Book Fair  
is Coming!  
Wed., November 1  
Wed., November 8



## Coin Drive

Congratulation to Ms. Dean's class, Ms. Marcum's class and Ms. Andrade's class for the "one-day competition" last week! These classrooms brought in the most coins on the Friday challenge!

We are still collecting coins for the district-wide Kiwanis coin drive. The North Phoenix Kiwanis Foundation gives back 80% of funds raised, directly to our students! Thank you for the coins that have already come in, keep them coming! The school-wide competition will continue through Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>!



Don't forget, we have awesome incentives for the classes that bring the most coins!

- Primary & Intermediate classroom winners will receive a class pizza party!
- Primary & Intermediate runners up will get a popcorn party!
- Bring in more coins & help your class win the competition!

## Trust Board Vacancy

Now accepting applications

The WESD is currently accepting applications to fill a vacant community member seat on its Trust Board. The Trust Board is responsible for management of trust funds including Employee Benefit Trust, Worker's Compensation Trust and Casualty Trust.

The application deadline is Friday, October 27. Parents and community members can go to this link to access more information and the application form. <https://www.wesdschools.org/Page/965>

Required qualifications of the volunteer Trustee position: Candidate must be a resident within WESD boundaries at time of appointment and Candidate is not employed by WESD.

Preferred qualifications of the volunteer Trustee position: Knowledge and/or experience in one or more of the following areas: 1. Employee benefits; 2. Worker's compensation; 3. Casualty insurance; 4. Fiscal management. If you have any questions, please contact Justin Wing at 602-347-2600.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:45 p.m. Dismissal  
Early Release; Thursday/Friday, October 26 & 27**