

Monday's Letter
October 5, 2009

Ark Community Charter School

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,

I am always so amazed at how fast time flies once we begin a new school year. Here we are at the beginning of October and already our beautiful earth is reminding us that winter is just around the corner. Just a reminder: The mornings are getting colder and our school doors do not open until 7:40am. So, please remind your beautiful children to wear warm coats to school.

I want to thank all of you who participated in or helped to set up for our "Welcome Back to School Picnic." A special thanks to Ms. Kenia for organizing the event and to, Mr. B., Ms. Kim, Ms. Latonya and Mr. Daryl for providing the delicious food.



Please remember that October is Fire Safety Month. It is a good time to check the batteries in your smoke detectors to make sure they are working properly. Kindergarten students will be visiting the neighborhood fire house this month to learn about the firefighters and what they do for our community. (Next week we will learn about their visit to an apple orchard).

Please remember to visit our website to see the wonderful work happening in the classrooms. Also, our website now has a link to updates on the H1N1 virus.

Mary Theresa

Camp Chingachgook Adventures

On September 21 the fifth and sixth grade students participated in an overnight fieldtrip at Camp Chingachgook. The students were given the opportunity to explore some of Lake George's outdoors adventures through various activities like hiking, sailing, canoeing, and archery. All the activities allowed the students to apply their team skills. The fieldtrip overall was fabulous! Please enjoy some of the 5th and 6th grade student essays, letters and pictures on the next pages.



Dear Chingachgook Staff,

Hi my name is Demitri and I am from the Ark Community Charter School in Troy, NY. We went there on the 21st through the 23rd of September. Our fifth and sixth grade classes stayed overnight in your cabins. The fourth graders came for a day, but didn't sleep over. I'm in fifth grade and this is my second year going to the camp.

Thanks to the staff and the camp for allowing us to go to the wilderness. My favorite activities were kickball and archery. Kickball was my favorite because it became a competition against my friends and my teachers. I like archery because it's the first time in my life that I handled a bow and arrow. I was so close from getting a bulls eye. My favorite counselor is Joshua because he's cool with others and he knows how to have fun. I also liked the food. I was amazed that we wasted under 10 pounds of ort. It was fun hiking to the top of the mountain with my class. I had fun playing "Who Took My Chicken" with Joshua. It was hard because Nyjawaun and I were the quickest to get up there to grab the chicken. My friends and I had a plan on how to trick Joshua. We got into a line and if a small amount of students were up close to the chicken then we waited until they caught up. That made it harder for him to guess. That helped us win.

Again thanks to the staff and everyone else who let us go. Thanks for letting us have fun with you guys. I hope to come back next year to do the high ropes.

Sincerely,
Demitri



High Ropes

The high ropes activity at Camp Chingachgook was scary at first. The instructor made clear that fooling around would make the experience dangerous. He didn't want us to fool around. Before the counselors gave directions, I raced one of them up a hill; he won of course. It was kind of fun. As soon as we got to the top, the instructions were given. After putting on our gear we got started.

The thing that crept me out the most was going up so high on the ropes. I am scared of heights. Even though the guy kept telling me I wouldn't fall, I kept thinking I would. I felt so happy when my feet were safely on the ground. I also felt like I accomplished something that seemed challenging to me. Everyone was cheering me on. Since I overcame my fear I can do anything now. I know especially now that my comfort zone has shrunk a bit.

If it wasn't for the Chingachgook staff encouraging me I don't think I would have ever faced my fear of heights. I would like to send out a special thanks to them. I recommend this trip to people in the future because it was a nice and joyful fieldtrip, full of fun. Some good advice for people is to bring a pair of hiking boots. That was an experience of a life time.

By: Cornell

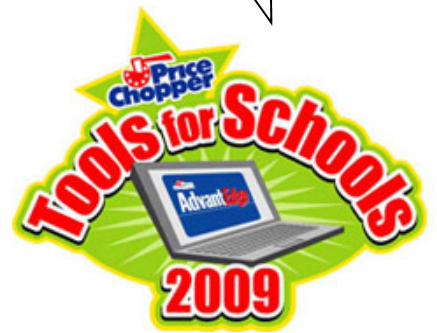




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Our teachers love the points!

Our school number is 15879.



For LUNCH this week, Ms. Kim is serving:

- Monday: Beef Stir Fry Rice
Fruit Milk
- Tuesday: Stuffed Shells Green Beans
Fruit Milk
- Wednesday: Taco Salad Beans
Fruit Milk
- Thursday: Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Veggie Soup Fruit Milk
- Friday: Chicken Nuggets Corn
Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Milk

What's Coming Up at ACCS?

- Mon, 10/5 7:40am Hot Breakfast Kindergarten
- Tue, 10/6 7:40am Hot Breakfast 1st grade
- Wed, 10/7 7:40am Hot Breakfast 2nd grade
12:00pm Dr. O'Brien Kindergarteners
- Thu, 10/8 7:40am Hot Breakfast 3rd & 4th grade
- Friday, 10/9 7:45am 1st 2009-10 Attendance Star Breakfast
- Fri, 10/9 8:30am All School Morning Meeting
- Friday, 10/9 12:00pm 1st 2009-10 Peacemaker Lunch
- Monday, 10/12 No School**
- Tue, 10/13 8:30am-10:30am Ms. Mars' class - Fieldtrip to Firehouse