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HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A REFRESHING NEW YEAR!!

WORD OF THE WEEK: SHARING

"All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved," (Acts 2:44-47). What an incredible example these early Christians set for all of us.

STARS - Shining Truths About Remarkable Students

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

- **Payton B.** is a Pre-K STAR. His teacher says, "Payton is such a joy! He always comes into class with a smile on his face and a new story to make me laugh. Payton loves Bible class. He sits and listens so intently and is the first to raise his hand to answer a question. He shines his light for Jesus by being a good friend to all the kids in our class."
- **Ethan C.** is a 2nd Grade STAR. His teacher says, "Ethan is a 2nd grade star due to the love for his family, friends, and God. Ethan is full of energy and light. He loves his big sister Megan and is very proud of his dad. He can't wait to see his mom at the end of the school day and is so excited when she picks him up. He is a wonderful friend to everyone in class and is a true blessing and joy to have. God has great plans for this young man!"
- **Pamela P.** is a 3rd Grade STAR. Her teacher says, "Pammy, now Pamela, is a kind and sweet student who cares about all of her fellow classmates. She loves school and does her best to be a responsible student. I was so impressed with her on the night of the Christmas Musical when she was able to keep her composure in the midst of trouble. She was being asked, at the last minute, to take on an added set of lines. I asked her if she needed a script, and she said, "No ma'am, Mrs. Cocchiola, I know all of the lines, and even if I get stumped, I just need to look at Mrs. Custer, and she will prompt me." Her passions are Taekwondo and reading, and she fits them in as often as possible. She is a loved member of the Pitcher family, her school, and her Rio Rancho church."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls' season comes to an end this week. Both teams are in their conference tournaments. The A team won their first game last night against Calvary Christian Academy (Belen). They will play their second round game tonight against the Albuquerque Home School Purple Team at Noon Day Ministries. The start time of the game is 5:45 PM. The B Team girls will play their first round game Wednesday night at 4:30 PM at Sandia View in Corrales. The finals are here at ACS on Thursday night. Hope to see you there!!

TRACK RESULTS

Mr. Martinez, our new fifth grade teacher, is one of the coaches of the Cougar Track Club of Albuquerque. The Cougars took 57 team members to the National track meet this last weekend. Twenty four hundred students competed in ten different events. The Cougars placed in the top three in six of the ten events setting a nationals record for the best showing for a single team in the history of the event. Both of Mr. Martinez's children qualified for and competed in the national event. **Brian** in 4th grade placed 11th in the nation in his age group and **Faith** in 2nd grade placed 4th in the nation in her age group. Way to go Cougars!

STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

We would like to say a big thank you to the people who helped watch the children while the staff enjoyed a nice lunch yesterday. Your willingness to help and love for the staff is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION (PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH KINDERGARTEN)

Our second Christmas performance is tonight at 6:30 PM in the Church auditorium. This will be a very special production by our pre-school, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten students. Make plans to celebrate the evening with your children and ACS. Feel free to enter on the Church side if you would prefer.

BOYS BASKETBALL MEETING

The 5th through 8th grade boys' basketball meeting will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, December 14th, at 3:30 in Mr. Adams's office. We will discuss the season and determine if we will have two or three teams. Please be there if you are

interested! We are looking forward to a great season.

THURSDAY DRESS DOWN DAY

The student council found quite a few people that they wanted to help out this year, but they have not raised enough money to help them all yet. They are asking for your help! Thursday will be a special "\$2 dress down day." If you would like to come to school on Thursday in your favorite style of clothing, you can do that. We only ask two things, you stay within dress code and bring \$2 for the opportunity

POPCORN FRIDAYS

We are in need of a little extra help on popcorn Fridays. If you would like to have a cup of coffee and a good discussion with another parent here at ACS, then popcorn Friday is just the thing for you. It takes about 45 minutes to an hour on Friday mornings and the coffee is free. If you would like to help, just let Delilah know and she will add you to the schedule.

HALF DAY FRIDAY

This Friday is a half-day, and students may wear their Christmas attire. Please remember to follow the dress code, but have fun with your Christmas clothing.

PERFORMANCE PICTURES

Ms. Williams and our yearbook staff took some wonderful pictures at the first through third grade musical. Stop by the front desk and take a look! You may purchase the pictures for \$1. They will also be taking pictures tonight at the younger children's performance, so watch for those pictures at the front desk soon!

REFERRAL REBATES

Families with students currently enrolled at ACS are eligible to receive a \$100 rebate for each family referred to (and subsequently enrolled in) ACS. This rebate will be applied in December, in the form of an adjustment to the FACTS contract, or by check if the tuition is paid in full. Please remember that a Referral Form must be filled out (by the individual who made the referral) and submitted to the Business Office in order for the rebate to be processed.

LOST AND FOUND

Please come by and check the lost and found. We will put everything out on the tables this Friday; 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.

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.

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

- December 13th Pre-school through Kindergarten Christmas Program
- December 15th Dress Down Day \$2 to help the needy
- December 16th Half Day (Christmas Theme)
- December 5th Science Fair
- December 17th In-House Spelling Bee
- Wednesdays – Faith Lift

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

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests," (Luke 2:14).