

Acacia Elementary School

Mission Statement: Our mission at Acacia School is to educate children by fostering their growth academically, physically, socially and aesthetically so that they are inspired to be lifelong learners.

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Newsletter

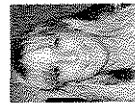
Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

From time to time, I will be updating you on Acacia's School Improvement Plan (SIP) and the many components of it. I feel strongly that we are partners in your child's education. I want all of our parents to be as informed as they can be with what we are doing to enhance student achievement. Acacia's School Improvement Goal is: "Consistent, systematic, focused and responsive monitoring of student progress." The objective our staff chose to focus on is: "Utilizing the data from the curriculum-aligned assessments to design and modify instructional practices." Acacia is committed to recognizing every student as an individual. Instead of only looking at the whole class to determine the needs of the group, we break it down into exactly what EACH student needs to be successful. Teachers spend time examining exactly what each child needs additional help with and then provides strategies to ensure that he or she is even more successful. Teachers are trained in effective strategies for teaching objectives. Much of this valuable information is gained through activities that are planned and presented during our Professional Learning Community (PLC) Wednesdays.

As part of our SIP, once the students and objectives needing additional assistance are identified, the students receive assistance during the school day through our school-wide Title 1 program. If your child needs assistance with certain identified objectives, he or she is tutored in small groups until that objective is mastered. Students who are exceeding the standard are also given the opportunity to be tutored at a higher level in order to assure they, too, are given the chance to succeed at an even higher level.

Through the benefits of the Title 1 program and the K-3 override, we are able to give small group assistance to students in grades K-6 each day. This has been monumental in achieving our school label of Highly Performing.

There are many more aspects of our school-wide plan, and I will touch on those in later issues of the newsletter. If you ever have any questions about our programs here at Acacia, please feel free to contact me. Acacia has a lot to be proud of, and we are fortunate to have such a wonderful staff and involved parents!



Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal

Thank you, Sardellas Piza

Please join me in thanking Sardellas Piza at 43rd Ave and Cactus for their donation to celebrate our students who achieved Principal's List. We appreciate them taking care of our students.

Hurray, Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to the following students for their perfect attendance during the first quarter. Criteria for selection include: no absences, not signed out early from school, not tardy more than three times and never later than 15 minutes for school.

Kindergarten:

Ballew A., Zachary B., Alexa C., Vivian H., Alexander K., Leonardo L., Amado M., Ricardo S., Thu T., Samantha T.

First Grade:

Nova A., Nikkte B., Brian C., Maliah C., Hailie D., Stacy M., Eliot R., Joanna V., Michelle W.

Second Grade:

David A., Alexiss B., Hililani C., Magaly D., Rachel E., Waleed K., Payton L., Gerry L., Valeria L., Kylan M., Timmy N., Arnold O., Andy R., Saul R., Michelle V.

Third Grade:

Ashlee A., Haaiel B., Darian B., Brandon B., Kirsten C., Diannie C., Elyn C., Brianna D., Philicia G., Jasmine H., Janet J., Krystina J., Audrie L., Khatbet M., Jacob M. Kevin N., Megan O., Kolbe P., Reyna R., Taylor T.

Fourth Grade:

Kaya B., Morgan B., Ciara C., Grace E., Jaquelynn F., Mohammad K., Daniel K., Summer P., Emmanuel R., Natalie R., Litzy R., Michael R., Lilian T., Lilliana T., Yaniley V.

Fifth Grade:

Samantha B., Cassidy B., Jacob B., Vanessa C., Sheila D., Aaron E., Gabrielle F., Kaiden F., Nathan G., Jacob H., Selena N., Alondra R., Christopher R., Peyton R., Madison S., Dakota S., Denis V.

Sixth Grade:

Dominic A., Daniel B., Estevan C., Karina C., Cesar C., Jasmine C., Brittany C., Levi E., Carmen J., Crystal M., Charisma M., Sergio P., Sebastian R., Shelby R., Ruby R., Matthew S., Miguel S., Areli T., Juan V.

Val-o-Grams

Student Council is selling Val-o-grams again this year. Students receive a special treat delivered to them on Feb. 12. Val-o-grams can be purchased at lunch or in the office for \$1 from Feb. 5 - Feb. 11.

AMPL FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

**FRI, FEB. 5
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

FAMILY FUN/LOTS OF PRIZES

Not too Early

The earliest a student can be on campus is 7:40 a.m. Please do not drop off your student before that time. There is no supervision. We do have day care here on campus if you would like to sign up your student. It is open at 6:30 a.m. Call 602-896-5015 for more information.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Early Dismissal
Wednesdays
K-2 12:50
3-6 1:30

Wed., Feb. 3...APL Meeting * Library * 6:00 p.m. EVERYONE WELCOME
Fri., Feb. 5...APL Family Bingo Night * Cafeteria * 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 9...Site Council Meeting * Library * 4:00 p.m.
Wed., Thurs., Fri., Feb. 10-12 * Early Dismissal * Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mon., Feb. 15...Presidents Day * No School



Campus Courtesies

Teachers selected students from their classroom who have met the following guidelines for the second grading period:

- Have followed Acacia School's Campus Courtesies.
- Have continued to make good choices.
- Have helped a fellow student or staff member in a respectful and positive manner.

