



Friday Letter

September 28, 2007

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,



This year we are trying very hard to get more par-school. When parents are involved, the students the school, too. I want to thank the parents who Monday's "Meet the Teacher Night." The parents who are involved in the PATT organization decided to sell food at our meetings to raise money for the school. They have lots of good ideas and I hope you will join them for the next planning meeting on Thursday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m.

ents involved in the take greater ownership of helped organize the food for last

At our Monday parent meeting I explained to the parents how we use our Title I federally funded grant money. Each year we receive close to \$120,000 in grant money to fund programs for students who are struggling academically. The money this year was used to pay for the three teachers who offer Academic Intervention Services (AIS) and for the teaching assistants in all of the classrooms. I also introduced the faculty for this year and walked everyone through our website. You can get a great deal of information about our school from our website: www.arkcharter.org.


Many of you have asked about helping in the school. We could use your help during the day if you are available any time between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. We need hall monitors, help in the library, help in the office answering phones and help in the kitchen. We would be grateful for one day a week or one day a month.

Congratulations to Ms. Hope's kindergarten and Ms. Tara's first grade for winning the pizza party. They had the most parents come to the Monday night parent event.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and get outside and do something fun!!!

Mary Theresa

Mary Theresa Streck, Principal




Thank you for your Contributions During our Open House!

Please continue to help the PTA!!!!!! With our efforts & fund raising we make it possible!!

With the \$\$ we raise we can provide Activities, Playground Equipment, etc.

Thank You Again, the PTA



LUNCH MENU for week of September 24—28				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Turkey Sandwiches Fresh Fruit Milk	Pancakes Honey Ham Fresh Fruit Milk	Hot Dogs Nachos w/ cheese Milk	Macaroni & Cheese Milk	Pizza Milk
Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are always available as an alternative.				

THE SWEATERS ARE
HERE!

MAD HOT
SMART
KIDS

Look here every week,
solve the puzzle or answer the
question to win a prize! This
week's puzzle:

WHAT IS THIS?

Tell Petra what the name of this

		4		6	
	5			2	4
		2			5
4			1		
5	1			4	
	2		4		

FEATURING MS. WOJTOWICZ'S SIXTH GRADE



The sixth graders have had an exciting start to their “senior” year at ACCS! They have begun studying Mesopotamia and have learned how the people of this ancient civilization learned to survive in the desert climate.

Students created “mud

bricks” like the ones used to build temples in Mesopotamia. Together they discussed how hard it was to get the mixture just right, and how workers needed to cooperate in order to make the bricks the same size. They also studied the first known writing called “cuneiform,” created by the Mesopotamians, and added their own name in these symbols to their mud bricks.





While the study of ancient civilizations continues in Social Studies, the sixth graders have been working with RPI students testing toys the college students created. They spent time exploring each game or device and giving their “expert” feedback to the engineers. Everyone will meet again to try out a new round of toys, and later to see what changes have happened based on their advice.



Last Friday the sixth grade collaborated with Ms. Hope’s kindergarten to present “Pinwheels for Peace” to the school. This is a world-wide project that allows students to express their feelings about peace through art. The two classes created pinwheels and decorated them with pictures and words of peace. Together they sang about teaching peace in the world, and the sixth grade spoke about what the pinwheels stand for and how to be a peacemaker.



**THE SWEATERS ARE
HERE!**

October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Grade 4 Field Trip: Hudson River Sloop	5	6
7	8 Indigenous Peoples Day NO SCHOOL	9 3:30 Board of Trustees	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Family Night for Grades 3-6 PTA Meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24 HALF DAY Dismissal 11am	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**THE SWEATERS
ARE HERE!**

Reminders...

...School starts at 7:50. Your child should be in his or her classroom at that time. Thank you for all you do to get your child to school on time.

...Students who are being picked up at the end of the day will be dismissed at 3pm from inside the gate by the ramp on 6th Avenue. Please wait for your child there. You will be asked to sign out your child if the staff member does not know you. Please understand this is for your child's safety.

...Students may NOT wear sweatshirts, hoodies, or other jackets over their uniforms inside the school. If they are too cold, they may wear a long-sleeved turtleneck underneath their uniform shirt or a **PLAIN SWEATER**. Any extra undershirts or sweaters must be in the approved school colors (white, black, purple or forest green). The new ACCS SWEATERS are finally here! Come in and get one for your child.

...If you have uniform shirts, pants, skirts, dresses or sweaters that your child has outgrown that you would like to donate to another student, please bring them in. We are happy to make sure they get to someone who could use them.

Parents,

Tear off this raffle ticket, sign your name, have your child turn it in at school and you will be entered into a raffle for a **\$50 Price Chopper gift certificate** to be drawn at the next parent event.

Name of your ACCS Student: _____

Parent signature: _____

9/28/07