



ACE Charter High School

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Parent Engagement Increases Student Academic Achievement and Makes for a Stronger School!

According to the recent *MetLife Survey of the American Teacher*, teachers, parents and students all agree that parent engagement in schools has increased over the past 25 years. Many studies have shown that students with involved parents earn higher grades, achieve higher test scores, earn more credits, and have better attendance. *Parent engagement also increases a student's ability to graduate high school.* However, the MetLife survey also noted that parent engagement remains a challenge for many schools (Edutopia.com, 2014).

This school year, ACE Charter High School has increased the opportunities for parents to be more engaged. One easy way is to monitor student progress, grades, and attendance through the online **PowerSchool Parent Login**. Information on how to enroll yourself is included with the newsletter, and ACE will have staff available during Parent Night activities on October 23rd to help parents enroll and provide technical assistance.

Our first quarterly **Parent Night Potluck and Open House** is being planned by the Community and Culture class and will include transforming the hallways of the TYD building into the "**HAUNTED HALLWAYS OF TERROR!**" Results from a school wide student survey has guided the planning. Other activities for the evening involve trick or treating the classrooms, so wear your Halloween costumes, and bring the whole family! ACE is looking for volunteers and will be accepting donations to help make the night a terrifying success. Contact Mrs. Ruddick at emily.ruddick@acehs.org or by calling ACE Charter High School at 520-628-8316.

Upcoming Events

October 23

Parent Night Potluck & Open House featuring the "Haunted Hallways of Terror"

October 25

United Way Day of Caring Volunteer Opportunity @ Pima Animal Care Center- Contact Mr. Kennedy or Mr. Rautert for more info

October 28, 29 and 30

FALL AIMS Testing for Juniors and Seniors who have not yet met the Standards

October 31

Halloween Dance 5th & 6th periods – Volunteers Needed

Schedule of Events for Parent Night October 23rd

5:30 - 6pm – Potluck and Community Partners in ACE Multi-Purpose Room

6 - 7pm – Trick or Treating Open House in all Classrooms; PowerSchool Demo and Login Assistance in Resource Area

6:30 – 7:15pm – Haunted Hallways of Terror; Zombie Lock Down Tours start every 10 minutes from TYD Building Ramada Area

7:15 - 7:30pm – Raffle Prizes in ACE Multipurpose Room

SPECIAL GUEST – Mary Jo Stinnett shared her 105 years of life experience with ACE students and staff!



On Monday, September 15th, ACE Charter School hosted a beloved community member, Ms. Mary Jo Stinnett (age 105!), to share her wisdom, wit, and knowledge with faculty, staff, and students by holding an event in the ACE Multi-Purpose room. Over fifty students and staff came out to greet Ms. Stinnett and learn from her life experiences. Ms. Stinnett recently graduated from the "Villa Maria University" program at the central Tucson Villa Maria Care Center where success is measured not by credit hours but by courage, curiosity, and communication - measures that ACE is instilling in our students. Ms. Stinnett shared what life was like growing up during World Wars I and II, her time in Cuba sparring with Fidel Castro, and the importance of education and healthy living - no smoking, limited alcohol, and lots of fruits and vegetables (no processed food). Students from Ms. Ruddick's Community and Culture class prepared the room with decorations and food and Ms. Stinnett was presented with a surprise birthday cake for her 105th birthday. The event was a huge success and there has been talk about having students teach classes in the Villa Maria program as well as help out by volunteering during the holidays. Thank you to all staff and students who attended and made this a great success.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE & CLASSROOM COMPETITION STARTS THIS MONTH – PLEASE DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS!

ACE EAGLES BASKETBALL

On Friday, October 3rd the ACE Eagles faced off against Edge Charter school for their first game of the year! The team spirit was strong, and every player had a turn on the court. Despite their gallant efforts, ACE did not win. Coach Priest and the team will practice some more, and be ready to win next time! Come on out and support the team! The games are at the Lohse Family YMCA Downtown.

Oct. 10th @ 7pm – ACE vs. Toltecalli High School

Oct. 17th @ 7pm – ACE vs. Star Academy

Oct. 24th @ 6pm – ACE vs. City High School

Nov. 7th @ 7pm – PPEP Tec vs ACE

AIMS Tutoring and Test Preparation is available during 6th Period Extended Learning!

Contact Ms. Sutherland to set up tutoring for Reading or Writing.

A new online AZCCS Math Preparation Program, Study Island, is now available
Contact Ms. Fimbres or Dr. Pinson for more information

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ACE IS GETTING GREENER!

Mr. Kennedy is offering a new science class this year, Environmental Science, where students learn about the Earth's precious natural resources and how to be a steward for the planet. As part of his efforts to engage students and families in the community, he is creating the **ACE Environmental Club**. The club will focus on environmental issues and community engagement. With the 21st Century Learning Centers Grant and a \$25,000 grant for an Aquaponics system, ACE Charter School is poised to become a model school for student leadership and stewardship with respect to the environment. The Club will meet during the Extended Learning 6th period twice weekly, and will focus on gardening, recycling, water harvesting, ACE campus beautification, and other community-based projects. These hands-on projects will help students gain valuable job and career skills and will help them develop a lifelong appreciation for our environment. Contact timothy.kennedy@acehs.org for more information on how to participate.

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT IS A KEY PART OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

The 2014-2015 TYD/ACE Charter High School Continuous Improvement Plan is available at the ACE front desk for stakeholder review or go to www.acehs.org, click on Public Notices to view/download the PDF or click on Contact to email comments.

The ACE Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) outlines the goals, strategies and actions steps that TYD/ACE Charter High School is helping to increase student academic achievement, parental engagement and teacher efficacy. This document describes how federal and local funding is used, how teachers' skills are developed and evaluated, and how the school plans to increase parental engagement through learning opportunities and activities.

ACE is looking for parents, community members, alumni, and students to be part of the new 21st Century Learning Center. More info at Parent Night on October 23rd!

Congratulations!

Ms. Daniels, ACE's Title 1 Math Teacher, is now Mrs. Rollins. Stacy has been part of the ACE family for over 5 years, and has helped many students meet the AIMS Math standards. We are thrilled that Mr. Rollins has met her high standards, and passed all the tests! Best Wishes from all of us at ACE!

Extended Learning 6th period gives students time to work on credit recovery classes, accelerate through coursework, get extra help or AIMS Tutoring! Student can use the time to make up missed work or get more 1 to 1 time with teachers!

Stick Around!

Get Help, Get Ahead, and Graduate!