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### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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#### WORD OF THE WEEK: KINDNESS

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you,” (Ephesians 4:31-32).

#### STARS - Shining Truths About Remarkable Students

Each week we will tell you of the wonderful talents that the Lord has blessed our children with.

- **Ryder M.** is a Pre-K STAR. His teacher says, “He shines the light of Jesus when he plays with his friends. He is very kind to everyone. He loves to color and is a hard worker. He has a creative imagination. He is a sweet little boy who is a wonderful part of our class.”
- **Noah M.** is a Kindergarten STAR. His teacher says, “Noah loves to be helpful to his classmates and loves playing with them out on the playground. He shows enthusiasm about all that he is learning in class. His favorite subjects are math and science. Noah is very sweet and is a good brother to his three brothers and sister. He is a joy to me and his friends in class this year.”
- **Matthew M.** is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade STAR. Her teacher says, “Matthew is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade star because he is a quiet and soft-spoken soul. He is a friend to all, and loves his big sister and brother. I see how much love he has for his family in how he hugs his mom good bye each morning and how he interacts with his dad and grandparents. Matthew is a blessing to all who are privileged to know him.”
- **Catherine N.** is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade STAR. Her teacher says, “Genuine goodness and dedication to excellence are “STAR” qualities that illuminate Catherine’s life. As she quietly completes her assignments, she checks for accuracy and completeness. She lets the teachers know she is listening and interested in a lesson by careful attentiveness and by smiling. She is calm, kind, respectful, and caring toward others. Above all, she is a precious daughter, sister, and friend.”
- **Alyssa W.** is a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade STAR. Her teacher says, “She comes prepared for school every day. She is a good friend to all of her classmates and is willing to help out when needed. She enjoys playing volleyball for ACS and being with her friends. Her love for God is apparent when she is talking about her family. She is a delight to have in class.”

#### SPEECH MEET

Thank you to all who participated in the In-House Speech Meet today. It was a wonderful event and went great. The students did a fantastic job and are to be commended! The awards will be handed out at tomorrow’s assembly, so make plans to stay and see how they did!

#### CALENDAR CHANGES

Please note the following changes that are being made to the school calendar. January 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a half-day, and February 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a full day off. These will be our teacher in-service days for February.

#### BUTTER BRAIDS AND CLASSIC BREAKS

Butter Braid and Classic Breaks order forms were sent home with the students. The price of each item has increased by \$1.00. Make sure to read the letter attached to the order forms for more information, including information about the Butter Braid “Golden Ticket.” The sale ends Friday, October 14th, but please try to turn in your order forms with payment on October 12th. PTFC would like to raise \$5000 from this sale. If each student sells 4 items, we will reach this goal. If each student sells 5 items, we will raise over \$6,000! Remember, the money that is raised goes right back to the school and students for the PTFC projects and all of the 8th grade sales will go toward the Mission Trip. Recent projects have included teacher classroom allotments, new cafeteria tables, and updated desks for the 2nd grade classroom. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Mia at 459-1386 or [miaskinner12@gmail.com](mailto:miaskinner12@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

#### FALL FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

It is hard to believe, but it is almost that time already. Please plan on attending the evening of October 28<sup>th</sup>. It is a fun time for the whole family. Information about wrist bands will be coming soon. There are a few things that PTFC needs to let you know in order to make the festival a success:

- We need bags of candy that will be handed out as prizes. These are being collected between now and October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please bring them to the school, and Delilah will make sure they get to the PTFC. Please remember that we have quite a few students who have an allergy to nuts.

- We will start decorating the school Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help, contact Delilah at the front desk.
- The homeroom moms may be calling you to ask for your help running one of the games that night. Many of the teachers will put signup sheets outside their doors.
- There is always a cakewalk or two at the event, so start thinking about the **wonderful dessert** you might want to donate for some lucky walker.

