



Friday Letter

November 2, 2007

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,

We are now beginning the third month of school this year and it always surprises me how quickly time flies by. November is a very important month for us for a number of reasons. During the last week of November, the Charter Schools Institute (CSI) will be coming in to review our school performance. Primarily, they want to know how we are doing academically. They have received our 2006-07 Accountability Report ([http://www.arkcharter.org/hb\\_accountability\\_report\\_2007.pdf](http://www.arkcharter.org/hb_accountability_report_2007.pdf)) and now they want to visit classrooms and interview the ACCS board, staff and parents. Once they finish their review, it is our expectation that CSI will recommend us for a five year charter renewal to the SUNY Board of Trustees.

If you would like to be interviewed by CSI during the renewal visit, please let me know. We encourage parents to speak up in support of our school.

Please take a few minutes to review the November calendar. This month we are scheduling parent conferences on Tuesday, November 20. This is a half day, so please put it on your calendar!!!

Now that the mornings are getting colder, please make sure your beautiful children come to school in warm coats with hats and mittens. They will be going outside during recess. If they wear a sweater in school, please make sure it is a PLAIN black, white, or our school purple or forest green sweater. If you prefer to have your child wear a long-sleeved shirt under their uniform shirt, please make sure it is in one of the school colors.

Please NO SWEATSHIRTS, HOODIES or SWEATERS with designs. We also have a really nice, warm school sweater available to buy at school.

As always, I thank you for being a partner with us. If you have any questions or concerns, please come in to visit. Sincerely,

*Mary Theresa*

, Mary Theresa, Principal



**FRIDAY LETTER READERS RAFFLE**

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.

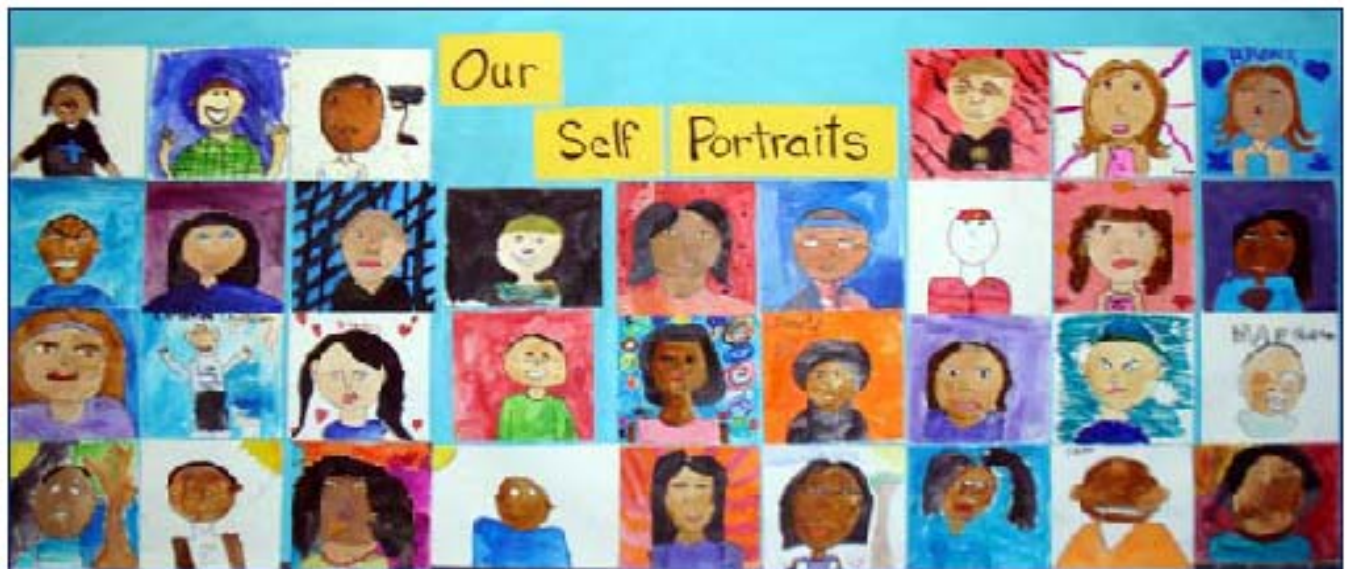
Name of your ACCS Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# In the Art Room



