



November/December 2015

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Dear ACE Families and Friends,

We are so excited to share some of the fun events that have been happening at ACE, and provide information to families on how to support their student's success!

During October, the Community & Culture class organized a Spirit Week and a Masquerade Ball! Students and staff came to school dressed as nerds, jock, hippies, and doctors, scientists, with crazy hair and cloths inside out! So many other fun outfits! When visitors arrived at the front office, staff had to explain why they were walking around in pajamas, or with other crazy outfits on!

Our annual Toy Wrapping Family Night will include the second APTT meeting and TAMALES! The Community & Culture class is preparing a yummy menu, and staff will help parents create their PowerSchool Parent Logins so they can easily stay up to date on their student's grades and progress! Mark your calendars for this fun and important event on **December 3rd**! Please check out the last page of the newsletter for the full list of requests to make our upcoming events possible!

We would also like to welcome Mrs. Bonnie Shaver –Troup to our ACE staff. Mrs. Shaver-Troup is the ELA special projects instructor who will be offering a new English class, ACHIEVE 3000. Through partnering with United Way and the Pima County Libraries, ACE will be offering this online English literacy class beginning Jan. 2016. She will support Seniors goals to graduate in May. Mrs. Bonnie Shaver-Troup recently moved to Tucson from LA, and loves our wide open desert environment. She has also noted how polite everyone here, compared to LA! ☺ She is an experienced educator and loves to help people learn better. We welcome her to our ACE family. Mrs. Shaver-Troup is working on campus now preparing for her class and helping out in all the classrooms so she can get to know her future students.

Upcoming Events

November 19

Thanksgiving Dinner @ 5:30pm

PLEASE RSVP!

November 25-26

Thanksgiving Break

December 3

Toy Wrapping, Tamale Making
Family Night for APPT #2 Meeting

December 9

Red Cross Blood Drive

December 18

End of Semester 1/Winter Break

What is APTT?

Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) is a high impact system of family engagement that provides teacher and parents a process to develop and build strong relationships focused on student achievement and academic growth. At ACE, the **December 3rd** meeting will focus on **Effective Communication Skills: PowerSchool Parent Portal**. Staff will help each family get signed up for PowerSchool Progress Reports and help with other communication needs, such as creating an email address or updating phone numbers. This meeting will be held at the same time as our Annual Toy Wrapping Family night with a special tamale making and eating event!

UPDATES FROM COMMUNITY & CULTURE

Hi most of you may know me, Valentine Lucero, in my words I'm the youngest veteran in the class only for the simple fact that I started in the Community and Culture Class my freshmen year. I had moved schools but was very determined to find my way back to A.C.E Charter High School for this great class and the basketball team. I have had many wonderful times and memories in this class. When I came back to this school in my Junior I had to make up many, many credits, which made it hard to get back into the class. After the year ended I started think more and more about the class so once I started my senior year I was determined to get back in the class. Finally I am back in the class, helping my school and it means so much to me to be back! We are all (including the wonderful teacher) making the moves in the right direction for all the students.

Coming up next week is our first Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at ACE. Each student is allowed to invite two people that they are thankful for to the event. Students will be able to choose anyone who has made a difference in that student's life. The turkey and side dishes will be donated by 7A Budget Mini Storage. Dessert will be made and served by the Community and Culture class. The event will be Thursday, November 19th, at 6:00 p.m. in our Multi-purpose Room. We hope to see you there.

The Community & Culture Class wants to thank everyone who participated in this Fall's Spirit Week, October 26th - 30th. It was great to see everyone show their spirit on Monday for comfy pajama day, Tuesday for crazy, mix-match day, Wednesday for nerds vs jocks, Thursday for TBT Thursday, and Friday was Halloween costume or masquerade.

On October 30th, the Community and Culture Class hosted a Halloween dance, where we made all the decorations and provided the food. We also had DJ Rich, provided by TYD, for music and entertainment. Our theme was a Masquerade Ball, we spent several weeks leading up the dance making decorations to transform the cafeteria. We wanted to make it look more than a cafeteria and look fancy in a school environment. It really is amazing what you can do with a little imagination! Luckily for us, we had donated pumpkins from the mini storage people and we made them into centerpieces. Surrounding the pumpkins we made battery operated black candles. Homemade chandeliers were used to create the mood. Black and white trash bags were used to transform the white walls into a spooktacular space.

ACE Charter High School has been doing student recognition since the beginning of this school year. Student recognition is where the principle and the teachers recognize students for their hard work and for staying on track. Every three weeks there is a grade check, and any student who has passing grades in all of their classes are invited to the special event. Student recognition is to also show the parents or guardians their child's success in school. Our next recognition will take place during 5th period on Tuesday, November 17.

