



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.

November 14, 2018

Dear Acacia A+++ Families,

I was thrilled to see so many families and neighbors at our Annual Trunk or Treat. This is a favorite event that brings the community together. We hosted more than 2,000 children this year and that does not even count the adults who came to enjoy the holiday atmosphere. Please 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! I don't know that I could pick out a favorite. There are pictures of the event on our Acacia Facebook page so check it out and encourage your friends to "Like" our page! Mark your calendar for next year. We will be making some changes to accommodate the crowds. It is going to be awesome!

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to thank our voters for supporting WESD. Results indicate that the M & O Override passed! With the budget growing tighter and tighter every year, it is refreshing to see the voters show their dedication to education at the polls. Thank you!

As always, we have lots of learning to do, so please remember to make appointments after school or on days off. Please remember that we do not release children 30 minutes before the dismissal bell so teachers can review the day and prepare students for the next day's schedule. It is going to be a full, packed couple of weeks, so be ready to learn! If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth
Principal



Calendar

Nov. 15	Picture Retakes * Group/Team Pictures
Nov. 16	Cookie Dough Orders/Money DUE
Nov. 22- 23	NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Nov. 27	5 th Grade Field Trip: MIM
Nov. 29	1 st Grade Music Concert 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 30	1 st Grade Field Trip: Phoenix Zoo
Dec. 5	2 nd Grade Polar Express 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 7	4 th Grade Field Trip: Science Center

Please check the Acacia website calendar for dates and times of club meetings, Student Council meetings and basketball games <http://acacia.wesdschools.org/>



Lost and Found Label your Coats

Now that the weather is cooler, students are bringing jackets to school. Please take the time to write your child's name and grade or class in permanent marker on the tag inside the jacket. It is also helpful if your child has their name on their lunch box/bag.

This also goes for soccer balls or other playground equipment your child brings to school. Please make sure your child's name is marked on all items.

Our lost and found pile is growing. Please ask your child to check lost and found for anything they are missing.



peachjar Do we have your email? All flyers and newsletters are sent digitally to your email through peachjar Call the office if you are not receiving these emails. Stay informed!



Gobble Grams

Student Council is selling Gobble Grams for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Grams will be sold during lunch for only \$1 and will be delivered to the classroom on November 21. Purchase them for your friends, siblings or as a secret admirer. Parents can purchase Grams in the office too.



GIFTED SERVICES

In accordance with ARS §15-779, special education is provided to students of lawful school age identified as gifted in one or more of the verbal, quantitative or nonverbal reasoning areas. The Washington District has a continuum of gifted services from which each school selects those that best meet their students' needs. Center-based services for highly gifted students are also available. If you think your child may need these special education services, evaluation is available. Contact your child's teacher for more information.



Helping neighbors in need

Holiday Assistance

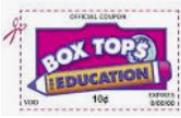
If your family is in need of holiday help, please call the office. 'Tis the Season for Giving.



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Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent



Save Box Tops

For the month of October, Acacia turned in almost 2,000 Box Tops! Thank you, Acacia families for supporting Box Tops! October's classroom winner is **Ms. McLendon's 2nd grade class**. Congratulations! Together they turned in 486 box tops. Ms. McLendon's 2nd graders earned the Box Tops trophy and a fun treat. Congratulations also to **Jason M.** in Ms. Trueblood's class! This awesome kindergartener brought in the most Box Tops by an individual student. He will earn 4 raffle tickets. November Box Tops are due Friday November 30th. Let's get clipping!

Tax Credits Benefit Everyone!

As the end of 2018 gets closer, many of us start preparing our tax documents. When thinking about your taxes, we invite you to take advantage of Arizona's Tax Credit Program.



The Tax Credit program allows you to dedicate money to Acacia while reducing your tax liability to the state by the same amount! Anyone can participate, even tax payers without children.

Married couples filing jointly can contribute any amount up to \$400. Persons filing separate or filing single can contribute up to \$200. For every dollar donated, the amount you owe on your state taxes will be that much less! This does not have to be a one-time payment to the school. You can pay a bit each paycheck until you have reached that amount.

These tax credit funds support extracurricular activities such as K&C Club, Choir, Guitar Ensemble, Cross Country, Cheer, Basketball, Garden Club and more. Let your neighbors, co-workers, friends and family know about this wonderful opportunity to give to schools but still get dollar for dollar back on state taxes.



