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Dear ACE Families and Friends,

ACE Charter High School and the Community & Culture Class would like to thank everyone who came and participated in our first Title 1 and Student Recognition Event of this year. It's your participation that makes our events so special and fun!

It was great to see so many familiar faces and families, and a great pleasure to meet our new ACE families. Thank you for being an active part in our school community, and your student's educational success!

We would also like to announce the winners of the first Aquaponics Ingredient Competition! The Community & Culture students were challenged and did an excellent job incorporating an ingredient grown in the aquaponics garden. Here is a reminder of what the students created and who were the 'chefs' behind the dish:

- Fruit and Mint Infused Water made by Daisy Algeria and Kynzie Pipkin
- Pizza with Basil made by Luis Bravo and Jesus Cruz
- Swiss Chard with Bacon and Apples made by Illiana Garcia and Robert Van Brocklin
- Tabouli Salad made by Marcos Anaya and Mrs. Ruddick
- Pesto Macaroni and Cheese made by Jennifer Caro and Jesse Sanchez
- Oregano Lime Chicken made by Michael Rodriguez and Rashelle S.

The dish with the most votes was the Pesto Macaroni and Cheese, with the Basil Pizza a VERY close second! Thank you to everyone who sampled what the students made and voted!

Thank you again for attending the Title I and Student Recognition Event and we look forward to seeing you at the first exciting **Academic Parent Teacher Teams Meeting on Thursday, September 24th at 5:30pm.**

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ruddick, The Community & Culture Class, and ACE Charter HS

Upcoming Events

September 24

Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) Meeting #1 @ 5:30pm

September 28

Attendance and Grades Monitoring

October 9

No School for Students

End of Quarter 1/Fall Break Starts

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. When parents and teacher work together as *partners* in education, learning is maximized both inside and *outside* of school. At ACE, we will focus on **Effective Communication Skills** for our APTT program.

LETTERS FROM COMMUNITY & CULTURE STUDENTS

Being a member of community and culture class for the past 3 years, many things have changed from the past. Last week for parent and teacher night there were more people than the previous years. More families came and turnout was pretty good and fun. I'm glad that people got more into the parent night conference and hopefully in the future it will keep getting better. – Luis Bravo

I like being in Community and Culture because we get to cook, organize events and sell stuff at the snack cart. When we cook, we use things we grow in our garden. I like helping run the snack cart we sell food and drinks to help the basketball team. I got to cook food and set stuff up for parent night. I also got to make smoothies and fruit water. ----- Kynzie Pipkin

I think it's an honor to be part of the Community & Culture Class because we do all we can to help our community as best we can. Right now we are trying to raise money for the basketball team. We are donating all of the proceeds from the snack cart so they can buy new uniforms. --- Robert Van Broklin

I'm a student at ACE Charter High School and I'm also a part of the Community and Culture Class. One activity we had this year was the Parent/Recognition Night and it was amazing. Prepping for that activity was so much fun with decorating and making food. It was great to see all the smiling faces of our students and parents. And that is just the beginning of what we have coming up this year. We have Halloween coming around and we have a fun event coming up. We are going to plan a Spirit week and we have much more, like events with our Aquaponics garden and so much more. This is what it is like to be an ACE student and be a part of Community and Culture. – Illiana Garcia

I enjoy being in the community and culture class. I mostly like working together with the rest of the community and culture students to make this a better, healthier place. I like that the snack cart is something big in our class right now because the money is going to support the basketball team. I hope we are able to help not only the basketball team, but some other type of project outside of school. – Jennifer Caro

Being a part of the Community and Culture class is fun yet does come with responsibility. In a way, we are the role models of the school. We are the building blocks of the school community. I think the best part of the class is planning an event and seeing it all come together. I'm really excited and looking forward to the events we have planned for the near future, also the charities in which we will raise money for. So far we have raised money for the ACE Basketball Team to help towards whatever they may need. – Jesus Cruz

It was an honor going to the recognition night even though I didn't get an award. Being a part of the community and culture class is amazing because I feel like people look up to me. At first I just got put into this class but now I understand what it's about and even though it's a class it's more of a privilege. Just like basketball you have to have good grades and in community and cultures class you have to show up and participate. Now I realize I learned a lot in this class and liked it so much I stayed in it and would not do anything to screw it up and get kicked out that class. It's an honor for me to be the only basketball player on the team to be in the community and culture class. – Jesse Sanchez

I enjoy being in the community and culture class. Everything we've done so far has been very fun and cool as far as making food for the event we had. Although I wasn't able to make it to the event, I heard it was one of the biggest events we have had. Being in this class has taught me that we actually are role models to other students and I enjoy that. --- Michael Rodriguez



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.

At ACE, we know that sometimes it can be hard to attend activities given work schedules, younger children, and transportation issues. But all parents can stay involved by going online to the PowerSchool website or using the mobile app to check your student's grades and attendance. Once the parent account is created, it can set up to automatically email weekly progress reports. *Call the school for your PowerSchool (PS) access codes and login.*

We also 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 #1**, we will ask parents to fill out an 'exit ticket' so that we can design the APTT Meeting #2 to fit our parents' communication needs, and contact those parents who would like help getting low cost internet, creating email addresses or setting up their PowerSchool logins before the next APTT meeting on December 4th.

The end of Quarter 1 is approaching so it's very important to know if your student is making progress towards their first quarter credits (or maybe more) of the year, and if they on track with their graduation plans.

SEEKING STUDENTS WHO WANT GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL AND SUCCEED!

ACE Charter High School 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**.

On September 10, 2015 ACE hosted our 1st Quarter Grade Check Recognition Night, the first of many more this year. Two groups of students were recognized; On Track Academically and Perfect Attendance. Grade checks will take place every three weeks throughout the school year to make sure students stay on track or get the help needed.

Being an ACE On Track means that student had a passing grade in all classes, and no NC (no credit) marks. Any student who did not make this list was counseled and a plan was put into place to get them back on track. Students who had not missed any school days and were not tardy to any classes were also acknowledged for their dedication to Perfect Attendance.

Our ACE On Track Students		Our ACE Students with Perfect Attendance
<p>Michael Alvarado Maritza Arias David Barcelo Vega Luis Bravo Jessie Cano Jennifer Caro Samantha Cota Jesus Cruz Kazzandra Diaz Patrick Doe Christina Fimbres Julian Guzman Ivan Loza Perla Luna</p>	<p>Martin Martinez-Burrola Ana Martinez Araceli Martinez Kaitlyn McCabe Anisa Meza Daniel Otero Eve Perez Mckynzie Pipkin Yazmine Ramirez Brianna Sanchez Jennifer Santos Heriberto Valdez Gabriel Valencia-Sevilla</p>	<p>Gabriel Valencia-Sevilla Heriberto Valdez Robert Van Brocklin Kaitlyn McCabe</p> 

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.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming Recognitions, Family Nights and APTT Meetings:

September 24	Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) Meeting #1 - THIS WEEK!
October 22	ACE On Track Students of the 1st Quarter
November 19	2nd Quarter ACE On Track and Perfect Attendance Recognitions
December 3	Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) Meeting #2
December TBA	Toy Wrapping and Tamale Making Family Night
January 14	ACE On Track Students of the 2nd Quarter and First Semester
February 4	Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) Meeting #3
February 18	3rd Quarter ACE On Track and Perfect Attendance Recognitions
April 7	ACE On Track Students of the 3rd Quarter and Perfect Attendance Recognitions
May 5	ACE On Track Students of 4th Quarter and Year, and Annual Salsa Competition