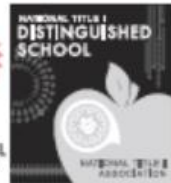




ACACIA An Arizona A++ School of Excellence ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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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 28, 2017

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

Family time is so important, and I truly hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday. This is a busy time of year and during the upcoming holiday season, it's so important to keep up with routines. As you all know, reading is so important, that's why we have a program where all students are to read 20 minutes a night. This program is research-based and is proven to increase your child's reading comprehension. You can help your child be successful in reading by scheduling time for your student to read and signing his or her log every night. Ask children to read to you or have them tell you what they have read. Check their progress at the Accelerated Reader Parent-connect online. You can just go to our Web site www.acacia.wesdschools.org, look at the left column and click on Accelerated Reader Home Connect. Please call the office at 602-896-5000 if you need assistance.

You all know we value the home-school connection, and this is one of the best ways to help your child be successful. As always, if you have any questions, you can contact your child's teacher or me. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal



CALENDAR

Nov. 30	Student Council Meeting * 3:15-4:15
Nov. 30	ASA Marble Competition * 3:30-4:45
Dec. 1	1 st Gr. Field Trip to Phoenix Zoo
Dec. 1	4 th Gr. Field Trip to Az Science Center
Dec. 7	Student Council Meeting * 3:15-4:15
Dec. 11	PTA Meeting * 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Site Council Meeting * 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Great Skate Night * 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	5 th /6 th Gr. Dance * 3:30-5:00

Midterms

Midterms went home last week. These reports are so important for you to see how your child is doing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the teacher. He or she will be happy to discuss it with you. Remember that your child also has information about his or her progress. Ask your child specific questions about what he or she is doing. Educating children is a team effort, and we have the best teams!

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 "The Acacia Way". They were chosen by staff for the October Acacia WAY TO GO Award. Students celebrated with Mrs. Dial. Shaun S., Edgar O., Lauren W., Natalie E., Elizabeth J., Bella C., Carson B., Itzayana M., Stella V., Lejla H., My D., Zion S., Aleena R., Leah G., Jaily N., Zoey A., Steven S., Eileen C., Pricila R., Cadence P., Veda B., Valeria A., Bailey S., Hali B., Teevin N., Azahel A., Lilyana G., Cody P., Miha J., Ava H., James B., Alanah H., Sophia H., Mathew L., Urian H., Andrey A., Alicia A. and Kristian G., Congratulations!

AR Cheer Squad

Congratulations to some of our Student Council Representatives for being selected to the AR Cheer Squad. These students will be dancing and cheering with the Accelerated Reader students who are called for prizes each week. As you know, all students take a test to earn points after they read a book. As they earn these points, they are called to the office for a prize at predetermined benchmarks to celebrate and dance with the principal and receive a prize.

A++ AR Cheer Squad: Alicia A, Beija E, Matthew K, Alexa C, Travis R, Cassandra F, Isabella W, and Bella M.



Band/Strings Concert

Please join us for a wonderful holiday program performed by the 4th, 5th and 6th grade band/strings students on December 11 at 5:30 p.m. They have worked very hard and practiced many hours. Thank you to Dr. "L" for your dedication to our children and helping to foster their love of music.



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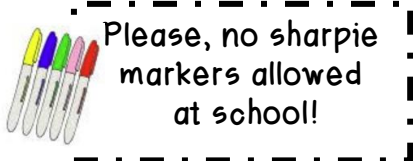
Please be courteous to our neighbors
Do not park in front of or block driveways.
Favor de ser corteses con nuestros vecinos
No se estacionen en frente o bloqueen los
caminos de entrada de vehículos.

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.

Lost and Found is growing!

Please have your child check the lost and found for jackets or sweaters he or she may have misplaced. Parents are always welcome to look also. Don't forget to stop in the office for a visitor's pass.



Please, no sharpie markers allowed at school!

Family Bingo Night was Fun!

PTA would like to send out huge "Thank you"

To all who volunteered and donated to the family bingo night! They also want to send out a huge "Thanks" to all of the families who attended the event. We love having events that bring the community together. We appreciate you all helping us celebrate our veterans and our emergency services community.

THANKS

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, December 12 is Acacia Family Night at Great Skate for an Ugly Sweater Skate Party from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Admission that night is only \$3 with skate rental for only \$3.50. Everyone is welcome and bring your friends too!



Construction:

As you've noticed, there is construction on 31st Avenue and also on Acoma. They are paving these streets. We have been in contact with the City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department and the date of completion for this project is December 11. They are scheduled to pave Acoma on Wednesday and then 31st Avenue from Acoma to Thunderbird Road on Thursday. Please plan for the construction and traffic if you drive your student(s) to school. If you have any questions, you can call the City of Phoenix Project Line at 602-297-5100.

Sorry, No Homemade



With the holidays fast approaching, there will be celebrations in and out of the classroom here at Acacia. Just a reminder that the food code enforced by the Maricopa County Health Department states, "Food prepared in a private home may not be used or offered for human consumption in a Food Establishment."

This means that any food brought to school must be purchased from a licensed kitchen and cannot be made at home. Thank you for helping us stay in compliance with the law.

Gifted Services Testing Opportunity

Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as gifted. Testing for placement in the gifted program takes place three times a year on ALL campuses. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please complete the screening form found on the Gifted Services website www.wedschools.org/Page/18 or contact your child's teacher to arrange for testing. A brochure describing services provided to gifted students and a list of common characteristics can be found on the website as well. Feel free to call or email the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Dr. Jason McIntosh, with any questions you may have Jason.mcintosh@wedschools.org / 602-347-2651. The gifted teacher on your campus can be reached by email at Jordan.blair@wedschools.org or by phone 602-896-5044 as well.

Oportunidad para Evaluación de Servicios para Estudiantes Dotados

El Distrito Escolar Washington provee un continuo de servicios para estudiantes identificados como dotados. La evaluación para colocación en el programa para estudiantes dotados toma lugar tres veces al año en TODAS las propiedades escolares. Si sienten que sus hijos demuestran características de un aprendiz dotado, favor de completar el formulario de evaluación leve que se encuentra en la página Web de Servicios Dotados 'Gifted Services' www.wedschools.org/Page/18 o comunicarse con el maestro de sus hijos para organizar una evaluación. Además, en la página Web se encuentra un folleto describiendo los servicios provistos para estudiantes dotados y una lista de características. Siéntanse en libertad de llamar o enviar un correo electrónico al Coordinador de Servicios para Estudiantes Dotados, Dr. Jason McIntosh, con cualesquier preguntas que pudiesen tener Jason.mcintosh@wedschools.org / 602-347-2651. Pueden comunicarse con el maestro de estudiantes dotados en su propiedad escolar por correo electrónico en www.jordan.blair@wedschools.org o también por teléfono 602-896-5044.

Cookie Dough Sales

There is still time to support our Acacia PTA! Ask your friends, family and co-workers to support our school by buying cookie dough and make their baking easier! These are also great gifts for neighbors. The cookie dough sale doesn't end until next Monday, December 4. Students can earn fun kangaroos to hang on a lanyard as well as other fun prizes. Cookie dough will be delivered before the holiday break on December 15.

Winter Break * No School Begins Fri, Dec. 22 * School Resumes Jan. 8 2018