

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 24, 2017

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

I hope you all had a wonderful fall break. Family time is so important for the growth of all children. It goes by so fast. The first quarter has ended and it has flown by, too. Parent/Teacher conferences are the next couple of weeks with our late night on November 1. I would like to stress the importance of every parent meeting with his or her child's teacher and meeting our goal for Acacia, which is to have 100% parent contact for these conferences. Even if your child is meeting grade-level expectations, we want to motivate him or her to continue to grow academically. This will also give you an opportunity to better understand the expectations of your child's curriculum, learn how you can help at home and get answers to questions you have. We are happy to be a part of your child's success!

Safety is always a top priority here at Acacia. This year, we have added a new "Safety Zone" to the walkway that goes in front of school along Evans Drive. Last week, all students visited this area with their teachers so that they clearly understand how to walk in this area safely. If you walk with your student along Evans Drive, ask him or her to model the correct way to stay away from the green curb and walk in the safety zone. We want to encourage parents to also use the Safety Zone to set a good example to all of our students.

The end of the month is next week which means so is our Annual Trunk or Treat and we are still looking for "trunk volunteers." Talk to your neighbors, family and friends to invite them to host a decorated trunk for the event. Contact the office to sign up or for more information. Thank you to everyone who has donated candy for this fun event. We are excited to bring the community together.



Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal

CALENDAR

Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books children want to read right into our school. It is a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Join us November 1 - 8 until 5:00 p.m.



Oct. 25 - 27 and Nov. 1	Parent Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal @ 1:45
Oct. 30	Basketball Game at Manzanita * 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Trunk or Treat 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Nov. 1 - 8	Book Fair * Open *til 5:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	Basketball Game @ Acacia 4:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	Student Council Meeting * *til 4:15 p.m.
Nov. 3	Field Trip: Project Potential Classes
Nov. 3	Garden Club * *til 4:15 p.m.
Nov. 7	Basketball Game @ Acacia 4:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	Cross Country Meet @ Cave Creek Park
Nov. 9	Basketball Game @ Ocotillo 4:00 p.m.
Nov. 10	Veterans Day - No School
Nov. 13	PTA Meeting * Library * 4:00 p.m.



Student Council will be selling Boo Grams starting October 23. They will be selling them during lunch and in the office until Monday, October 30.

Boo Grams include a card and a treat and will be delivered Tuesday, October 31.



Trunk or Treat
Tuesday, October 31
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Candy, Dance Contest, Food Trucks & More!
Everyone is Welcome!

Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Release October 26-27 and November 1 * Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.

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.

Make Time for Reading

With your family's busy schedule, finding time to read with your young child is a challenge. One way you can manage to squeeze reading in is by keeping a bag of books in the car. Whether you are waiting for food in a restaurant or sitting in the doctor's office, you will always have a story on hand. *Don't forget to let your children see you reading. Whether it's the newspaper, a magazine or a book, children who see adults reading for enjoyment at home tend to pick up books and read themselves. Help your child complete his or her Acacia goal of reading 20 minutes every night.*



Picture Retakes AND Team/Clubs

If your child was absent for fall pictures, here is your chance to get them taken. Send in the order form and money on Tuesday, November 14 to have your child's picture taken. If your child did have his or her picture taken and you want it retaken, send in the entire package that was ordered and the photographer will take your child's picture again.

Students in clubs or on sports teams will also have their picture taken with the group on Tuesday. Make sure your student is wearing his or her club/team shirt or brings his or her instrument. If you would like to order the group picture, you must turn in the order form and money on the Tuesday of pictures.

Thank YOU!

We want to thank everyone for their wonderful donation of candy! The students are so excited for the fun drawings and prizes they receive if their ticket is chosen. We know we'll have a fun and successful event because of your support. Mark your calendars to join us on Halloween for a fun, family event.



STUDENT COUNCIL



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

Cassandra F., Nathaniel P., Cowan M., Bella M., Lex D., Alicia M. Vania A., Alex M., Yamilet C., Tatum S., Isabella H., Stella S., LaReah S., Jocelyne B., Christian E., Indiana H., Miha J., Tabian B., James B., Evelyn D., Amira L., Travis R., Ezra P., Lizzy R.,

Valentina H., Bryce J., Alexa C., Arianna M., Alina R., Matthew K., Jordan A., Ariana F., Emma E., Serene F., Seth F., Jocelyn G., Diamond S., Joseph S., Breanne S.

Our 2017-2018 officers are President: Alicia A., Vice President: Robyne D. and Ava H., Treasurer: James S., Secretary: Delaynee B., Historian: Beija E.

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

Accidents Happen!

If your student borrowed clothing from our health office, please wash it and return to the school.

We are always in need of shorts and pants for students who have accidents. So, if you have some to donate, that would also be wonderful. We also need new underwear for students who have accidents. So if you see them on sale, pick up a package. Thanks!

Are You in Need?

We are lucky to have a part time social worker, Ms. Shelby, on campus several days a week. She has information and resources available to our families who may need a little help. Please call Ms. Shelby if you need assistance in anything with your school-life or home-life. 602-896-5019



Cross Country

The Cross Country team members have been working on their endurance for several weeks to get ready for their Cross Country meets! We have a lot of talented students this year! Thank you to Coach Scott for working with the student athletes at the morning practices.

Cross Country Team:

Jose H., Crystal H., Efrain D., Jacob F., Mercilyn C., Katana B., Diamond S., Nathaniel P., Mia L., Nevaeh L., Josie A., Afton H., Camila D., Isabella P., Jordan A., Jessica A., Cameron L., Yousif L., Dora N., Austin M., Yamil R., Anyeliz B., Lorena B., Addison C., Jonah C., Manuel V., Brooklyn H., Jaxon L., Laci K., Alexa K., Hunter B., Tatum S., Jacob R., Romy R., Nadia V., Cody C., Yahir C., Nathan C., Mia C., Noah W., Jessica Z., Everett H., Carter H., Keller H., Ryder F., Hunter P., Jhony B., Amy B., Thomas S., Toni G., Angel H., Dominick H., Alex P., Jacob W., Avery S., Emery S., Ryley S., Hailey S., Savannah G., Allie G., Marco A., Andrey Acosta., Leilani P., Lynell P., Hector H., Ayden B., Juanita B., Marley B., Lily M., Kallen M., Kaden R., Alexander H., Braden S., Bella C., Yamilet C., Angel C., James L., Lucas L.

Cross Country Meets Scheduled @ 4:00 p.m. in November

7th @ Cave Creek Park * 14th @ Acacia Park * 21st @ Chaparral School * 28th @ Cactus Park



Veterans Day Observed * Friday, November 10 * No School