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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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WORD OF THE WEEK: THANKFUL

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus," (Philippians 1:3-6).

HALF-DAY FRIDAY

This Friday is a half-day, and Student Council has chosen the theme "Crazy Hair Day." This is also the day they are collecting money to help a less fortunate family at Christmas. If you are willing to participate, please bring a dollar to help with this cause. You may come out of uniform that day, but please remain in dress code.

BELLE OF BISBEE

Monday, December 5th we are going to have a special presentation by the New Mexico Young Actors. They will be presenting their melodrama at 1:30 PM, and everyone is welcome to attend. To help offset the cost of this fun event, we are asking each child to bring \$1. Please make sure this is given to your child's teacher sometime during the next week.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FIFTH GRADE TEACHER

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest addition to our staff, Mr. Brian Martinez. We are all sad to know that Mrs. Melikian and her family will be moving over the Christmas break. Mr. Martinez will be in the classroom at the end of this week as well as the week before Christmas break, and will be teaching full time when we return in January. Welcome to ACS!

ACS BOOK FAIR

This year's book fair is in Mr. Adams's office this week. The theme for this year's book fair is "To the Book Fair and Beyond! Reading is Out of this World!" This is a great opportunity to pick up Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers for your young readers. **New this year** is the opportunity to try out our book fair extension at the ACS Scholastic Book Fair Home Page at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/acs>. If you can't make it to our book fair in person, you can shop online and we will still receive a portion of the proceeds. This book fair will be available from November 17th through December 7th. It is a great opportunity for grandparents, family members, and friends who are out of town to purchase books and gifts.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL AND CHOR REHEARSAL INFORMATION

Dress rehearsal for the 1st through 3rd Grade Christmas Musical, "The Light Before Christmas," and Ram Jam! Choir Concert is this Wednesday, November 30th, after lunch. Costume information was already emailed home with the music students, and "Ram-Jam!" members. If you need a hard copy of the costume information, you may pick one up at the front desk. They are to wear their usual uniforms to school, and bring their costume to change into for rehearsal after lunch with their class. There will be another rehearsal the following afternoon, but it is *not* a dress rehearsal. The performance is Thursday evening, December 1st, at 6:30 PM, beginning with the choir concert. Students need to be at school at 6 PM. See Ms. Custer for details.

LOST AND FOUND

Please come by and check the lost and found. We will put everything out on the tables for the next two Fridays, please look over everything and make sure you take what is yours. Anything that is still here on Friday, December 16th will be donated to a local charity, and we will start with a clean lost and found in January. Please remember to put your child's name on ALL of his or her items being brought to school.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY FOR VETERANS

The Boy Scouts of ACS are collecting socks, small cans of coffee, and tea bags to donate to the Veterans this holiday season. If you are interested in helping out with this cause, there will be a green box in the school foyer for your donations. We will be taking donations through November 29th. Thank you for helping our Veterans.

SERVICE PROJECT

The ACS Brownie Troop is serving our community by helping animals in need. We are currently collecting items to be donated to our local animal shelter and the Animal Humane Society. You can help us by bringing items such as cat and dog food, toys, dog bones or treats, collars and leashes. There is a drop box by the front desk for your donations. We'll be collecting items until the end of November. Everything will be greatly appreciated by the animals and our Brownies!

SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED

The 17th annual ACS science fair is scheduled for Thursday, January 5th, and we are in need of judges. If you have a

background in science, this can be a very rewarding and fun day. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Haley at the front desk or Miss Thomas, our science teacher here at ACS.

CALENDAR CHANGES

Please note the following changes that are being made to the school calendar. January 6th is scheduled to be a half day for Teachers' In-service, and will now be a full day of school. This is the week that we return from Christmas break. The other change is in February. February 2nd will be a half-day, and February 3rd will be a full day off. These will be our teacher in-service days for February.

8TH GRADE MISSION FUNDRAISERS

The 8th graders will be going on a mission trip to Abilene, Texas to work with Love and Care Ministries serving the poor and homeless there. This is a great trip that really helps students understand how blessed they are and brings unity to the group. We ask that everyone pray for these students and this year's mission. If you would like to help, the following fund raisers are being sponsored by the 8th grade:

PANDA EXPRESS - Take a night or afternoon off from cooking and enjoy a little Chinese on **Monday, December 5** at Montgomery and Eubank until 9:30 that evening. The 8th graders will receive 20% of your purchase price as long as you present them with the attached flyer. The flyer is also available on the website or at the front desk.

FOOD PANTRY

Thanks for all you do to help the needy families of Albuquerque. Your efforts make a difference to many of the families in the surrounding community. During the month of November, we will be collecting **new or gently used blankets or coats and bottled water**. You can drop your donation off in the blue tub located in the lobby.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ACS

- November 28th - 2nd **Book Fair in Mr. Adams's Office**
- December 1st **1st - 3rd Christmas Program**
- December 5th **Panda Express Fundraiser**
- December 6th **PTFC Meeting 6:30 PM**
- December 13th **Pre-school through Kindergarten Christmas Program**
- Wednesdays – Faith Lift

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SCHOOL, STAFF, AND CHILDREN IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart," (Jeremiah 29:11-13).