



All City Elementary PTA Newsletter

Week 2
November 7, 2011

Our Mission: "To create a community of learners: children, teachers, and parents working cooperatively to maximize individual growth and success in a changing world."

Deadline: Friday, noon
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A message from the principal:

At a glance Calendar Events

- Monday, Nov 7th
- PTA Board Meeting
12:00 pm
- Thursday, Nov 10th
-NO SCHOOL
- Friday, Nov 11th
-NO SCHOOL
- Friday, Nov 18th
-Choice Day
1:45 pm
- Wednesday, Nov 23rd
-NO SCHOOL
- Thursday, Nov 24th
-NO SCHOOL
- Friday, Nov 25th
-NO SCHOOL

Complete School Year
Calendar is available at
www.allcitypta.org

Parent Teacher Conferences are completed!! Thanks for all of your participation in those important events. I hope you feel that the time was well spent. A big thank you to all the parents who brought food for the conference meals for the staff. A particularly big thank you to Joni Merkley and Sarah Sarbacker, who coordinated and the meal effort, I heard a lot of great comments about all the of the food that was provided! Last week was a busy week, and this week is nice to have a break!

Thursday is still a work day for the teachers, we will be spending some time in training on the Olweus Bully Prevention program that will be implemented after Christmas. As close knit as our community is, and as close as the students are in our program, it is sometimes surprising that there may be people exhibiting bullying behavior in our midst. While no program will totally eliminate a certain set of undesirable behaviors, to address the concerns is the first step. ACE will combine the Olweus program with what we are already doing, namely the Conflict Management with trained 4th and 5th grade students. And as far as supervision goes, if all adults are doing what is expected (staff and parents), we will continue to be the best supervised program in the district. Implementing the program components is the responsibility of the staff, parents can help by reporting to staff what they see and hear, and following the lead of the staff. We will have more information at a later date, and there may be some parent trainings we will run during the school day, so all commitment people will know what is expected. Watch this column for more information in the future.

Another event that is going on right now is the beginning of our work toward another Kindergarten class joining us at ACE, the Kindergarten class of 2012-2013 (believe it or not!). All indications are that there are a lot of siblings in this group. That is always fun, and brings a different dimension to what we have to do with training for our new families. In early December, we will print the sibling list, watch and see if our list will be the biggest one on record for ACE siblings joining us.

Thanksgiving will soon be upon us, and before long, half the school year will be gone, time flies!! Enjoy your short break this coming weekend, and I hope you all have a terrific November. Also, have a fun 11-11-11, no school on this unique date!

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE PTA NEWSLETTER

To make things simpler now and in the future , an email address has been created specifically for any items you would like placed in the ACE PTA newsletter. Please use this email address going forward:

ace4news@gmail.com

In the subject line of the email you send, please indicate the dates you would like your information run in the newsletter (include ALL dates if you'd like it included multiple weeks). This should also make the organization of the information clearer and will help ensure items are not missed. Thank you!!

THANK YOU to those that helped make conference meals a success!

Please except our heartfelt thanks for your donations of food!

The meals for conferences were a success because of your generosity!

A huge thank you to Stephanie Hanson, Christine Erickson, Sheila Etrheim, Linda Bomhoff, Michelle Lauer, Katie Wigg, Elizabeth Callies, Pamela Madsen, Jessa Howes, Amantha Boese-Rahm, Annlee Ralston, Kari Dykstra, Heidi Bakke, Pam Sorensen, Kristin Snyder, Sarah Lavin, Laura Mullen, Becky McQuistan, Janel Ingalls, Mary Browen, Shannon VanBuskirk, Julie Kolling, Melissa Ellefson, Michelle Krier, Kelly Molstad, Amy Morrison, Kim Schetnan, Mara Colter, April VanLeirsburg, Mary Mendel, Julie Samp, Julie Allen, Cara Lovrien, & Karen Hoffmeyer for bringing the delicious meals for the teachers!!!!



**Your contributions mean so much to us,
but even more to the ACE & Jane Addams Staff!**



**Thank you,
Joni Merkle & Sarah Sarbacker**

Help! 4th and 5th graders will be doing an invention unit starting on Nov. 14th. We need things to take apart! We need old phones, VCRs, radios, etc. No TV's since they have dangerous tubes inside. If you have anything you don't need please send to school this week. We need about 20 things.

Spirit Wear

The next order for Spirit Wear will be sent in on November 16th.

A few weeks ago each family received an order form. In addition, the order form is available in the parent sign in area in the office. Finally, it is also available on the PTA website under Documents (http://www.allcitypta.org/docs/schoolyear/SPIRT_WEAR_11-12.pdf). You can give the order forms to any of the teachers or Mrs. Helming. Please remember that the kid's tie dye shirts and the sweatshirts are running a little small, while the adult t-shirts are running a little large. If you have any questions please contact me.

Andy McQuistan PTA Treasurer



ANNOUNCEMENT

If you plan to take your student out to lunch, please call the office or notify the teacher ahead of time, and sign the student in and out at the check-out area in the office. Thanks

Princess Ball

For Fathers & Daughters
\$19 per Princess/Dad



Dads, create a special memory with your daughter! Dress-up for a fun evening together learning simple dance steps and then taking them to the dance floor. Grandfathers, uncles, adult brothers and godfathers are also welcome to bring their favorite princess. Light refreshments.

Class Options:

PC107A 1Sa 11/5 7:00 – 8:30pm

PC107B 1Sa 11/12 7:00 – 8:30pm

Contact Community Education to Register:

www.sf.k12.sd.us

Call 605.367.7999