



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.

December 11, 2017

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

Winter break is just around the corner. We have been so busy learning everything we can before the end of the 2nd quarter. Thank you for supporting your students in their efforts to be successful with their education. During this busy, holiday season, it is so important to keep up with routines. As we all know, reading is so important. This is why we have a program where all students are to read 20 minutes a night. I encourage and challenge all families to keep up with this important routine.

I want to remind you that students will attend school all day on Thursday, December 21, but will NOT have school on Friday, December 22. Friday will be a workday for teachers and a grading day as well. Report cards for the second quarter will be coming home the first week back in January. This first part of the year has gone by so quickly and we still have lots happening this month. I know 2018 will be a great year at Acacia! I hope you all enjoy your week and your up-coming holiday.

Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal



CALENDAR



Congratulations to the following students who will be representing their classroom in the school's Annual Spelling Bee on Tuesday, December 19.

- Gilbert; Cassandra F., Sebastian R.
 - Sporbert; Evan M., Dulce S.
 - Johnson; Alexander D., Kennedy T.
 - Lauzon; Krysta V., Connor W.
 - Lasley; Daniel H., Silvana S.
 - Scott; Laci K., Ezra P.
 - Frost; Chris A., Addison H.
 - Andrade; Alexis D., Christian E.
 - Black; Ava H., Amira L.
 - Bauer; Clinton S., James S.
 - Gedney; Johanna H., Roxel L.
 - Hamrick; Emma E., Jessica Z.
 - Meyer; Samiah D., Valentino J.
- Classroom Alternates: Lorena B., Sadie D., Mehki M., Vinni M., Alicia M., Laeliana J., Matthew C., Orion S., Andrew C., Presley I., Max F., Brandon W., Joseph S.



Dec. 11	PTA Meeting * 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	Winter Orchestra Concert 5:30 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. 14	ASA End of Semester Celebration * 'til 4:45 p.m.
Dec. 15	Garden Club * 'til 4:15 p.m.
Dec. 15	5 th /6 th Gr. Dance * 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 18	Cheer End of Season Banquet * 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	Cross Country End of Season Banquet * 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 21	2 nd Grade Polar Express * 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 22	Winter Break Starts * No School for Students

Thanks, Dunkin'!

Our staff has been surprised a few times the last month with a gift of donuts! Parent, Mrs. Franish, has "connections" and has delivered dozens of donuts to Acacia staff. Please help us thank her and the Dunkin Donuts on 19th Avenue and Union Hills Drive. All of us appreciate their thoughtfulness and the yummy donuts to help get the day started.



Happy Holidays!

Jingle Grams



Student Council is selling Jingle Grams this holiday season. They will deliver a holiday trinket and a card right to the classroom on Thursday, December 21. Grams will be sold during lunch and in the office. The cost is only \$1.00, and the sale ends Wednesday, December 20.



Thanks!

Thank you to another one of our awesome parents, Mr. Moabi He and his employer, Catholic Charities have donated backpacks and school supplies to our students. We appreciate that parents and the community contribute to the educational needs of our students. We are lucky to have all of you!



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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.



Spirit Week

December 18 - 21



Monday, December 18 * Holiday Socks

Tuesday, December 19 * Holiday Headgear

Wednesday, December 20 * Holiday Sweater

Thursday, December 21 * Pajama Day!

Cross Country

Congratulations to our Cross Country runners and Ms. Scott on a great season. Our runners are wonderful representatives of Acacia showing good sportsmanship and pride for their school. They will be celebrating their season December 19. We are so proud of you!



Boys Basketball

Congratulations on a great season! The team's regular season went 8-6. They placed 3rd in the Cholla Tournament this last weekend! We are so proud of the 5th and 6th grade boys who represented Acacia A++ with their great attitudes and enthusiasm for the game. Congratulations to Coach Hamrick on a great season.



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.

The Washington Elementary School District (WESD) will host multiple Teacher Interview Fairs to hire teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. All Teacher Interview Fairs will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the WESD Administrative Center, 4650 West Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, 85304. Contracts for the 2018-2019 school year will be offered to qualified candidates. Student teachers, soon-to-be college graduates, seasoned teachers and alternative pathways are encouraged to attend!

Teacher Interview Fairs are scheduled for:

Saturday, December 16, 2017,
Saturday, January 20, 2018,
Saturday, February 24, 2018,
Thursday, March 15, 2018, 4 to 7:30 p.m.; and
Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Interviews will be conducted for those interested in teaching: kindergarten, elementary education, special education, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, general music, art and special needs preschool. Successful candidates may be recommended for a 2018-2019 teaching contract.

Apply online prior to the interview fair at jobs.wesdschools.org. Please select the posting titled, Teacher – All Positions. Human Resources will contact qualified applicants directly to preschedule an interview.

For more information, contact the WESD Recruitment Office at 602-347-2622 or e-mail teach@wesdschools.org.

Tax Credit Now is the time to consider giving a tax donation to any of our clubs/groups/teams. Taxpayers can donate up to \$400 (filed jointly) or \$200 (single) and receive a tax credit. This is a dollar-for-dollar credit on your taxes. Call or come to the office for more information or to make your donation.



Please encourage your family, friends and neighbors to take advantage of this savings. They can choose to donate to our after-school orchestra, the sixth grade Sea World trip, garden club, choir, our Kindness and Compassion Club (KC Club) or to reading clubs. People do not have to have a child at our school to take advantage of this tax credit.

You can choose to donate your tax credit to any of our sports, which include cross-country, cheer, boys or girls basketball and soccer. They can always use assistance with uniforms, equipment and referees.

Accelerated Reader



Some of our students are doing great with their reading homework (assigned by Mrs. Hollingsworth). Please encourage your child to read! We have some great prizes at different levels of points in the AR program! Every week, students dance in the hall with the principal to fun music as they come to the office to collect their prize from the assistant principal! Congratulations to our current student leaders:

Primary: Isaac B. has 22.6 points, Ben B. has 20.8 points, Nina W. has 16.4 points!

Intermediate: Zade M. has 230.7 points, Ezra P. has 179.3 points, James B. has 127.9 points!

The more difficult the vocabulary, the more points the book is worth. Students must stay with their level so as to master it and then increase their ability. Encourage your child to read and take AR quizzes on the computer. Don't forget, you can go to the Acacia Web site and click the Accelerated Reader Home Connect to see your student's progress, see what books they are reading and how they scored on the tests that they have taken.

Class Leaders: Gordon 14.1, Dean 173.0, McLendon 280.3, Guarine 233.7, Sporbert 386.7, Frost 663.1, Bauer 698.2

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 November Acacia WAY TO GO Award. Students celebrated with Mrs. Dial.

Lucas L., Hunter L., Keiper V., Nyelii G., Jordyn R., Aleksandar D., Itzel F., Brandon P., Abasai E., Andrea J., Korbyn C., Hayden T., Layla G., Henry S., Kimberly F., Jovee A., Alissa M., Aiden G., Ella R., Jhony B., Connor S., Connor W., Diego A., Bella M., Xavier S., Delaynee B., Larisa H., Shanell S., Johan O., Dani K., Tristan P., Tania M., Ethan P., Valqantina H., Breanne S., Cody C., Joscelyn G., and Reagan D. Congratulations!

Winter Break * No School starting Friday, December 22
School Resumes Monday, January 8, 2018

