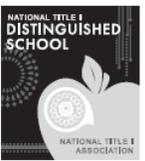




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# ACACIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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 19, 2016

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

We are so pleased to welcome our new second grade teacher, Courtney Boehlmer. Ms. Boehlmer comes to us with enthusiasm and excitement. We will sadly say, "So long, but not good-bye" to Ms. Russo who has been substituting since the beginning of the year. Thanks for a great job. We will welcome Ms. Boehlmer this week, right before winter break.

Speaking of winter break, just a reminder that Thursday, December 22 is the last day of school for students. Teachers and staff will be here on Friday for PLC and grading. We will all return on Monday, January 9. This first part of the year has gone by so quickly. I know 2017 will be a great year at Acacia!

During this busy, holiday season, it's so important to keep up with routines. As we all know, reading is so important, that's 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 especially during the break. I want to take this time to thank you for all of your support! You make Acacia truly fabulous! I wish you and your family the happiest of holidays. Enjoy your time together!

Sincerely,  
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal



## Dates to Remember

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Tuesday, December 20   | School Spelling Bee * Cafeteria * 1:30 p.m.                       |
| Tuesday, December 20   | ASA Parent/Student Celebration * Cafeteria * 3:15 p.m.            |
| Wednesday, December 21 | Morning ASA Awards * Cafeteria * 7:05 a.m.                        |
| Thursday, December 22  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Egg Drop Experiment * Cafeteria * 9:00 a.m. |
| Thursday, December 22  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Polar Express * Cafeteria * 5:00 p.m.       |
| Friday, December 23    | No School for Students * see you January 9, 2017                  |
| Tuesday, January 10    | Site Council Meeting * Library * 4:00 p.m.                        |
| Wednesday, January 11  | Report Cards Go Home  |

### Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students for representing their classroom in the school's Annual Spelling Bee on Tuesday, December 20.



#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives:

Amira L., Ezra P., Connor B., Alanah H., Christopher A., Hailie C., Addyson H., David J.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives:

Kira S., Robyne D., Reagan D., Jessica Z., James S., Connor L., Clinton S., Serene F.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives:

Jubilee C., Dahlia M., Angela G., Miranda O., Jaslene S., Alyssa O., Alan E., Laylanee C.



**Spirit Week: 12/19 - 12/22**

Monday - Sports Day

Tuesday - Holiday Sweater Day

Wednesday - Holiday Headgear Day

Thursday - Pajama Day





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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.**

## Jingle Grams



Student Council is selling Jingle Grams this holiday season. Grams will be sold during lunch and in the office until December 21. Student Council representatives will deliver a bell item and the Card right to the classroom on Thursday, December 22.

## Accelerated Reader



Our students are doing great. Please encourage your child to read. We have some great prizes at different levels of points! Students dance in the hall with Mrs. Hollingsworth, the principal, to fun music as they come to the office to collect their prize from Mrs. Dial, the assistant principal.

Congratulations to our current student leaders:

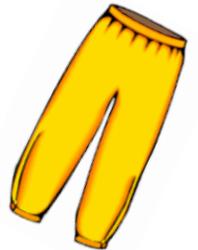
**Primary: Xander G. with 40.7 points**

**Intermediate: Miles W. with 234.6**

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. We are excited to announce that our wonderful partners, the Telephone Pioneers, have donated bikes again for the end-of-the-school-year drawing! Encourage your child to read and take A/R quizzes on the computer. Don't forget you can go to the Acacia Web site, look up Accelerated Reader Home Connect and click the link to see your student's progress, see what books they are reading and how they scored on the tests that they have taken.

## Accidents Happen!

Our supply of extra pants for accidents is dwindling. If you have any sweat pants, pants or shorts with elastic waistbands that you would like to donate, please bring them to Ms. Susan in the Health Office. Thank you!



## Gifts That Don't Cost a Cent

The Gift of Listening... But you must really listen. No interrupting, no day dreaming, no planning your response, just listen.

The Gift of Affection... Be generous with hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

The Gift of Laughter... Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."

The Gift of a Written Note... It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime and may even change a life.

The Gift of a Compliment... A simple and sincere "You look great in red," "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

The Gift of Kindness... Every day, go out of your way to do something kind for someone.

**Winter Break \* No School starting Friday, December 23**  
**School Resumes Monday, January 9, 2017**

