



An Arizona A++ School of Excellence



ACACIA 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 26, 2016

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

What an amazing time we had at our Grandparents Open House! Parents, students, siblings and especially Grandparents were welcomed with open arms to our classrooms to see and hear the great things that are happening here at Acacia. We know many of you visited the Book Fair, but if you still want something it will be open until Thursday, September 29. As educators, we are grateful for this opportunity to serve your child. I believe that without a working partnership with parents, guardians and friends, we could not be successful in providing the education needed to build students who flourish, triumph and succeed.

We have even more fun, exciting family events coming up at Acacia. We also have our Annual Walk to School Day on October 7 where we encourage families to walk from Acacia Park in the morning before school as a group and then end with an assembly on the playground. Mark your calendar for Monday, Oct. 31. We are going to host our Annual Trunk or Treat. This is one of my favorite events for the families and community to get together. Costumes, candy, concessions and, of course, my dance contest! If you are interested in decorating your trunk and passing out candy to our families, please let us know. It's just as much fun seeing all of the costumes and the fun atmosphere from your vehicle as it is if you are walking around to collect candy. It's just a really fun evening no matter what you do. Any candy that you can donate would be greatly appreciated. You can even bring it to the office now. Thank you!

I just want to remind you how welcomed and valued your input is to Acacia. There are many ways to become involved in decisions at Acacia including Site Council and PTA. You can always contact the office for more information or any questions you may have. Have a great week!

Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal



Dates to Remember

September 29	6 th Grade Sea World Parent Meeting 5:00 p.m.
September 30	5 th & 6 th Grade Dance 3:30-5:00 p.m.
October 1	Love Our Schools Day * Volunteer School Clean up
October 3	Hearing and Vision Screening
October 3-7	Spirit Week (see flyer)
October 6	Kindergarten Field Trip: Tolmachoff Farm
October 6	2 nd Grade Field Trip: AZ Science Center
October 7	Walk to School Day 7:15 a.m. meet at Acacia Park
October 10-14	Fall Break No School

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

Hearing and Vision Screening



Hearing and Vision Screenings will be on Monday, October 3 for grades K, 1, 2, 4, and 6. Also any child new to the district, with special needs or a child who did not pass last year's screening will also be screened. Please remind your child to bring his or her glasses if he or she wears them or has them.



The Acacia cross country team is getting ready to start their 2016 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 4pm and they are held at nearby schools and parks. There will be a quick informational meeting on September 27 right after school at 3:15 in the art room.

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 Friday, October 7, teachers and parents from Acacia will join with local leaders to walk our children to school. We will meet in Acacia Park at 7:15 a.m. and walk a predetermined 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!



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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.

FALL BREAK ♦ NO SCHOOL ♦ OCTOBER 10-14

Boys Basketball Team



We are thrilled to announce this year's A++ Boys Basketball Teams. These 4th, 5th and 6th grade boys worked very hard on the court to make the team. Acacia is lucky to have so many boys with such great talent, we just couldn't choose one team. So this year we have two teams representing Acacia playing other schools in our District. Thank you to Mr. Ciliberti and Ms. Johnson for coaching and teaching these athletes skills, dedication and good sportsmanship. We know they will be great representatives of Acacia.

Zion A., Jorge M., Sydney L., Iziah M., Joseph R., Jacques L., Josue V., Daniel V., Micah W., Logan V., Presley I., Dario L., Dartagnan O., Landon M., Jayden B., Nic D., Ja'Keis W., Shawn V., Elijah W.

A++ Student Council

Student Council Meetings started this month. Representatives from grades 4th, 5th and 6th include...

Ava H., Amira A., Joey A., Danna F., Delaynee B., James B., Tabian B., Mercedes R., Audra W., Jose H., Amber S., Andrey A., Joscelyn G., Melaina H., Valentina H., Xavier R., Alexa C., Iris G., Arianna M., Emma E., Diamond J., James S., Karen A., Miranda O., Stacy S., Jizel S., Jady N., Jubilee C., Trenton C., James R., Kylee P., Caitlin R., Emilia W., Nathaniel W., Ricky H., Zoey O., Leilani P., Ava D., Bella H., Aidan J.



Our 2016-2017 officers;

President: Emily B.

Vice President: Alicia A.

Treasurer: Katy F.

Secretary: Robyne D.

Historian: Beija E.

We know they will all represent our school well. Thank you, Mrs. Frost, our wonderful Student Council advisor, for all of your attention and time for our students.

Acacia's 21st Century Before and After School Academy

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers serve more than 4,000 students and adults at 12 schools in the WESD. The project is funded at 17 schools, allowing students and their families to participate at no cost.

Acacia After School Academy FAQs

What is Acacia After School Academy (ASA)? The Acacia After School Academy is part of the 21st Grant. The grant's primary objective is to provide academic interventions in the areas of reading and math to targeted students in need of the intervention.

Additionally, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities, such as youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, art, music, and recreation programs, technology education programs, and character education programs, that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students.

How are students targeted or chosen to be in the academy? For the fall semester, students were targeted for reading or math classes based upon their district pretest scores, AZ Merit scores, and the principal's recommendation. If your student is not targeted for reading or math, there are generally a variety of enrichment classes offered so that all students have the opportunity to participate.

When are ASA classes offered? Before School Academy is offered Monday through Friday beginning September 19 through December 22 from 7:10am – 7:55am. Before School Academy students report the cafeteria at 7:05am and are immediately dismissed to the playground when academy ends. Current classes include 1-2 grade STEM, 3-4 Robotic, and 4th Grade Math. We still have spots available in these classes for students who want to enroll!

Acacia After School Academy is offered Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:15-4:45pm and on Wednesdays from 1:45-3:00pm. All ASA students report to the intermediate playground for a free snack and are dismissed through GATE A. There are NO After School Academy Classes on FRIDAY. Current Courses Being Offered:

1st Grade ELA: Waitlist, 2nd Grade ELA: Waitlist, 3rd Grade ELA: 2 open spots, 3rd Grade Math: Waitlist, 5th Grade Math: Waitlist, 6th Grade Math: Waitlist, 4-6 Band and Strings: Open (Must be enrolled in Band/Strings during the school day and have their instrument).

Is there a charge for the ASA Program? No. The 21st Grant provides the funds that pay for the instructors, snacks, and materials for students.

What is the difference between Kidspace and ASA? Kidspace is a before and after school program that provides quality day care for Acacia students from 6:00 a.m.-7:55 a.m. and again from 3:15 p.m.-6:00 p.m. There are certain fees associated with the Kidspace program. Kidspace does offer a discounted rate if your student needs extended care either before or after the ASA program. In order for your child to attend the Kidspace program, you must call them directly at 602-896-5015 to register and pay the enrollment fees.

If you are interested in enrolling your student in the Acacia Before or After School Program, please contact Jennifer Lauzon, Site Coordinator at Jennifer.lauzon@wesdschools.org or April Clarke, Lead IA april.clarke@wesdschools.org

After School Academy phone number is 602-399-4957. You may use this phone to report a student's absence from ASA via text or voicemail.

Current ASA Events:

Thursday, October 6, 3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m. "Bring Your Parent/Guardian/Grandparent to After School Academy"

Wednesday, November 16, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Before School Classes and 6th Grade Math Family STEAM Night