Trunk/Treat Thank you!!!

Please help us thank our "Trunk Hosts" for an unforgettable Halloween! They decorated their vehicles and passed out candy to over 2000 children! When you add the adults that were here also, we had over 3000 people attend Trunk or Treat! We had current A+++ families, previous families, alumni students of Acacia, Greenway High School students, GCU Athletics Club, community members, Lowe's employees and of course our amazing school staff and teachers! Mark your calendars now and host a trunk next year. Trunk Hosts: Sigar (Alumni), Doan, Rodriguez/Daniels, Pak, Brusco, Cain, Estes, Eppard, Lumpkin (Alumni), Roacha, Hollie, Brady, Moses, Metcalf, Rose/Hofman, Logan (Lowe's manager), Sky (Lowe's) and staff families including Harris, Bauer, Phelps, Schrey, Cheatham, Hoang, Swaydan, Chaira, Gordon, Ciliberti, Sporbart, Lasley, Simpson, Nesimi, Meyer, Marcum, Scott, McLendon, Johnson, Treacy and the Clarkes.

Help us with another big thank you to for the many families, businesses, neighbors and friends who donated candy. We could not host such a fun event without everyone's help and donations. We have one more huge shout-out to our amazing volunteer, Mr. John, for all of his hard work and efforts making Trunk or Treat a success. He enlisted the help of his brother, Mr. Willy (former Acacia employee) to help too. They were awesome!

It seems that all of the efforts of the principals, office staff, facility manager and custodians as well as everyone listed above made the event such a success and so much fun for the community. Thank you!

Candy donations: Jovee A., Jude A., Natalie R., Steven O., Ryan C., Miguel G., Adriana R., Annalisa R., Josephine A., Evelyn D., Justin P., Tristan P., Zoey, Hailey S., Steven S., Everett H., Addyson H., Marzel J., Anthony M., Bryce S., Natalie A., Deijah O., Zara S., Amaury, Annabelle R., Ethan D., Lacey C., Eddie R., Lupita P., Max B., Reyli M., April M., Chantal A., Ramon R., Xander G., Zara S., Johnny C., Ydnamron, Jennifer B., Charles B., Adele B., Theodore., Lola L., Alyssa O., Edgar O., Emily S., Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Xavier G., Ms. Ladonna, Nathaniel H., Terema L., Javier C., Alexis M., Lucious L., Cadence P., Cora W., Zade M., Havaatone Family, Louis R., Christian D., Annalise., Leo, Marzel J., Bernard R., Brittany D., Celia S., Maya M., Annabelle R., Alana H., Roque R., Theodore S., Alessia F., Peyton., Kalan N., Jadon E., Savannah S., Alexis S., Jelena S., Nicole., London, Hailey, Jayden., Mia M., Connor M., Ryah K., Wilona, Caydence, Avery, Alexander D., Mobius, Damien, Nathaniel, Audry W., Jackson, Annabelle, Mia B., Layla, Lauren H., Austin H., Lupita, Rubee S., Gwenn S., Tyler N., David H., Mehki M., Luna D., Janet R., Nolan O., Ryder F., Charisma D., Benjamin J., Elizabeth J., Heath P.,

Attendance Matters

To encourage and celebrate on-time attendance, we have Attendance Matters, which tracks homeroom attendance. By grade level, the homeroom class demonstrating the highest percentage of attendance each month will receive a food coupon for every student. Classroom winners also receive the Attendance Matters Trophy to proudly display in their classroom for the month. Good attendance includes being on time and not leaving early during the school day. Thank you for recognizing the role and importance of regular attendance. Congratulations to our October classroom winners!

Kindergarten: Ms. Schrey's class

1st Grade: Ms. Dean's Class

2nd Grade: Ms. McLendon's Class

3rd Grade: Ms. Swaydan's Class

4th Grade: Ms. Lauzon's Class

5th Grade: Ms. Scott's Class

6th Grade: Mr. Hamrick's Class



TEACHER INTERVIEW FAIR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

District Administrative Center

Offering Contracts for the 2019-2020 school year!

Hiring Secondary and Elementary Certified Teachers for the following areas:

Mathematics, Science, English Language Arts, Social Studies, Physical Education, Music, Elementary Pre-K - 6 Grades and all areas of Special Education.

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Questions? Call 602-347-2622



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