This year's basketball team is looking pretty good so far! The ACE Eagles currently have a 3-1 season. Our first game was against the Changemakers, where we beat them 27-64. The second game was against City High, with another win of 32-61. Our third game against Eastpointe found us behind 41-37, we made a strong rally at the end but it wasn't enough to maintain our prefect record. We were able to redeem ourselves when we played Presido with a win of 24-50. Our fifth game is Friday, November 13, against PPTec. We hope to keep up our winning record through the rest of the season! Our last game of the regular season will take place on Friday, November 20th at 8pm against Totelcalli. Come cheer on the Eagles and make our last game the most supported!! With your help we can make it to the play offs!!

4th Annual Toy Wrapping Party will now include Tamale Wrapping and APTT Parent Night!!

The Community and Culture Class invites you, your family, and friends to join us on December 3rd at 5:30 pm to enjoy some delicious tamales and help us wrap toys for different charities in South Tucson. Teachers will also be on hand to get parents set up with access to Powerschool. The Community and Culture Class will be preparing tamales to enjoy that evening and the basic ingredients to make tamales for everyone to take home. We'll need your help to make this possible. The first thing that we will need help with is roasters or steamers. The class currently has one, but several more will be needed to cook the tamales.

Additional corn husks, jalapenos, green olives, cheese, and cooked potatoes will make our tamales even better! Feel free to bring in some of your families favorite tamales to test against the Community and Culture Class creation.

Prizes will be raffled for attendance and participation!

Keep an eye out for another mailing closer to the date!



More Ways to Strengthen the Academic Parent Teacher Team:

PowerSchool Parent and Student Portal

ACE Charter uses the **PowerSchool** program to manage student information such as grades and schedules. Teachers take attendance each period, update grades weekly (Tuesdays) and Administration reviews grades and attendance every three weeks. This online system is available wherever there is internet and there is even an app for smart phones. The school website, www.acehs.org, has a PowerSchool link at the bottom of the page.


We know that setting up a PowerSchool Parent account may be a challenge for some parents who don't have time, may not have internet at home, and for parents who maybe don't use email very much yet. We are here to help and support our parents to get signed up! During our upcoming **APTT Meeting #2 on December 3rd**, ACE staff will be on hand to help guide parents through this process, set up email accounts if needed and update phone numbers. You can wrap a toy, or make (or eat) some tamales too! We understand that parents are busy, but with progress reports automatically emailed every week, it's easy to support your students, and promote academic success. Please attend our December 3rd APPT Parent Night and Toy Wrapping event, and get signed up for PowerSchool in a friendly supported environment.

SEEKING STUDENTS WHO WANT GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL AND SUCCEED!

ACE Charter High Schools is looking for a few more good students! If an ACE student refers a new student to our school, after the 10 day probationary period is successfully completed that **new student and the ACE student** who referred will receive a **\$50 Target gift card**.

ACE offer direct instruction, online classes, credit recovery and tutoring to that all students can success and earn a high school diploma. We are always seeking new students who have the desire to success and achieve a better life through education. ACE also offers scholarships to all Graduates who have had excellent attendance, and supports students during the college enrollment process. **More info at acehs.org** ACE students soar!

ACE Charter High School and the Community & Culture Class want to give a huge thank you to everyone who attended the Star Student Award Night. We would also like to extend our congratulations to all the star students the teachers nominated. Our two SUPERSTAR students were David Barcelo Vega and Ivan Loza. All the teachers chose 2-3 students who they thought made excellent progress this year. The Community and Culture class provided pizzas which the class enhanced with tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, and homemade pesto. All of the star students received a pumpkin that was donated by Roger and Sheila Chandler of Budget Mini Storage. The students were invited to carve or paint the pumpkin as a decoration center piece for the Halloween Masquerade Ball. The Community and Culture class made apple cobbler which was served with ice cream. The teachers made a little heartfelt speech for each student and then presented them their award. The following students were chosen by their teachers for the star student award.

ACE Star Students! These students were recognized by the teachers for excellence during Quarter 1		ACE's SUPER STAR STUDENTS!
Mr. Sarrafian- Eve Perez and David Barcelo Vega	Mrs. Ruddick- Jesus Cruz, Ivan Loza and Jennifer Caro	David Barcelo Vega
Mr. Steinke- Jennifer Caro and Julian Guzman	Ms. O'Dell- Savanna Varela and Luis Bravo	Ivan Loza
	Marci Aranda, Marie Mungaray and Judith Burrola- Jassany Estrella and Heriberto Valdez	
	Mr. Priest- David Barcelo Vega and Perla Luna	

Congratulations on your hard work and success!

We are working to ensure there are many more students to acknowledge at future Recognition Nights and in our monthly newsletter.

Items needed for The Toy and Tamale Wrapping Family Night and APTT Meeting:

****Roasters/steamers****

Corn husks

Jalepenos

Previously made tamales

Quart size plastic bags

Cooked potatoes

Green olives