

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 5, 2016

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

What a great first half of the school year we've had. Every day we see quality teaching and learning taking place at every grade level. Your child can be a winner in life through the mastery of the three "A"s: **Attendance, Attitude and Achievement.** We all need goals. Help your child learn to set goals in school and at home and have them center on the three "A"s. Let your children know you expect them to try their best. Teach your child the importance of attendance. You have to go to work even if it's cold outside or if you just feel like sleeping in. Pass those same values to your children. School is their job, and the pay is their promising future. Help your child see the relationship between hard work and achievement.

Acacia teachers and staff will be working hard these few weeks before winter break. Please do your best to get students here on time and ready to learn. I know how easy it is to want to stay home in this chilly weather, but the learning must continue. Let's make these last few weeks of the semester productive and fun!



Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal

Dates to Remember

Mon., Dec. 5	Cross Country Finals * Division 2 * Moon Valley High School * 4:00 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 8	Cross Country Finals * Division 1 * Moon Valley High School * 4:00 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 8	Internet Safety Night * Everyone Welcome! * Cafeteria * 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 9	4 th Grade Field Trip * AZ Science Center
Fri., Dec. 9	Choir Winter Concert * Cafeteria * 5:00 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 12	Band/Strings Christmas Concert * Cafeteria * 5:30 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 13	Site Council Meeting * Library * 4:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 13	Cross Country End of the Season Celebration * Cafeteria * 5:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 16	5 th /6 th Grade Dance * Cafeteria * 3:30 p.m.

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

Wow! They are at it AGAIN!



We want to extend another big "Thank you" to Lowes on Thunderbird at 29th Avenue! Have you noticed the awesome holiday inflatables in the library and cafeteria? The department manager in Seasonal, Chris Connors, and the ASM, Scott Tarezynski donated all three of the holiday inflatables including the huge snowman train on the

stage. They are so festive and the students love them. We appreciate our business partners and all they do for our school and the community. Thank you, again, Chris, Scott and Lowes!

More than Just Jackets

As always, our Lost and Found is over-flowing with jackets and lunch boxes, but we have more. If your child is missing a house key or even glasses, please have him or her come to the office and check to see if it's been turned in to the office lost and found. We have many glasses including prescription ones in addition to many lanyards with house keys on them. We know don't remember where we may have lost an item and its right here at school!



Site Council Meeting

Our next Site Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 13. All stakeholders are invited to any of our monthly Site Council meetings. The Title I plan for this year will be shared with Site Council at the December meeting. Our school has developed the plan to align with our School Improvement Plan, which will also be shared with the group.

Winter Break starts Fri., December 23, 2016

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.

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to our classes that won with the best attendance for the month of November. Students are presented the "traveling trophy" to keep in their class for the month and a coupon treat from Whataburger.



Ms. Michael's Class – Kindergarten
Ms. Marcum's Class – First Grade
Ms. McLendon's Class – Second Grade
Ms. Barrera's Class – Third Grade
Ms. Timm's Class – Fourth Grade
Mrs. Lester's Class – Fifth Grade
Mr. Hamrick's Class – Sixth Grade

Chipotle Reading Program

The Chipotle reading program is underway. Your child brought home a reading log for the month of December. This program is designed to help promote reading, especially over winter break. Have your child color in the log for every day that he or she reads 10 - 20 minutes. When your child returns his or her reading log after winter break to Ms. Dominique, he or she will receive a voucher for a free meal at Chipotle. Yummy!

Jingle Grams



Student Council is selling Jingle Grams this holiday season starting on Thursday, December 15. They will deliver a bell item and a card right to the classroom on Thursday, December 22. Grams will be sold during lunch and in the office. The cost is only \$1.00, and the sale ends Wednesday, December 21.

Spirit Week

December 19 - 22

Monday: Sports Day
Tuesday: Holiday Sweater Day
Wednesday: Holiday Headgear
Thursday: PJ Day



Band/Strings Concert

Please join us for a wonderful holiday program played by the 4th, 5th and 6th grade band/strings students on December 12 at 5:30 p.m. Our orchestra students have worked very hard and practiced a lot of hours. Thank you to Dr. "L" for your dedication to our children and helping to foster their love of music.



Tax Credit



It's the end of the year and it's not too late 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 even choose to donate your tax credit to any of our sports, which include cross country, cheer and boys and girls basketball. They can always use assistance with uniforms, equipment and referees.

Cross Country



Congratulations to our cross country runners and Ms. Scott on a great season. They have the District divisional meets this week! Our runners are wonderful representatives of Acacia showing good sportsmanship and pride for their school. They will be celebrating their season on Tuesday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. We are so proud of all of our runners!

Boys Basketball



Congratulations on a great season! We are so proud of the 5th and 6th grade boys who represented Acacia A++ showing improvement with their enthusiasm for the game. Good luck on the Cholla Tournament.

Compliments to Coach Ciliberti and Coach Johnson on a great season.

