



# ACACIA An Arizona A+++ School of Excellence ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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**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 24, 2018

Dear Acacia A+++ Families,

Wow, we have been busy! Students are learning, taking assessments, and we have After-school Academy starting today. I'm sure the students have been reading every night getting ready for dancing with our Accelerated Reader celebrations each week (if you are unaware of what this is, please ask your teacher). Our awesome PTA is in full swing planning events and supporting our school/community. We have already had our first month of Acacia Way to Go awards supporting our school-wide PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) Program. Picture day went smoothly with all of the wonderful volunteer parents and grandparents here to help students. Thank you, volunteers! I want to thank everyone who returned his or her student's midterm report to the teacher. We value our home/school connection! As you can see, it truly has been busy and to think we are still just in the first quarter of school.

Fall is here which means we have 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 strive to conference with 100% of our parents. We all want what is best for your child and we know working together is the secret to his or her success!

We are in the planning stages of our annual Trunk or Treat on October 31. This is an extremely large community event that continues to grow every year due to its popularity. An event post will pop up on Facebook soon for you to remember the date. We will be in need of cars to park and be our "trunks". Please call the office for more information on this. The best part is seeing all of the fun trunks decorated and the excited children. So, I hope you join us by hosting a trunk or start looking for candy on sale and donate to this wonderful event.

Fall Break is in two weeks starting on October 8. I hope you enjoy your family time together. Don't forget to have your child keep reading 20 minutes every night even when there is no school. The public library is always available for students to check out books. Ask your child questions about the books they have read and what kept their interest or what characters they liked. Get them excited about reading. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me or the office if you ever have any questions.



Sincerely,  
Christine Hollingsworth  
Principal

## Calendar

### Congratulations!

The Acacia WAY TO GO Award represents the dedication to:

- ✓ Use your words
- ✓ Respect others' personal space
- ✓ Respect all aspects of the Acacia Community including myself

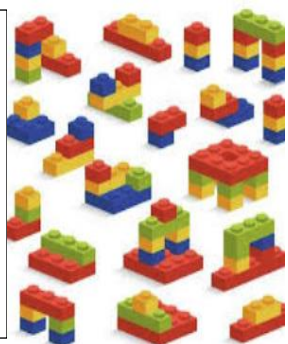
The following students are an A+++ example of "The Acacia Way". They were chosen by the staff for the August Acacia WAY TO GO Award. Students celebrated with Mrs. Dial, received an award ribbon to wear and were given the Way to Go posters to fill out and display in the cafeteria. Check out the Facebook post from 9/18/18 to see our awesome winners.

Scarlet C., Sonia T., Devynn J., Aubrey S., Natalie R., Adella B., Natalie E., Reyli M., Christopher S., Armani P., Nicole D., Mohamed F., Gael F., Hailey S., Stella V., Alexander D., Sophia W., Hayden T., Emma A., Victoria H., Arthur W., Aleena R., Kevin S., Naomi T., Eileen C., Alessia F., Ryder F., Steven O., Bella M., Justin P., Damien B., Dulce S., Raven G., Andrew C., Angel C., Carlos D., Antonio G., and Brian A.

- Sept. 24 ASA Before/After-school Begins
- Sept. 24 Cross Country Meeting \* 3:15 p.m.
- Sept. 24 Dk Team Dball Practice 'til 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 24 Red Team Scrimmage vs. CH 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 25 Red/Dk Teams Basketball Practice 'til 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 27 Red Team Dball Practice 'til 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 27 Dk Team Scrimmage vs DV 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 27 KC Club Meeting 'til 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 Choir Practice 'til 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 Garden Club 'til 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 5th/6th Grade Dance 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 1 Guitar Ensemble 'til 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 1 DTA General Meeting \* Cafeteria \* 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 2 Red Team Dball Game \* see schedule
- Oct. 2 ASA Fire Safety \* Library \* 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 4 Kindergarten Field Trip \* Farm
- Oct. 4 KC Club Meeting 'til 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 4 Boys Basketball Games \* see schedule
- Oct. 5 Choir Practice 'til 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 Garden club 'til 4:30 p.m.
- Oct 8-12 Fall Break \* No School

### Lego Donation

Mr. Blair's Gifted and Advanced Math classes are in need of Lego blocks for special projects they have going on in class. If you have extra Lego blocks and would like to donate them, please bring them to the office. Thank you!



