



Friday Letter

October 19, 2007

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,

Reading is very important to our ACCS students. Every day they participate in a 90 minute English Language Arts (ELA) block that starts with whole group instruction followed by smaller group instruction and centers. Students who need extra support meet in additional small groups or individually with another teacher. ELA is one area where we have put a lot of money and support.

Each week the teachers promote reading through the **Buddy Reading Program**. Students from the upper grades are matched with students in the lower grades and time is set aside for the buddies to read to one another. Chance Bruce (Grade 5) meets every week with his buddy, Luis Romero, Jr. (Grade 1). I asked Chance about the books and he told me that he selects books from the 1000 book bags. He sometimes chooses three books and lets Luis select one of the three to



read together. Chance makes sure that the books are entertaining so Luis doesn't get distracted. They take turns reading and that is how Chance's mom taught him to read.



At home, parents can help us continue the literacy experience for their children by setting up "literacy rich homes." Please see the insert on this topic from the Reading Is Fundamental website: <http://www.rif.org/parents/literacyrich/default.mspx>. Reading is like any other skill; the more you practice, the better you get!

Have a restful, enjoyable weekend and enjoy a good book with your child.

Creating Literacy-Rich Homes

What exactly is a literacy-rich home? This describes a home environment that encourages children to become lifelong readers. Families can support language learning by creating a home atmosphere in which reading, writing, and talking are a natural part of daily life.

Parents can do lots of things at home to encourage reading. Reading aloud to your children is only one of them. Another is setting aside regular time for family reading, even just 10 to 15 minutes a day. And setting a good example — letting your kids see *you* reading — is very helpful.

Creating a literacy-rich home requires a good supply of things to read. Newspapers, magazines, books, and other reading materials should be within easy reach of the whole family. It doesn't matter if reading materials are owned or borrowed, new or used — what's important is that they are in your home and a natural part of everyday life. (See the website for more good ideas)



Sincerely,

Mary Theresa

Mary Theresa, Principal



Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner

Who: All ACCS Students and their Families

When: Monday, November 19th 6:00 pm

Pot luck dinner to get the ACCS teachers and families (**immediate family only please**) together for a wonderful holiday meal.

We are looking for each family to contribute a side dish.

The turkeys will be provided by ACCS.

Please sign up below for the item that you would like to bring and return slip to school in your child's folder.

Deadline 11/9/07

Parent Name/Phone # _____

Student's Name _____

Contribution _____

#Attending _____

MAD HOT SMART KIDS

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

This week's puzzle is a real challenge! You CAN do it!

NEEB Sale

One NEEB and one NOOB together cost 3 cents. One NEEB and one NUB together cost 4 cents. One NUB and one NOOB together cost 5 cents.

How much does a NEEB cost by itself?

Show your work with the answer. ~~Work together with a friend!~~

Give it to Petra for a prize.

Last week's puzzle solvers: Starr(6), Mairim(6), Deshawn(6), Ema-Rose(6), Chardanay(4)



October Peacemakers

These students were selected by their teachers as this month's peacemakers. In the past month they showed exceptional leadership by modeling compassion, empathy and solving problems without hurtful words or hands with kindness and respect.

From left to right, Sitting: Ambrayia Willims(1), Aniya Livingston(2), Kelasia Harris(K), Aiyana Guterrez(1); Standing: Takeil Thomas(K), Katherine Long(3), Chawn Sheares(6), Demetrius Dewitt(5), Chardanay Grier(4); missing: Marqus Gettings(2)



Sixth Grader's Enjoy a Hot Breakfast for Complete Homework

Each Friday the sixth grade celebrates students who have done all their homework. Students can earn this privilege each time they complete ten days worth of homework. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, toast, sausage, french toast, pancakes, and fruit. Those honored so far are **Deshawn Speights, Assata Williams, Nyzinga Foster** (pictured above) and **Emma Rose Doss, Starr Darnley, and Stasha Gilbert**. Congratulations!

FRIDAY LETTER READERS DRAWING

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 G5 Field Trip: Erie Canal Lock 2	20
21	22	23	24 HALF DAY Dismissal 11am	25 G2&3 Field Trip: 5 Rivers	26 Kindergarten Field Trip: Fire-house	27
28	29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3
4	5	6 G6 Field Trip: Albany Institute	7	8	9	10
11	12	13-16 Grade 5 NYS Social Studies Test				17

THE SWEATERS ARE HERE!

LUNCH MENU for week of Oct 22-26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese Nachos Hot Dogs Fruit Milk	Tuna fish Sandwiches Chips & Soup Fruit Milk	Half Day NO LUNCH	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Milk	Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit Milk & Ice Cream

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

Send your box tops to school with your child. We can earn great supplies for our school with your help!



Price Chopper Tools for Schools

Sign up at www.pricechopper.com or give your Advantage Number to your teacher to enter to give us your AdvantEdge Card Tools for Schools points. Our school code is 15879



Monday November 5th
Family Drum Ensemble
 Open to all students and their parents in grades 2-6
 We will meet once a month!
 6pm-6:45pm in the Cafeteria
 No Food or Babysitting provided