



All City Elementary PTA Newsletter

Week 1
January 30, 2012

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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At a glance **Calendar Events**

- **Friday Feb 3rd**
-Swimming 1-3
- **Monday Feb 6th**
-PTA Board Meeting
Noon
- **Wednesday Feb 8th**
-P-T Conferences
1:30-7:30
-Book Fair
1:00-7:00
- **Thursday Feb 9th**
-P-T Conferences
4:30-7:30
-Book Fair
3:00-7:00
- **Friday Feb 10th**
-Choice Day

The **Book Fair** will be held on **Wednesday, February 8th** from **1pm to 7pm** and **Thursday, February 9th** from **3pm to 7pm** in the Gym during conferences! The dollars raised from the "One for Books" program will go directly to our own EIC to purchase books!!!

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

From the Principal:

ACE has a strong tradition of giving, of sharing of our resources with those who do not have as much as we do. Case in point from this school year, alone—The food backpack packaging project that a number of ACE families participated in on January 17, coordinated by our own Michelle Krier, packing all the backpacks for the Sioux Empire for one week! --A basketball team coached by an ACE parent gave their annual project of giving Christmas gifts to a couple EIC families again this year, the Student Government is in the process of planning their annual giving project. --ACE Kindergarten just collected items for their classmate to enjoy when she is in the hospital and away from their classroom. -- The Book Fair at February Parent Teacher Conferences will again have a donation option for the classroom teachers at EIC to pick some books for their classroom.

Another Prime Example was, when no parent stepped up to coordinate the Banquet meal served 4th and 5th grade families every year, PTA did not hesitate, but stepped right in, and planned the coordination of this important event in the life of ACE. We are one of very few elementary schools that participate in this opportunity every year. This event is such a great extension of the service learning projects that begin at Dow Rummel in 3rd grade, move on to Kids Care in 4th and 5th grade, and hopefully continue on in our students' and families' lives for a long time after they leave ACE. This years event will occur on Friday, February 24. While primarily 4th and 5th graders serve the meal, that doesn't mean that all of ACE isn't involved! It takes quite a donation from the ACE community to fund this meal for the unfortunate individuals who aren't sure if they would be able to eat if not for the Banquet ministry. For us to provide this meal, each year we ask **each ACE Family to donate \$5.00 to cover the cost of the meal** that our representative will prepare and serve. Please take the opportunity to place \$5 in an envelope, write "ACE Serves the Banquet" on the envelope, and send it to school with your student in the Monday's Folders, or drop it by the front desk.

This envelope is not to be confused with the Gala Luncheon that will be going on the next week, so please clearly mark the envelope with the wording, above. And, speaking of the Gala, please see the information in this edition of the newsletter, as well as the papers that are coming home in your Monday's Folder this week! Two sheets of the sheets will serve to order your tickets (one per student, one adult to accompany each student) and communicate to classroom teachers what your plans are for your students. The other with similar info found later in this newsletter explain the new format for tickets, and why we have had to go to this format for this extremely popular event. And popular would also be the way to explain the Science Fair this year, with nearly half of ALL ACE students participating in the event. Thanks to Dr. Rachel Loven and two students from USF who judged all the non-5th grade entries and gave good feedback to them, and to Mrs. Lundquist who coordinated the event again. We have selected our representatives to the City Science Fair coming up later in spring, and several alternates as well! It was a great event, and they will be great representatives of ACE!

You are invited to the
All City Gala Luncheon
Wednesday, February 29th at 11:45 a.m.
Hosted by: Westward Ho Country Club

Please join us for this All City luncheon tradition.
We will be celebrating with family and friends as we use our good table manners,
build community relations, and enjoy an elegant meal prepared by Westward Ho
and served by Mrs. Lundquist's 5th grade class (with the help of teachers and club staff.)

Invitations will be coming home in Monday Folders on January 30th.
Reservation deadline is February 14th, 2012.

For questions or concerns please call Joni Merkley
at 274-6107 or e-mail at jonimerkley@hotmail.com.

