



Friday Letter

December 7, 2007

Dear Members of ACCS Community,

I want to thank all of you who came to our spaghetti supper meeting on Wednesday. Many of you spoke passionately about the powerful impact this school has on your children and you understand our mission to this community. Many of you wanted to know how you can help right now to increase our ELA scores. Here are some suggestions and recommendations:

1. Read to your children or listen to your children read to you every night. If you put aside 15 minutes each day to read together that adds up 90 hours in a year. Literacy experts tell us that the best way to increase vocabulary is through reading and that the best way to increase speed and comprehension is to do lots of reading.
2. For parents of student in grades 3-6, the teachers will be sending home practice ELA packets. Help your child find a quiet place to complete these packets and then review them together.
3. Talk to your children about the importance of working hard in school on all of their subjects. Some children refuse to do the work when asked and cause disruptions. Those children are removed from the class, but are missing valuable class work that needs to be completed during recess or in after school detention. Support us by talking to your child about cooperating in school at all times, even when they don't feel like it.
4. Talk to your children about the importance of the state tests. The results of the tests are published in the newspaper and our entire teaching performance in that subject is judged on that one test.
5. Talk to other parents about getting involved in our PATT organization. When children see their parents involved in school, they are more involved, too. The next PATT meeting is on Wednesday, December 12 at 5:30pm.

Thank you for your support and cooperation and please do not hesitate to call me with other suggestions. Sincerely,

*Mary Theresa* Mary Theresa, Principal

**FRIDAY LETTER READERS RAFFLE**

Parents (Enter once each week for each ACCS child you have),

12/7/07

Complete & tear off this raffle ticket and have your child turn it in at school and you will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 Price Chopper gift certificate. Drawing at the Celebration of Student Work. **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

Name of your ACCS Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## The Great Big Bear Winners for Best Behavior in the Dining Room



### Ms. Hope's & Ms. Jolene's Kindergarten Classes!

These classes have won the behavior bear three times, therefore they will be getting a PIZZA Party! If you would like to be recognized for good behavior in the cafeteria, Ms. Kim, Mr. David and Ms. Kenia are looking for the following: Good table manners and clean tables and straightened chairs when you leave the cafeteria.

Use your 6 inch voices and enjoy your meals.

## Seal a Smile™ School Based Oral Health Program

*A project of Whitney M. Young Jr. Health Services and the Healthy Capital District Initiative*

Oral health classroom education  
Dental Screenings  
Dental Cleanings  
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Individual Oral Hygiene Instruction  
Referrals and support for follow up dental care  
Participants receive free tooth brush & toothpaste



**All children can participate**

**THE DENTAL TEAM IS HERE NOW. PARENTS, SEND IN THE GREEN FORM SO YOUR CHILD CAN PARTICIPATE.**

## MAD HOT SMART KIDS

The students at the Ark collected all of their leftover Halloween candy to use for an art project. Only one class had any left. This class collected 18 pieces of candy in all.

- Anthony had fewer than 4 pieces of candy.
- Briana had twice as much as Anthony.
- Jasmin had twice as much as Briana.
- Zekiel had 2 pieces more than Angel.

Answer any or all of these questions. SHOW YOUR WORK.

(This uses your creative skills): **What kind of an art project could they make with this candy?**

(This requires your detective skills – no asking Ms. Shenise or Ms. Behrman for the answer!) **Which class had all the candy?**

(This uses your math skills) **How many pieces of candy did each student have?**

Bring your solution to Petra for a prize!

# The State of the 3rd Grade



The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are completing their unit on the United States of America. We are learning about the history of our states, as well as the symbols of our great country.

The students created a poster for each state showing the state flag, important symbols (for instance, New York's state flower is the rose, the state bird is a blue bird, and the state tree is the Sugar Maple), and the date it became a state.

Once all the posters were complete, the students worked very hard on creating a state book about their state. Look for our state books on display in the hallway.

Additionally, the students have been working on a rock n roll song that helps teach us about the 50 states. They have been practicing very hard and are excited to sing it to you during our December assembly.




*~ Miss McLoughlin,  
Miss Klem, and Mrs.  
Sergeant*

# December 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Victorian Stroll	3	4 3:30 Board of Trustees	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 5:30 PATT Meeting	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Assembly	20 Celebration of Student Work	21 7:45 Special Breakfast	22
23	24	25 NO SCHOOL	26 — HAPPY HOLIDAYS	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2008	4	5

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PATT Sales on  
12/7 4-5:30pm

## December PATT Planning Meeting



Please join us  
**Wednesday,**  
**December**  
**12th, at 5:30**  
**pm** in the  
Sixth grade  
classroom next  
to the office  
for our next  
PATT meeting.

### LUNCH MENU for week of Dec 10 - Dec 14

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pulled Pork Sandwiches Coleslaw Fruit Milk	Ham & Cheese Sandwiches Soup Fruit Milk	Macaroni & Beef (Goulash) Broccoli Fruit Milk	Cheese Nachos Pasta Salad Fruit Milk	Fried Chicken French Fries Fruit Milk

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are always available as an alternative.