

Monday's Letter
March 22, 2010

Ark Community Charter School

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,

On Saturday, March 27, from 10am to 12pm, ACCS is hosting an Open House for parents who are interested in enrolling their children for the 2010-11 school year.

We will begin in the cafeteria with an overview of the school and end with a tour of the building. Please tell your friends and relatives about this open house.

Our complete student admission policy and procedures can be found on the school's website at:

http://www.arkcharter.org/aboutus_handbook.htm . Any child who is qualified under New York State law for admission to a public school is qualified for admission to the Ark Community Charter School (ACCS). Kindergarten students for the lottery is 1pm on April 1 and the lottery drawing will be at 3pm. Enrollment preference is given in the following order:

1. Returning students and siblings of current students, 2. Troy City School District free and reduced lunch students, 3. All other free and reduced lunch students; 4. Troy City School District; and 5. All other school districts.

After April 1, applications will be added to the waiting list in the order that they are received with the exception of siblings who will go to the top of the waiting list. Please tell your friends and family members to fill out an application before April 1.

Mary Theresa

4th Grade Poetry

Fourth grade has been working on poetry. We are very proud of their work. Please enjoy some of their wonderful poems!

My Pet Fish

My pet fish thinks he owns Kmart's parking lot.

He says whatever he wants.

He thinks he's so hot.

The only thing I think is,

he is not.

He says he will build a pile to the moon.

But, the only thing he gets

is his pile of food!

By: Aleshia

Poppy and Grandma

My grandpa is really funny.

He makes me laugh.

He is good at history.

My grandma

Helps me with homework

And she is good with all of the cooking

I love my grandpa and grandma so much

They love me too!

By: Marqus

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Fifth Grade News!

Recently, our fifth grade class enjoyed a trip to North Adams, Massachusetts to the Mass MoCA museum. The exhibit we went to see was called “You Art What You Eat.” We all had a great time and we were able to make our own artwork using food and other materials!

Lateona Griffin: “I liked their artwork. It’s amazing how they made a face out of phonebooks. The candy meteor was beautiful and I liked how they made a building out of Oreos. The Jell-O building was fun to touch and it was cool how they make it with the Jell-O mold; it was soft and wiggly. The Jell-O movies were also funny when the buildings were falling down because of the rain. The most fun part was when we got to build things. I built a small bed out of cork and marshmallows. I think the little pink robot that Miss Jackie made was funny, so was Mr. Mark’s football field.”



NyJawaun Thomas: “When we were at the meteor, it looked liked the candies were trying to get away from the sun – the colors were really cool! I liked when we got to make our own art pieces and take them home to show people what we did at the museum. The Jell-O White Houses were funny because some were sticky and hard.



The title, “You Art What You Eat,” was funny because she [Casey] was saying that you can make art out of food and maybe eat it. I really liked the painting with the skeleton with the food labels around it making them look like different fruits. I also liked the upside down trees they had outside and the hanging candy wrappers on a string. The underwater display on the windowsill looked cool; Charles and I thought it looked like SpongeBob.”



When I Dance
 When I dance
 I feel like
 I'm the dance floor
 When I dance
 I feel like
 I want to move
 to the music
 When I dance
 I feel like
 I'm a little girl again
 and I feel delighted
 to feel the rhythm
 When I dance
 I feel like
 I don't want to
 STOP!
 By: Brianna

Lollipop
 Rich
 Chocolate or gum-centered
 Big swirly rainbow, Lemonade flavor
 Delicious, Enjoyable, sugar, tasty
 Blue, red, yellow, brown
 Y
 U
 M
 M
 Y
 By: Devante

Dad
 Lovely, great
 Careful, nice, handsome
 Cheerful, happy
 Joyful
 By: Joyal
B-Ball
 Basketball
 Fun Exercise
 Shooting, moving, passing
 Happiness, cheerful
 B-Ball
 By: Alberto



Healthy Lives

Our goal is for the students at ACCS to live healthy lives. To encourage them to do so, Miss Augustine is offering Extra Credit for all students who are physically active outside of school hours.

This includes, but is not limited to the following: afterschool programs, extracurricular sports activities outside of school, jumping rope, basketball, roller skating, ice skating, playing outside in the snow, bowling, playing at the park and riding your bike. Any activity that works your muscles or is cardio vascular will be accepted. Your child can find the extra credit form in the Gym. It needs to be completely filled out with child's full name, the date of the activity, the activity performed (be specific) and how long. It must be returned with a parent/guardian signature for approval. Below is a small sample of the paper.

Extra Credit For Movement Class

Name: _____ Date: _____

What physical activity did you perform? _____

How long di you perform the exercise? _____

Parent Signature _____

ACCS CHAMPIONS

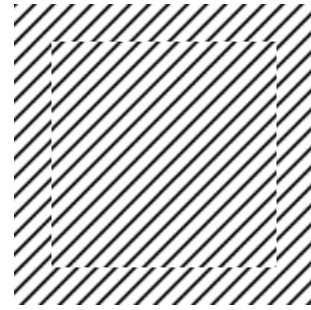
We have champions at ACCS! Congratulations to Demitri (5th Grade) and Cornell (6th Grade)! They won a basketball championship against Ravena Middle School on Sunday February 28th. The final score was 34 –15. Demitri scored 6 points and had 3 steals. Cornell scored 10 point and had 1 steal. Cornell was also named MVP (Most Valuable Player) of the game. These boys play for Troy CYO.



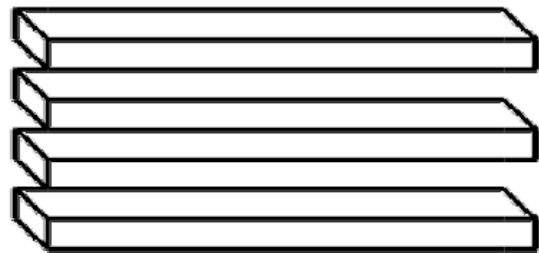
February Peacemakers



Maaaad HOT Smart Kids Corner



1. What shape is inside the square?



2. How many shelves can you count? _____

**Bring your answer to Ms. Petra
for a SMELLY BOOKMARK!**

For this week, Ms. Kim is serving:

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| Monday: | Cheese Ravioli | Corn |
| | Fruit | Milk |
| Tuesday: | Meatloaf | Noodles |
| | Mix Veggies | Fruit Milk |
| Wednesday: | Chicken Patty Sandwich | |
| | Tossed Salad | Fruit Milk |
| Thursday: | Fish sticks | Mashed Potatoes |
| | Fruit | Milk |
| Friday: | Pizza | Tossed Salad |
| | Popcorn | Fruit Milk |

What's Coming Up at ACCS?

Wed, 3/24	8am-2:30	Grade 6 to Stewart's Ice Cream Shop Kindergarten Field Trip to Eric Carle Museum
Thurs, 3/25	1-2pm	Grade 3 Event —Reptile Adventure
Fri, 3/26	8:30am 10am– 12pm	All School Morning Meeting Grades 1-6 Field Trip to Dr. Kaboom
Sat, 3/27	10am– 12pm	Open House for 2010-11 Lottery. GET YOUR KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION IN!!!
Fri, Apr 1		2010-11 BUS APPLICATIONS DUE TO DISTRICTS (send them to school BEFORE this!!!)
	3:00pm	2010-11 LOTTERY
Fri, April 2– 9th		NO SCHOOL /Spring Break