

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.

November 8, 2016

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

We are grateful for your participation in parent/teacher conferences a couple weeks ago. It is an important opportunity for you to review your child's academic progress. Please keep the communication open between home and school. This is an important part of your child's success in school.

I was thrilled to see so many families and neighbors at our annual Trunk-or-Treat. This is one of my favorite events that brings the community together. We hosted more than 2,000 people at this fun event. Help me give a big thank you to all of the families and staff who hosted a trunk. The decorations were so festive and fun that I don't know that I could pick out a favorite. There are some pictures of the event on our Acacia Phoenix Facebook page (with "Norm" the red owl), so check it out. Mark your calendar for next year.

We are thrilled to partner with businesses who want to help children and their education. Please help us give a huge "thank you" to McCarthy Building Company. They had shelves built and installed for our band and strings instruments. The classroom looks great and very organized. We appreciate all of the efforts from Mr. Mike H. at McCarthy for coordinating the building and installation. We need one more thank you to Mr. Tony, our facility manager, for all of his efforts getting the room ready and finishing the project by putting everything in its place.



As always, we have lots of learning to do, so please remember to make appointments after school or on days off. Remember how important it is for your child to be at school on time, to start the day off right with free breakfast and announcements, as well as directions from the teacher to start the day. Just a reminder that we don't release children 30 minutes before the dismissal bell so teachers can review the day and prepare students for the next day's schedule. There is no school this Friday, November 11, for Veterans Day. Enjoy the three-day weekend and, as always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal

Dates to Remember

Tues., Nov. 8	Cross Country Meet * Acacia Park * 4:00 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 9	Picture Retakes and Club/Team/Group Pictures
Thurs., Nov. 10	Boys Basketball Game * Intermediate Playground * 4:00 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 11	Veterans Day * No School
Mon., Nov. 14	PTA General Meeting * Library * 4:00 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 15	Boys Basketball Game @ Tumbleweed * 4:00 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 15	Student Council Meeting * Room 126 * 'til 4:15 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 15	Cross Country Meet @ Sunburst School * 4:00 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 16	STEAM Showcase Night * 5:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 17	Boys Basketball Game * Intermediate Playground * 4:00 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 21	Boys Basketball Game @ Manzanita * 4:00 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 22	Cross Country Meet @ Moon Mountain * 4:00 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 22	1 st Grade Music Concert * Cafeteria * 5:30 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 23	Midterms Go Home
Nov. 24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday * No School

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

Just a reminder...

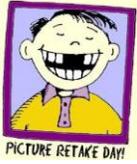
Students are marked Tardy/Early Out when they come in late or leave early but are present for enough instructional minutes of the school day that the absence is not considered a half-day or full-day absence. Whether students are tardy or picked up early, they are still missing instructional minutes. As a courtesy, we send home letters to let you know if these become excessive. We want students to learn good, responsible habits and we're hoping these habits begin now. Please call the office if you have any questions about your student's tardies, early sign outs or absences.

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.



Another Picture Day November 9



Picture Retakes: If your child was not here on picture day and you would like to have pictures taken, please call the office and we'll send home an order envelope. If your student had his or her picture taken but you'd like it retaken, he or she needs to bring the picture packet to the photographer.

Group Pictures: Students in clubs or on teams will have their group picture taken. Order forms are going home, if you'd like to purchase a group photo. Please have your student wear or bring his or her club shirt or team shirt.

Choir, KC Club, Garden Club, Band/Strings, Cheer, Boys Basketball Team, Cross Country Team, Student Council

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to our classes that won with the best attendance for the month of October. Students were presented the "traveling trophy" to keep in their class for the month. Each student was presented with a coupon for a yummy treat.

Ms. Michael's Class – Kindergarten

Ms. Marcum's Class – First Grade

Ms. McLendon's Class – Second Grade

Ms. Barrera's Class – Third Grade

Ms. Timms' Class – Fourth Grade

Mrs. Lester's Class – Fifth Grade

Mr. Hamrick's Class – Sixth Grade



Trunk-or-Treat Accolades



Please help us thank our "Trunk Hosts" for an unforgettable night last week. They decorated their vehicles and passed out candy to over 2,000 people! Mark your calendars now and host a trunk next year.

Many parents, PTA and businesses donated over 173 bags of candy with the organizational skills of Mrs. Dial. That doesn't even include the candy that the Trunk Hosts brought themselves! We used ALL of the candy for our community and our children. They loved it! We also need a big shout out of appreciation to our parent volunteer, Mr. John, for all of his efforts making our Trunk-or-Treat a success. And, even though they don't want the accolades, please help us thank Ms. Kira and Mrs. Hollingsworth for this fun event. They work very hard to make this a fun community event and with our turnout, it looks like it was fun for everyone!

Coin Drive Winners

We appreciate all of the Acacia Families for supporting our 21st Century ADA Program and Kiwanis during the coin drive. Most of the money collected will come back to OUR school ADA Program. Classes had a fun competition to see who could collect the most coins. Congratulations to our First Place Winners: Ms. Nesimi's 2nd grade class for primary and Ms. Haus' 3rd grade for the intermediate classes. Both classrooms will receive a pizza party. A consolation prize went to the second place classes: Ms. Marcum's 1st grade class for primary and Ms. Livingston's 3rd grade class for intermediate. They both received a popcorn party. Way to go, Acacia!!!



Warm Donations

Help us help others! Mr. Basche, retired fourth grade teacher from Acacia, keeps himself busy by giving! Every year he collects and distributes warm clothing and items to the homeless. We're hoping to help him this year. From now until late January, we'll be collecting items such as blankets, sleeping bags, jackets, sweat shirts, gloves, knit caps, shoes, and any cooler weather clothes for our homeless friends in northwest Phoenix. Mr. Basche is also collecting warm clothes for a woman's shelter, as well as baby clothes and blankets. Just bring items to the office and Mr. Basche will pick them up to distribute them. Thank you!



No School