### FALL FUN FESTIVAL BASKETS

It is time to begin thinking about ideas for this year's basket raffle! All of the items collected are donated, so the entire amount raised goes directly to the school and students. This is always an exciting event that offers a great chance to win some fantastic prizes. Last year's baskets were amazing, and I know this year's are going to be better. Although, there are some big shoes to fill...How do you top a Wii Bit O' Silliness, or The Bar B Que "Basket," or the Date Night Basket - complete with a string of pearls?!?!? These were just a few of the fantastic baskets you put together last year. I am excited to see what parents and students come up with this year. Please get in touch with your classroom parent and start brain storming. Wrapped baskets need to be completed, and brought to the foyer of the school, on Monday October 24th (with a list of the items included and the basket's approximate value). The baskets will be placed on display and you can buy your raffle tickets the entire week of October 24th – 28th. Ticket sales will end at 7:45 p.m. October 28th, at the Fall Fun Festival and the drawings will begin at 8:00 p.m. Do you know any area businesses that would be willing to donate additional items to the raffle? See Mrs. Haley at the front desk for a donation request letter that contains the ACS's TIN. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer (Ticket sales before/after school and the night of Fall Fun Festival, decorating the tables in the foyer, etc...), please contact Mia at 459-1386 or [miaskinner12@gmail.com](mailto:miaskinner12@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

### 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade:

**CANDY SALES** – The 8<sup>th</sup> grade is selling rock candy and different types of candy bars. All items are a dollar and will be sold at lunch and after school. Look for the white boxes if you are interested!

**PIZZA LUNCHEON** – They are having a special pizza lunch next Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will be sent home this week and are attached to this e-mail. Orders are due back by October 11<sup>th</sup>

**PURSE SALE** - Kristi Winters, who had a son in last year's 8th grade class and another son currently in 7th grade, is a Thirty-One consultant. She has graciously offered this year's class 100% of her profit! We are so grateful and excited about this opportunity. We have sent home flyers to all the students and there are catalogues and samples at the front desk. You may view all the Thirty-One products online at [www.mythirtyone.com/kristiwinters](http://www.mythirtyone.com/kristiwinters). You may order online by clicking on My Events, and then on ACS Fundraiser. Or you may fill out the order form which was sent home and leave it at the front desk. All orders will go in on October 25<sup>th</sup>, and you will receive your products a week or two after that. The Thirty-One company has some fantastic bags and purses and other storage containers, all at very reasonable prices. Many of them can also be monogrammed. The monogrammed lunch bags and utility totes would make great Christmas gifts!

### APPLES FOR TEACHERS

The apple tree is still up in the gym. This tree contains apples with requests for classroom needs. If you missed the tree at the open house and are interested in helping out in your classroom or around the school, be sure to check it out! Your gifts are blessing to the teacher and their classrooms!

### UNITED WAY

Please remember that if your business does a matching program through United Way, You can write us in as the 501c3 that you would like your half of the donation to go to. This is just another way to help out the school. Thanks for all you do!

### FOOD PANTRY

This year, we will continue to collect food for the needy families of Albuquerque. Thank you for your willingness to help with this cause. September we will be collecting **peanut butter and jelly**. You can drop your donation off in the blue tub located in the lobby.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT ACS

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| • October 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Teachers' Conferences-No School                  |
| • October 11 <sup>th</sup>                    | Retake and Group Picture Day                     |
| • October 11 <sup>th</sup>                    | PTFC Meeting                                     |
| • October 14 <sup>th</sup>                    | End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter for Report Cards  |
| • October 18 <sup>th</sup>                    | Report Cards Go Home                             |
| • October 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> | Parent Teacher Conferences                       |
| • October 21 <sup>st</sup>                    | ½ Day to Finish Parent Teacher Conferences       |
| • October 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | District Speech Meet at ACS                      |
| • October 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | ½ Day Teacher's In-Service and Fall Fun Festival |

- Wednesdays – Faith Lift

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

*“Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing,”*

(1 Peter 3:8-9)