The students have recently finished working on their self portraits. Beginning with pencil drawings and then adding paint, they create representations of themselves as artists throughout the world have done for centuries. When the painting is finished they are copied and saved into electronic portfolios. Year after year they are saved so that we can look back and see how they have grown in the art room. When students see the work they have created they are usually amazed by the progress they have made.

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## Exploring Color



Using song, story and painting they have created color wheels and color paintings showing what they have learned. Here they are creating paintings inspired by a color story created by Miss Helen.

Both of the second grades are learning about color and color mixing. They started with the primary colors (red, yellow and blue) and then went on to color mixing and the secondary colors (green, orange, and purple).



# MAD HOT SMART KIDS

This week's puzzle:

**Kindergarteners & 1st graders:**

**What is the name of this Puzzle?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What are the only numbers that can go be used in the puzzle? Can you write them in order here?**

**Grades 2 or older, solve it!**

4	6	2	5		
					4
			6		2
2		6			
3					
		3	4	2	5

## MRSA (*Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus*)

You may have read or heard on the news about a new staph infection that is turning up in school-aged children in the Capital District. Please call Nurse Monica if you have any questions or concerns about this, but here is some important information about it:

If a diagnosis of MRSA is made, it is treatable with the right type of antibiotic.

If a child displays any of the symptoms associated with MRSA, their parent/guardian should contact their physician immediately and notify the school nurse's office.

The simplest way to prevent the spread of any germs or infection is to have children wash their hands regularly and thoroughly with soap.

### LUNCH MENU for week of Nov 5- Nov 9

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tacos Fruit Milk	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Broccoli Fruit Milk	Turkey Sand- wiches Veggie Soup Fruit Milk	Baked Chicken Tater Tots Fruit Milk	PIZZA Tossed Salad Fruit Milk

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

# November 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 Field Trip Bridges Visit	3 G4-6 Garage Sale
4	5 Family Drumming 6pm	6 G6 Field Trip: Albany Insti- tute	7	8	9 1st Quarter Ends	10
11	12 NO SCHOOL	13	14 Grade 5 NYS Social Studies Test	15 PATT Mtg 6pm	16	17
18	19 Thanksgiv- ing Potluck Dinner	20 9:45 Assembly Half Day Parent Conferences	21	22 NO SCHOOL	23	24
25	26 7:45 Special Breakfast	27 Charter Schools	28 Institute School	29 Renewal	30 Review	

### Our onsite YMCA After School Program Needs More Students

As you may already be aware, the YMCA after school program at ACCS is suffering from low enrollment. If we do not boost enrollment within the next few weeks, they will discontinue the program at the school. The Troy YMCA presently runs an after school program at ACCS from 3pm-5:30pm during regular school days. On half days, the YMCA provides child care from 11am- 5:30pm at no additional cost, but parents must provide lunch for their children on those days. At the program, children are provided with snacks, homework assistance, and structured free play. The price is \$140 per month per child. The YMCA requires at least 1 month payment up front. For your convenience, they offer Direct Debit from your bank account for subsequent payments. Please note that the YMCA charges the same rate as the Troy Boy's and Girl's Club for their after school program. Financial assistance may be available if you qualify. **We need at least 6 more children to enroll in the after school program. Otherwise, the YMCA after school program will be terminated in December. Please contact Jackie or Sheila ASAP at the Troy YMCA Branch at 272-5900 to enroll.**

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



ACCS Family Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner

ACCS Students and their Families

Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Mark your calendar! Call school with your reservation & your donation.