



Monday's Letter
April 19, 2010

Ark Community Charter School

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,

This is the first year that the New York State English Language Arts Exam will be given in April and not in January. We will be administering the tests next week beginning on Monday, April 26, to students in grades 3-6. These tests are very important to our school and results are reported in the newspaper each year. The first and second graders will be taking the Terra Nova Tests at the same time. Please make sure that your child comes to school well rested and ready for the tests. Our teachers and students have been preparing for these tests since the beginning of the year and I'm sure the students will do very well.

This year the New York State Mathematics tests will begin on May 5th. These tests are just one indicator of student achievement, and right now, they seem to be the most important criteria of student success to external evaluators. We teach many other important concepts in our rich curriculum and your children are well educated each year by our highly qualified staff.

Mary Theresa

What's going on in Ms. Flores'

As a way of integrating curriculum, the class worked on a Science/ Literacy activity. In Literacy we read a biographical study of a dinosaur hunter. In Science the students pretended to be the main character, Mister Bones, the paleontologist. Students used imaginary tools to excavate dirt (made from chocolate cake, chocolate pudding, M&M's, gummy worms, and nuts). The students felt, smelled, tasted, touched the dirt, and searched for worms, snakes, and dinosaur bones (pieces of walnuts). It was a great hands on activity that all students enjoyed.





I wonder if ACCS knows what a *Paleontologist* does while at work?

Paleontologists are scientists who study fossils of animals to learn about what the earth was like many years ago. They find these fossils by excavating into the layers of a rock.



Eric Carle Museum Adventure

On Wednesday March 24 the Kindergarten classes traveled to the Eric Carle Museum in Amherst, Massachusetts. Eric Carle writes and illustrates many children's books. One of the most famous is The Hungry Caterpillar. The students learned about the process a writer and illustrator goes through to publish a book. They also learned more about the ocean and ocean animals and started their own illustrations in the art studio. It was a wonderful day!





March Attendance Stars

Shashoni Banks, K1
 Jamani White, K1
 Gabriel Baez-Reynosa, K2
 Erick Berkley, K2
 Genina Hammonds, K2
 Kyana Livingston, K2
 Semaj Mitchell, K2
 Reheim Oates, K2
 Wildely Ortiz, K2
 Leslie Santos, K2
 Amya Sutton, K2
 Angel Campos, 1A
 Ka'Shaun Jones, 1A
 Shamati Neals, 1A
 Krystal Thompson, 1A
 Alanis Ayala-Campos, 1B
 Jasmine Johnson, 1B

Genay Velez-Rojas, 1B
 Precious Berry, 2A
 Yasir Green, 2A
 Zalayah Grimes, 2A
 Caleb Karkari-Mensah, 2A
 Hector Sanchez, 2A
 Sameko Walker, 2A
 Janelle White, 2A
 Angel Cruz, 2B
 Saneko Walker, 2B
 Semaj White, 2B
 Tatiyanna Williams, 2B
 Latyce Faison, 3A
 India Harrison, 3A
 William Johnson, 3A
 Briana LeDuc, 3A

Zekiel Sanchez, 3A
 Luiza Santos, 3B
 Doranni Green, 4
 KiAndra Jones, 4
 Amya Livingston, 4
 Emmanuel Murray, 4
 Tiana Nesmith, 4
 Alberto Rodriguez, 4
 Frank VandeBogart Jr., 4
 Alexis Vautrin, 4
 Carl Wallace, 4
 Dominika Edge, 5
 Kevin Ledesma-Mora, 5
 Nemahni Smith, 5
 Charles Valentin-Roe, 5
 Ixis Vazquez-Rojas, 5

Kristhal Ayala-Campos, 6
 Cornell Downs, 6
 Erica Gourrier-Rhymes, 6
 Chardanay Grier, 6
 Shierra Harrington, 6
 Randy Jefferson Jr, 6
 Naequawn Middleton, 6
 Veronica Solis, 6
 Noah Williams, 6





Sage Literacy Program Update

Starting Thursday April 29th the Sage Literacy Program will also meet. From there on they will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-6 PM. The Literacy Program's last day will be Thursday June 3rd. The following is very IMPORTANT, read carefully. April 22nd will be the last day for the All-Sports Program for 1st and 2nd Graders, the Peer Tutoring Program and Ms. Kenia's Reading Club.

Extra Credit for Movement Class

Name: _____

Date: _____

What physical activity did you perform?

How long did you perform the exercise?

Parent Signature: X _____

For this week, Ms. Kim is serving:

Monday: Ravioli Corn Rolls & Butter
Fruit Milk

Tuesday: Chicken Enchiladas Rice &
Beans Corn Milk

Wednesday: Turkey Sandwiches Soup
Fruit Milk

Thursday: Hamburgers Sweet Potato Fries
Tossed Salad Fruit Milk

Friday: Pizza Cheese Stix Salad
Fruit Milk

Maaaad HOT Smart Kids Corner



1) The numbers in the middle column are related in some way to the numbers in the left and right columns. How are they related?

3	42	8
5	51	3
8	61	2
7	53	5

2) Use all twenty-six letters of the English alphabet to complete the following 13 words, but use each letter only once.

- A) b a _ _ a i n B) d y _ _ s t y C) l _ _ g e r
D) _ _ g o t e E) d i _ _ p a n F) d i _ _ i t
G) d e _ _ a y H) b o _ _ a r I) l i _ _ o f f
J) s u n _ _ r n K) o b l _ _ u e L) s a _ _ a t i o n
M) p u m _ _ i n

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

What's Coming Up at ACCS?

Thru. Apr. 22 Last Day -All-Sports Program 1st & 2nd gr.
-Peer Tutoring Program
-Kenia's Reading Club

Fri. Apr. 23 11:30am March Peacemaker Lunch

**Mon. Apr. 26-28 NYS ELA Testing Grades 3 - 6
Terra Nova Testing Grade 1 & 2**

Fri. Apr. 30 8:30am All School Morning Meeting
Q3 Awards G3-6

2:00pm Q3 Honor Roll Sundae Party

Wed. May 5-7 NYS Math Test Grades 3 - 6

Fri. May 14 7:45pm Attendance Star Special Breakfast