### Spirit Week October 1 - 5

- Monday; Neon Day
- Tuesday; Animal/Mythical Creature Day
- Wednesday; Crazy Hair Day
- Thursday; Disney Day
- Friday; Acacia Spirit Day



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## Treats/Snacks

All food items served in the classroom to students must come from a commercial business with an approved Maricopa County Health Permit. Foods prepared in a home kitchen are not approved.

Please call your child's teacher before purchasing food items to avoid peanut/nut allergies or other potential health issues among students. If you have any questions about the policy, please contact the Nutrition Services Office at 602-896-5232.



## reminder...

Please call your student's teacher before bringing treats. This will give the teacher time to plan the day or the celebration. Thank you for your cooperation.



The WRIC is the family resource center for the entire WESD. With the support of First Things First, they assist families in having positive, early childhood experiences since school success begins at birth!

Knowing 90% of a child's brain development happens by the age of 5 (BEFORE they step foot into our Kinder classrooms), WRIC is committed to educating parents on the importance of their role as their child's first teacher. This education happens in many formats; parent workshops, family play groups, early learning activities/events, story times, increasing access to healthcare, connecting families to community resources and much more. Though focused on early childhood, it is easy to see how this type of support may help to strengthen the ENTIRE family! Call 602-347-2428 for more information and to find out how they can service you. [www.wesdschools.org/wric](http://www.wesdschools.org/wric) visit Facebook at Washington Resource Information Center.

## Boys Basketball Teams

Congratulations to our 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball teams. These boys are lucky to have teachers, Mr. Hamrick and Mr. Ciliberti coaching and teaching them basketball skills, team building and responsibility. As always, academics come first with our athletes and we are proud to show these awesome boys that with their hard work, they can have both. With so many boys wanting to play the sport, we have two teams this year. Please help us thank our volunteer dads, Coach Cannon and Coach Raul, for assisting these teams.



### RED TEAM

Carlos D., Matthew G., Marzel J., Mekhi G., Ezra P., Shawn V., Dylan A., Aldin H., Corbin H., Razel J., Elijah W., Matthew E., Lasahwn B., Mekhi M., John L., Duvious G., and Malik R.

### BLACK TEAM

James B., Tabian B., Marley O., David A., Tyler O., Jadiel P., Conner S., Dominick H-D., Angel B., Dakota T., Tyrice R-N, Izeah E., Josh G., Kristian M., Chase T., Tyler H., Cleve H., Aiden L., Porter B., and Angel H-D

### RED TEAM BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Time
10/2	Acacia @ Shaw Butte	4:00
10/4	Roadrunner @ Acacia	4:00
10/18	Washington @ Acacia	5:00
10/29	Orangewood @ Acacia	5:00
11/2	Acacia @ Lookout Mtn	4:00
11/5	Chaparral @ Acacia	5:00
11/8	Acacia @ Alta Vista	4:00
11/13	Acacia @ Manzanita	4:00
11/15	Moon Mtn @ Acacia	4:00
11/20	Acacia @ Ocotillo	4:00



### BLACK TEAM BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Time
10/4	Lookout Mtn @ Acacia	5:00
10/15	Acacia @ Lakeview	4:00
10/18	Tumbleweed @ Acacia	4:00
10/29	Sunburst @ Acacia	4:00
10/30	Acacia @ Ironwood	4:00
11/5	R E Miller @Acacia	4:00
11/8	Acacia @ Orangewood	5:00
11/15	John Jacobs @ Acacia	5:00
11/16	Acacia @ Sunset	4:00
11/20	Acacia @ Desert View	4:00

## Coin Drive

As you know, Acacia is participating in the district-wide Kiwanis coin drive. We are having a fun competition. Penny Wars begins today! Bring in all of your pennies for positive points and bring in silver coins to "sabotage" other grade levels. Kiwanis donates 80% of what we collect back to Acacia! There will be weekly prizes for grade levels and class winners! Contact our ASA Outreach Coordinator, Ms. Marcum, for more information or if you have any questions. Let the competition begin!



## Tax Credits

Just a reminder that you can donate tax credits to any of our before or after school programs. Please reach out to your neighbors and families to see if they would like this awesome benefit on their taxes.

- \*Boys Basketball
- \*Girls Basketball
- \*Cheer
- \*Choir
- \*Cross Country Runners
- \*Garden Club
- \*Guitar Ensemble
- \*Kindness/Compassion Club



Early Dismissal  
Parent-Teacher  
Conference  
October 23-26  
1:45 p.m.

Fall Break \* No School \* October 8-12

