



Friday Letter

October 12, 2007

Dear members of the Ark community,



It is one thing to talk about building good character and it is quite impressive to see it promoted in classroom activities. On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of spending time with the sixth grade in Creative Movement. For one hour I watched the teacher to student and the student to student interactions. What impressed me the most was the respectful behavior of each person in the room. Ms. Augustine and Mr. Walon began their class by asking the students to circle around a white board that listed the expectations and activities for that hour. The

task for the hour was to learn team building skills and to show good sportsmanship and responsibility. From the circle, the class proceeded to the first assignment. They were given a "think question"



that required them to work with classmates to complete a riddle requiring a group response. It was amazing to watch the students think it through together and work cooperatively. The rest of the class time was spent on students working in teams on different tasks. What was so important to me was the way the students treated each other in a very respectful and playful way. It was obvious to me that they enjoyed the activity and enjoyed each other's company. Even though the teams were competitive, they demonstrated the sportsmanship required for the lesson.



Near the end of the class, the students performed an individual self-evaluation activity on a five point rubric:

- 5 = entire class participation
- 4 = exceeds expectations
- 3 = meets expectations
- 2 = needs help to meet expectations
- 1 = exhibits behavior that prevents learning

The students recorded their responses on a chart while two students created a mini news clip to bring back to the classroom about their gym class for that day. Congratulations, Ms. Augustine, Mr. Walon and Grade 6. It was so enjoyable to be with you for the hour. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Mary Theresa
Mary Theresa, Principal





Kindergarteners play with scarves. They are working on breathing properly and finding their singing voices.

Select Choir to begin

October 15, 2007

20 Students have been invited to participate in ACCS's Select Choir. This group of students will meet in the after school program to work on advanced singing and performing techniques. If you are interested in getting your child involved, a singing meeting can be arranged. Call the school and speak to Ms. Jacqui for more information.

ACCS Song

A is for Always
 R is for Remember
 K is for the Kindness that you see
 C is for the Children
 O is for Open
 There's two M's one's for mold and one's for me.
 Always remember the kindness that you'll find
 When you open up our hearts and you open up our minds.
 The future depends on how you mold me
 When you finish the word it spells unity.
 Ark Community Charter School
 Where there's love for me and always more for you.

*Siempre recuerda el cariño que encuentras aquí.
 Cuando tu abres tu corazón, y cuando abres tu mente.
 Nuestro futuro depende en como me moldeo.
 Y cuando terminas la palabra, se deletrea unidad.
 Ark Community Charter School
 Donde siempre hay amor para mi y siempre para ti.*



6th Grader
 Chawn
 Sheares on
 the Bass
 Xylophone.

ACCS School Song Challenge!

Classes at ACCS have been presented with the challenge of learning both the English *and* the Spanish words to the school song. Each class that can correctly sing both sets of words by the end of the month will receive a pizza party.

Parents: We Need Your Help!
 Please help your kids learn the words at home! The words to the song are shown on the left.

Service Learning Project at ACCS — Teaching Our Wider Community



Ms. Ibi interviewed Ms. Nora Horan, a special education teacher with Questar III, and Ms. Lynn Arnold, the service learning coordinator about the Service Learning Program they have going on in conjunction with the Ark Community Charter School. Students from Questar III will be coming in on the 1st Tuesday of every month to assist with the distribution of food from the Regional Food Bank. This outreach pro-

gram gives students of the Tamarac Middle High School the opportunity to learn about their community, its agencies & members and the population ACCS serves. This outreach program will reinforce academic skills addressed in school, with a focus on building jobs skills through hands on experience and training.



MAD HOT SMARTKIDS

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

RESPONSIBILITY is the Character Word of the Month.

Write a poem, draw a picture, write a story or an essay that describes what **RESPONSIBILITY** means to you and how you show it in your home, at school and in our world. **Submit your best work to Petra by next Wednesday. Please put your name and your grade on your entry.**

Yeah to last week's puzzle solvers:

TJ Brown(G2), Gavin (G5), Shalil(G4), Starr(G6), Mairim(G6), Ema-Rose(G6)

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 School Physicals Kindergarten Field Trip: Borden Orchard	11 6pm PATT Meeting	12	13
14	15 8:15am School Assembly	16	17 Grade 6 Field Trip: 5 Rivers	18 Family Night Grades 3-6	19 Special Award Breakfast 7:45am	20
21	22	23	24 HALF DAY Dismissal 11am	25	26 Kindergarten Field Trip: Fire-house	27
28	29	30	31			

THE SWEATERS ARE HERE!

Parents,

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** to be drawn at the next parent event.

Name of your ACCS Student: _____

Parent signature: _____

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LUNCH MENU for week of Oct 15-19

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked Ziti Salad Fruit Milk	Chicken Tenders French Fries Fruit Milk	Beef & Cheese Burritos & Rice Fruit Milk	Macaroni & Beef Goulash Broccoli & Fruit Milk	Turkey Sandwich Cheetos Cheese Stix Fruit & Milk

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

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