



# ARK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

Friday Letter

November 30, 2007

Dear Members of ACCS Community,

I would like to thank all of you for coming to school on Monday, November 19 to celebrate Thanksgiving as a community. We had such a good time together and you brought very delicious food. We are continually building our community spirit and this event was one of many that we have planned for this school year. Special thanks goes to Latasha Bosh, Loyce Duke and members of the PATT



Organization who organized the event, to George Bishop and his crew for setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up (We could

not have done this event without you), to the teachers and parents who served food, to Kim O'Donnell for purchasing



and cooking the turkeys, and to all the families who brought such delicious food. Thank you, thank you, thank you! While I am on the theme of thank yous, I would also like to thank all of the parents who came **to parent conferences**. If for some reason you were not able to make the conference, please call your child's teacher to schedule one as soon as possible. For those of you new to us, you may have received an attendance notice stating the number of days that your child was absent or late. Please remember that our school day begins at 7:50

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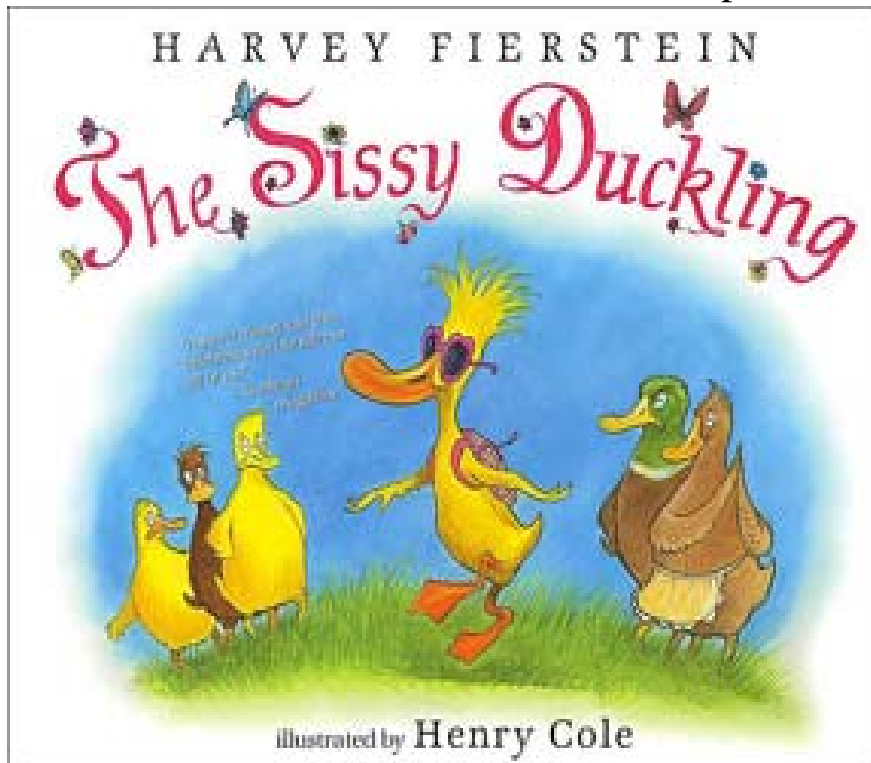
With morning work during breakfast (doors open at 7:40). This is an important time for your child to begin the day with a group activity. Your child is late if he/she arrives after 7:50. Please help us educate your child by getting them to us on time and rested.

This week, representatives from the Charter Schools Institute (CSI) spent two days at our school to evaluate our progress in meeting our education goals. We have met our math goal, but we have not met our English Language Arts (ELA) goal. We came close to meeting our Science goal, but did not meet our Social Studies goal. The most important measure to CSI is our ELA goal. Based on that one measure, they are considering closing us at the end of this school year. I am working with parents right now to schedule a meeting about their findings and what we can do to address this issue. You will be receiving a notice for a meeting next week and a phone call from a parent representative to remind you of the meeting. Please feel free to call me if you would like to talk about this before next week.

*Mary Theresa*

### December's Book of the Month

This is a lovely book about understanding and appreciating what makes each of us different and special.



### MAD HOT SMART KIDS

**Bring your solution to Petra for a prize! Read carefully!!**

Johnny's mother had four children. The first was April, the second was May, and the third was June. What was the name of her fourth child?

## WHAT'S UP IN MOVEMENT CLASS?

### WHAT WE'VE DONE

The kindergartners used coffee filters in Ms. Helen's art class with drop colors and Mr. Walon and Ms. Augustine made lollipops with them for body identification using music and dance.

1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades have just completed our team building unit in which we focused on sportspersonship, tolerance, honesty, responsibility and great communication skills. They have learned that you never fail until you stop trying, if you are on a team to be loyal to your teammates and that complaining only makes it worse, effort + enthusiasm=excellence, the object to games is not to see through one another but to see one another through, and that reputation is what you are perceived to be and character is what you really are. Ask your students about some of these sayings that we have learned. Through this unit our students have learned to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Classes are run different this year. There is a section in class which I call "Have To Work". It's only about 5 minutes and that is where we revisit our team building skills. The students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> do a daily assessment of their behavior and participation, and there is a word puzzle for them to solve each week.

### WHAT'S NEXT

All grades have just begun our Soccer unit. We are learning the positions and the player's responsibilities in each position. We have learned to dribble, pass and shoot the ball. We will begin our playoffs soon. We are also starting our 12 Days of Fitness – which is where the students will sing the 12 day of Christmas song and perform different exercises for each day. It's a way to keep them moving over the holiday break. If you're available during the day please come and play with us. Call the school for your child's movement days and times.

### WHAT'S NEW

Look for dances classes to begin afterschool and/or on Saturday's beginning in January for grades 3-6. Anyone who is interested please see Ms. Augustine for details. Only serious committed inquires please. There will be a minor fee for these classes and the money put into the program will be used for shoes, dance attire and any other necessity for your child.

The Friday Integrated Arts program will have their 1<sup>st</sup> performance at the Troy's Farmers Market on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please come and support your children, friends and fellow students.

*- Ms. Augustine & Mr. Walon*

LUNCH MENU for week of Dec 3- Dec 7				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked Ziti Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Tomato Soup Fruit Milk	Tacos Spanish Rice Fruit Milk	Baked Chicken French Fries Fruit Milk	Pancakes Cheese Stix Applesauce Milk
Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are always available as an alternative.				

# December 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Victorian Stroll	3	4 3:30 Board of Trustees	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 5:30 PATT	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Assembly	20 Celebration of Student Work	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
NO SCHOOL — HAPPY HOLIDAYS						
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## Student Ark Work on Display at Victorian Stroll

Make sure to walk by T.A.P. Inc. at 210 River Street, during the Victorian Stroll **this Sunday** to see the Pinwheels for Peace made by our kindergarteners and sixth graders, and read the Peace Poems by our fourth and first graders. The staff at T.A.P. Inc. not only gave us their space for our display but also created a strong north wind to make sure our pinwheels blow our message of peace on earth far and wide.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO JANET GAMBLE, MOTHER OF ALEXIS VAUTRIN (G1) & OLIVIA DANIELS (K) FOR WINNING THE FRIDAY LETTER READERS RAFFLE PRIZE OF A \$50 Price Chopper Gift Certificate!  
You can still win—try below.

## FRIDAY LETTER READERS RAFFLE

Parents (You can enter once each week for

**11/30/07**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

each ACCS child you have),

