



ACE Charter High School

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It's all about the Thinking!

As part of continuous school improvement plan and to help increase our student's critical thinking skills, ACE has introduced the Thinking Maps in all grades and classes.

What are Thinking Maps?

Thinking Maps are eight specific visual patterns that help students to "see" their own thinking. Visualizing our thinking allows us to have a concrete image of our abstract thoughts. Our brains use patterns to make sense of information and find meaning from it. Thinking Maps helps to reduce anxiety by providing familiar visual patterns for thinking and working with new complex ideas and situations.

Thinking Maps are used during class discussions, research projects, note taking, and writing essays. Thinking Maps (TM's) are used in all classes at ACE Charter High School and will help teachers and students to develop a common language based on cognitive skills and academics. Thinking Maps can be applied in Math, English, or to any topic where information needs to be organized to increase understanding and meaning.

"Thinking is hard" is something teachers often hear as students learn more rigorous topics and complex tasks. The Arizona College and Career Readiness standards (AZCRRS) have increased the rigor and complexity of information students must learn and master to succeed in earning a high school diploma. Providing students with an effective 'tool' in their 'toolbox' is another step in the plan to continuously improve our school and our student's academic achievement and life success.

Ask your student about Thinking Maps and what they THINK!

Upcoming Events

November 17th

21st Century Learning Center is now open after school! See more info below!

November 27th & 28th

No School - Thanksgiving

December 4th

Give the Gift of Life!

Red Cross Blood Drive
10:30am – 3:00pm in MPR

December 8 - 12th

Winter NWEA MAP
Benchmark Assessments –
How much has your child improved this semester?

21st Century Learning Center is now officially open!

The 21st Century Learning Center will have after school activities each day beginning at 2:30pm that will help students improve and do better in school, learn new skills like cooking or dance, and have fun together! There are Parent classes and activities too! This is a free program open to all ACE families! To learn more about the program, or specific request classes and activities please contact John Zhang at john.zhang@acehs.org or 520-623-5843 ext. 2022

November 2014 ACE Newsletter

ACE Students and Staff Volunteer to walk dogs that need homes! Giving back to the community!

On Saturday October 25th, twelve students met Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Rautert, and Ms. Fimbres at the Pima Animal Care Center to volunteer walking and socializing the shelter dogs as part of the United Ways Days of Caring 2014. We spent two hours walking the dogs around the Christopher Columbus Park. Each volunteer walked at least 2 dogs, giving around 30 dogs a much needed break from their kennels. After they met in the parking lot for a fun tailgate and debrief. This was a great opportunity for staff and students to volunteer their time towards a positive community development experience. Not only were the students outstanding representatives of ACE Charter High School but we discussed several future initiatives along these lines in which we can get more students to join us in helping give back to the community and make a positive difference. The event was a huge success!



In Memoriam

Our special September visitor, Mary Jo Stinnett, passed away on the afternoon of November 13, 2014 at 105 years old. Her visit to ACE was featured in the Arizona Daily Star recently and she will be remembered as a part of the extended ACE family. Mary Jo adorned her door at Villa Maria Care Center with a picture and notes from the event held in her honor. We cherish the brief time we shared with her. ACE students and Mr. Kennedy are planning to volunteer at Villa Marie during the holidays or become "professors" in their "university" program.



The photo above was taken of Mary Jo's door at Villa Maria, and shows the group photo taken during her visit to ACE. Thanks to all who participated and made it a memorable day!

Pictured to the left: Our United Way Day of Caring Volunteers at Pima Animal Care Center after walking around 30 dogs! Thanks to Mr. Rautert and Mr. Kennedy for making this happen!

ACE Eagles Basketball Update!

The ACE Eagles beat Eastpointe High School bringing the season to a 3 wins and 3 losses so far! The team played great, with Joseph Garcia and Alex Galindo scoring major points to bring home a win! Come out and see the Eagles play during playoffs and cheer them on to more success!



Joseph shoots and scores!



Pictured Left to Right: Valentine, Rudy, David, Alex, Joseph, Jesus, John, Peter and Christopher

GO ACE EAGLES!

Give the Gift of Life! Donate Blood!

ACE and the American Red Cross are asking eligible donors who are at least 16 years old to give blood to help ensure sufficient blood supplies are available for patients this holiday season.

Blood donations often decline during the holidays when donors get busy with travel and family gatherings, but the need for blood remains steady. Someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds! All of the blood donated at ACE Charter High School stays in Southern Arizona. Students under 18 years old need a signed permission slip in order to donate and valid identification. If you don't have an ID and want to donate, please see Lucy at the front desk for a new student ID.

Our next Blood Drive is December 4th from 10:30 to 3:00pm in the MPR. Sign up to donate with your student and really give from your **heart** this holiday season!

Friendly Reminders!

Check your student's grades, attendance and progress online using the PowerSchool Parent Portal!

Attendance is very important! Please plan your Holiday travel and vacations around the school calendar and help your student succeed! Go to acehs.org for more info!