**Please note the CHANGES to
this years Gala:**

WOW, we had 380 people
attend last years Gala, what an
amazing turn out! In order to
do that we had to rent tables.
In an effort to keep costs low
we will not be renting tables
this year. This limits us to
seating for 326 people.

BECAUSE of the limited seating
**we are restructuring the way
we do ticket sales. Every stu-
dent at ACE can bring one adult
with them.** You will order your
tickets on the order forms com-
ing home in the Monday folder.
This will leave us with a surplus
of tickets. I will be setting up a
booth to sell those tickets at
school on Wednesday, February
22nd, on a first come first serve
basis. SO, if you are a family
that would like to bring addi-
tional adults, you can purchase
those extra tickets at that time.

Please feel free to call or email
me if you have any questions or
concerns! Thank you for your
flexibility and understanding!!

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The following link is for meal sign up during parent teacher conferences.

Thank you for your generosity, the food is very appreciated!

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448AAAC2AA46-allcity

Sarah Sarbacker and Joni Merkley

LiveStrong is going strong!

Last week during family stu-
dents kicked off a great week of
learning about staying and be-
ing healthy. Matt and Melissa
Elleffson did a wonderful job
getting everyone started. Each
student received a Livestrong
band from the Elleffsons. A
huge thank you!

**Next Friday we are asking all
students to wear their yellow
We Live Strong t-shirts to
school. If you did not purchase
a t-shirt wear either black or
yellow!**

PTA General Meeting Agenda for February 6th, 2012

- I. Call to Order
 - a. General Announcements
 - b. Approval of December meeting minutes
- II. Principal Update
- III. Teachers Update
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
 - a. Gala Luncheon update – Joni Merkley
 - b. Review of January's parent training
 - c. Update on ACE serving at the banquet
 - d. Kindergarten registration
- VII. General Announcements
 - a. Next Meeting: March 5, 2012. Lunch to be provided by Scott S.



ACE SERVES THE BANQUET:

TO FUND THIS EVENT, WE NEED TO SUPPORT THE MEAL

WE WILL SERVE ON FEBRUARY 24. THE RECOMMENDED

DONATION IS \$5.00 PER ACE FAMILY. PLEASE PUT \$5 IN

AN ENVELOPE AND LABEL IT "ACE SERVES THE BAN-

QUET" AND SEND IT TO SCHOOL IN MONDAY FOLDER OR TURN IN TO OFFICE. THANKS



CONFERENCES - SPECIALS SPRING - 2012

Stacy Sip, Orchestra, Thursday, February 9, 4:30-5:30 pm

Kurt Skogstad, PE, Wednesday, February 8, 3:00-7:30

Katie Doohen, Music and Band Wednesday, February 8, 2:30-7:30 pm
Thursday, February 9, 3:30-5:30 pm

Susan Schmitz, Art, Wednesday, February 8, 3:15-6:15pm
Thursday, February 9, 3:15-6:15 pm

Louise Fonder, Speech, Thursday, February 9, 6:00-7:30 pm

Beth Adams, Counselor, Wednesday, February 8, 4:00-7:00 pm

Devon Stoffers, Nurse, Wednesday, February 8, 4:00-6:30pm

Katie Martin, Gifted, Thursday, February 9, 5:00-7:30 pm

Rebecca Assam, Resource, Wednesday, February 8, 4:00-7:15 pm

Beth Wells, Librarian, Wednesday, February 8, 4:00-7:30pm
Thursday, February 9, 4:30-7:30pm

Points Committee to meet soon. The ACE Points Committee will be meeting toward the end of February. This is the group that considers the commitment hours value for any out-of-classroom commitment responsibilities. Also, this group will consider any proposals for "new" out-of-class commitment positions. Get proposals to Scott Stearns or Mr. D. If you have input about hours value, that should be turned in with your evaluation of your position to Stacy Chedester, Parent Coordinator or Kari Dykstra, Parent Co-coordinator. Let any of the above know, if you have questions. Thanks.

