



Principal's E-News

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Aurora Christian Preschool and Elementary School

Reenrollment – RIGHT NOW!

Reenroll your child Feb 1, 2, 3, or 4

Reenrollment is going on RIGHT NOW! February 3 and 4 at the Illinois Campus from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

Dodge Ball – Thursday Mornings

Dodge ball is scheduled for Thursday mornings. If you've heard your 1st through 5th grader talk about playing dodge ball, I've been trying to work out the schedule, and decided to have dodge ball only on Thursday mornings. The 1st-3rd graders will play for 14 minutes starting at 7:30 am in the gym. The 4th-5th graders will play for 14 minutes starting at approximately 7:45 am. The cost to play is 25 cents, and proceeds will be given to the Aurora School Tip Line which provides an anonymous tip line to students in the Aurora community to help prevent violence in schools. The rule is that when there is 5 minutes left on the clock, no one new can be added to the game.

Basketball League

If possible, I'd still like to offer the 2nd through 5th grade after-school basketball league. This year, I'd like to see it happen in the spring. I'm looking for parents who would be interested in administering the league. I'm also looking for parents that would like to coach a team. To make this happen this year, I'd need at least two league chairs (one to organize Monday/Wednesday play, and one to organize Tuesday/Thursday play), and possibly eight coaches depending on the number of students that register to play. If you are interested in helping this become a reality, email me with "Basketball League" in the subject line and I'll begin the process of coordinating the volunteers to see if we can hold the league this year. This is typically a 7 or 8 week program from 3:30-5:00 with boys on Monday/Wednesday and girls on Tuesday/Thursday.

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Turn in those Box Tops!

Box Tops for Education

As many of you know, we collect General Mills Box Tops here at Aurora Christian. The money raised from this program is divided among the teachers to purchase consumable supplies for the classroom. Our parent coordinator, Mrs. Karen Groesch, oversees this program and organizes every aspect of submitting our school's Box Tops. Please keep clipping those Box Tops, get the grandparents and aunts and uncles involved as well. You can also see how we are doing as a school by going to www.BoxTops4Education.com to see special offers and information. Also go to www.boxtops4education.com/earn/bonus/OfferDetail.aspx?id=282 and see another limited time offer.



Heart of Appreciation

Your outpouring of love and support of my teachers and staff is so appreciated! I've seen some pretty amazing things provided to the teachers this month, because of your generosity! Thank you for taking care of them, and helping them to feel so blessed! There are still a few hearts left in the atrium. If you don't know what I'm talking about, the Heart of Appreciation wall is found in the atrium. There are hearts that are a "wish list" of items from teachers and staff of needs that they have in their classroom. You can select a teacher or staff member and show your appreciation for them by providing the item on the wish list. If you have questions about this, please send me an email at scott.etchison@aurorachristian.org.

Market Day Thanks!

For the last several years, Mrs. Maureen Schaltegger has served as the coordinator for our Market Day program. Market Day is a program in which you can order grocery items (mostly frozen items) through the school and pick them up at school, and the proceeds from the program is given to the school as a fund raiser. Funds from Market Day are used to purchase non-consumable items for departments within the school. So, your Market Day purchase actually benefits your classroom teacher!

Mrs. Schaltegger is stepping down as the coordinator of this program and Mrs. Kerrie Pierce is going to coordinate the program as we move forward. I hope you'll come along side Mrs. Pierce and find a way to help out the program by volunteering and participating by purchasing food from Market Day. If you'd like more information about what is available through Market Day, please stop in the office.

Grandparents Day – Friday, March 19, 2010

PLEASE mark your calendar and get the Grandparents on board to attend our Grandparents day on Friday, March 19! This is a day they will NOT want to miss! We have an assembly for all the grandparents, photo stations so that grandparents can have a picture memory of the day, and then grandparents can take the kids for the afternoon, treat them to lunch, and spend the rest of the day together! Grandparents Day is a highlight for the year, so call them, convince them to clear the schedule and be here Friday, March 19!