Students were acknowledged by the principal with an ice cream sandwich treat as well as given a certificate.

We, as a school, wish to express the importance of attributes such as kindness, courtesy and good citizenship. With our celebrations, we hope to encourage other students to achieve this honor as well.

Kindergarten: Mrs. Brown's Class:

Sharai M. * Kaitlynn P. * Ben Y.

Kindergarten: Mrs. Frankel's Class:

Amya W. * Justine N. * Jaylene H. * Jason E.

Kindergarten: Mrs. Jackson/Follett's Class:

Alexa C. * Armando D. * McKenzie D.

First Grade: Mrs. Elrod's Class:

Rachel A. * Destiny R. * Michelle W.

First Grade: Mrs. Hoang's Class:

Rowan D. * Dakota G. * Danny G.

First Grade: Ms. Vall's Class:

Niktte B.G. * Victor G. * Alondra T.

Second Grade: Mrs. Bailey's Class:

Tim K. * Arnold O. * Denae R.

Second Grade: Mrs. Cowthorpe's Class:

Callista D. * Saul R. * Stephanie R.

Second Grade: Mrs. Solorio's Class:

Diamond G. * Andy R. * Isabella V.

Second Grade: Mrs. Tirado's Class:

Sabrina F. * Jovani L. * Michaelle V.

Third Grade: Mrs. Camilli's Class:

Trey H. * Maria O. * Desirae R.

Third Grade: Ms. Gedney's Class:

Angelina G. * Mykenna N. * Guillermo P.

Third Grade: Mrs. Lesser's Class:

Kenady A. * Audrie L. * Kolbe P.

Third Grade: Ms. Thompson's Class:

Diannie C. * Krystina J. * Levi M.

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Destree's Class:

Litzy R. * Yariley V. * Matthew Y.

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Fitch's Class:

Yajaira F. * Bryan R. * Trinity T.

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Healey's Class:

Emily C. * Joshua H. * Alexis K.

Fifth Grade: Mrs. Haus' Class:

Vanessa E. * Kayle F. * Alondra R.

Fifth Grade: Ms. Lupion's Class:

Jacob B. * Anais G. * Ruby M.

Fifth Grade: Ms. Strunk's Class:

Jennifer B.L. * Lucia F. * Jacob H.

Sixth Grade: Mrs. Bauer's Class:

Emma B. * Jayson F. * Shelby R.

Sixth Grade: Mrs. Free's Class:

Autumn B. * Daniel B. * Jaemine C.

Sixth Grade: Mrs. Frost's Class:

Gabby C. * Matthew S. * Diane T.

Students & Parents:

Are you looking for some exciting after-school or family activities? Check out what WESD has to offer! Go to our WESD Web site at www.wesdschools.org. Look under "Spotlight on Our Schools," then click on "2009-2010 After-school Opportunities." You can find out about many of our after-school enrichment classes and print the enrollment forms. We are adding new fun enrichment and educational classes all the time! If you have any questions, please contact Erika Williamson at 602-347-2682 or email erika.williamson@wesdschools.org

After-school Academy

Acacia Elementary After-school Academy began its second semester Monday, January 11. This semester, we are offering four before-school classes – Science Club, Webkinz, Math Madness and girls basketball. These four morning classes begin at 7:10 a.m. We are also offering after-school classes that run until 4:15 p.m. Our classes include Rosetta Stone, math, reading, and choir. There were many students who were invited to be part of the After-school Academy. These students were selected based on District assessment scores. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Cristina Tirado 602-896-5034 or Cheryl Gedney at 602-896-5047.

Girls Basketball Game Schedule

1/28 vs Tumbleweed @ Acacia 3:30 p.m.

2/1 @ Abraham Lincoln 3:30 p.m.

2/4 vs Shaw Butte @ Acacia 3:30 p.m.

2/16 @ Sahuaro 3:30 p.m.

2/19 vs Ironwood @ Acacia 3:30 p.m.

2/23 vs Moon Mountain @ Acacia 3:30 p.m.

3/1 vs Sunnyslope @ Acacia 3:45 p.m.

3/2 @ Tumbleweed 4:15 p.m.



Free English Classes

The 21st Century Program is offering a great opportunity for adults who want to learn English FREE every Tuesday and Thursday.

Call the office for more information.

Classes gratuitas de Ingles

El programa de 21st Century está ofreciendo una oportunidad gratuita para padres de familia para aprender ingles cada martes y jueves.

Para obtener más información, llame a la oficina

Early Dismissal parent/Teacher Conferences

Feb. 10, 11, 12

Grades K-2 dismiss @ 12:50

Grades 3-6 dismiss @ 1:30