Student of the Week

Further congratulations are due for these students who were recognized as the Student of the Week in elementary! 4th Grader Joshua Megchelsen in Miss Lindsay's class, Kindergartner Jenna Mauthe in Mrs. Greenawalt's class, 1st Grader Grant Peacock in Mrs. Herbert's class, 2nd Grader Avery Tindall in Mrs. Beckley's class, Kindergartner Kyle Seward in Mrs. Talley's class, 3rd Grader Kyle Groesch in Mrs. DiCicco's class, 5th Grader Jacob Brown in Miss Lindsay's class, 5th Grader Rebecca Cloyd in Mrs. Behrens' class, and 2nd Grader Emily Herbert in Mrs. DiCicco's class have all earned the award! Congratulations!

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Jenna Mauthe

Grant Peacock

Avery Tindall

Kyle Seward

Kyle Groesch

Jacob Brown

Rebecca Cloyd

Emily Herbert

Does Your Child Enjoy Reading?

I hope the answer is yes! Recently information was passed along to me that your child can earn a free ticket to the John Hancock Observatory through reading. It looks like fun, so I thought I'd pass it along to you. You can go to www.hancockobservatory.com/en/pdfs/ReadingLog.pdf and get all of the information. It could be a fun family trip to the Big City as a family.



Encourage Reading

SCRIP

SCRIP is an ongoing, weekly program and you can order gift cards for dozens of local businesses and restaurants, and proceeds from these gift cards can be credited to your tuition! ACS even offers some "Cash and Carry" options for places like Woodmans, Starbucks, and Panera! If you don't know anything about SCRIP, you want to get involved! Ask the ladies in the office for details!

Book Exchange

I wrote you about the idea of a Parent Book Exchange, and want to run that program here at ACS. I'm looking for a volunteer that would help me with organizing books, following guidelines, and keeping the shelf orderly. Interested in this position? Send me an email, and I'll plug you in!

Mission Impossible

Middle School and High School parents and students voluntarily participate in a mission outreach called Mission Impossible. This is a service project performed through the ministry of Aurora Christian School to assist a Christian organization with a major building and/or renovation project. This year, Mission Impossible will be going to Sophia, North Carolina, to serve at Victory Mountain Camp. You will be receiving detailed information from me on how you can partner with ACS and Mission Impossible! Look for it in your email.

Christmas Fine Arts Festival Reflections

The Christmas Fine Arts Festival was a huge success! The day was a warm and enjoyable day of celebrating Christmas together. After the Festival, I sent an email out about parental opinions on the day. I received 75 responses, and the opinions were as diverse as possible. After taking in all of the information, next year we've schedule the return of evening Christmas concerts. A preliminary school calendar will be coming home this week with all of the dates for the 2010-2011 school year.

Fruit of the Spirit

Monthly the teachers are awarding students with recognition for displaying a specific Fruit of the Spirit during school. Stop by the hallway outside of the cafeteria and see all of the excellent role models! Take a moment and talk to your child about what it means to display the Fruits of the Spirit.

Updated Website – A New Look

Take a few minutes and look at the school's newly updated website. Go to www.aurorachristian.org and see a fresh, new look, lots of new pictures, and valuable information about the school, all at the click of your mouse! I especially encourage you to click the "Support ACS" link and watch the video produced by a parent in our school, Mr. Todd Pierson.

Calendar Dates to Remember...

Through Feb 12 - Jump Rope For Heart Days

Feb 9 - Kindergarten Curriculum Night, 7:00 pm

Feb 12 - Market Day Orders Due

Feb 15 - No School, President's Day (Child Care available for P/S through 2nd Graders)

Feb 16 - Market Day Delivery

Feb 26 - Camouflage Day

Mar 5 - End of 3rd Quarter

Mar 6 - Aurora Christian Fun Fair

Mar 8-11 - Parent Teacher Conferences

Mar 12 - No School K-5th, Inservice Day (Child Care available for K-2nd) Preschool is in regular session

Mar 15-19 - Mission Week

Mar 15 - Preschool Spring Concert, 7:00 pm

Mar 19 - Grandparents Day

Mar 23 - 1st-3rd Spring Concert, 7:00 pm

Mar 24 - Spring Picture Day

Mar 25 - 4th-5th Spring Concert, 7:00 pm

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