SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - October 10, 2025

Parent Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal

ACA will dismiss at 2:30 on Tuesday, October 14 for Parent Teacher Conferences. Elementary - please plan to pick-up at your staggered time - 2:20, 2:25, and 2:30.

Book Fair

ACA will be hosting the Blue Ribbon Book Fair during parent teacher conferences! Kids will get to browse the book fair during school to make their wish lists. The book fair will be open to purchase books on Tuesday from 4-8.

Teacher Updates

ACA has partnered with Mrs. Julie Kayser to serve as our long-term sub band director. Mrs. Kayser will officially start on Monday, October 13. Mrs. Kayser comes to us with a strong background as a band director, having served in both public and private schools in this role. She also has a great deal of experience in delivering band lessons and is planning to offer this here at ACA as well.

Mrs. Renee McClendon and Mr. Ryan Weathers will be partnering to provide elementary music class this semester. Mrs. McClendon is a retired music teacher and continues to accompany Ankeny schools choirs. Mr. Weathers has been a music teacher at ACA for many years. He taught elementary music at ACA for some time before taking on secondary music. They both have years of experience providing a thorough musical learning experience, including music skills and performance training.

Fall Break

Fall break will be Friday, October 17 and Monday, October 20. There will be no school on those days.

School Pictures

You should have received an email from Monahan Photography this week with a link to view and purchase your child's school pictures. If you need a retake, those will happen on Thursday, October 16.

Musical Announcement

ACA is swinging for the fences with the high school spring musical, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!* This Broadway favorite is a family-friendly musical. We're planning a true double-header with a double cast: one line-up on Thursday evening and Saturday's matinee and the second roster for Friday and Saturday nights. High school auditions will be held from 3:45-5:30 pm on Tuesday, October 28. Students who hope to be cast in the show should contact the director, **Mrs. Herring**, for details.

Game day (performances) will be March 26, 27, and 28, 2026. This is the weekend after spring break. Students who cannot commit to the training regimen (after school practice times) or are planning to extend their spring break

should not audition for this show, since tech week begins the Monday after the break.

Join us as the team hits it out of the park and learns the value of friendship and find the true meaning of happiness.

Activity Registration

If your student is planning to play middle school or high school basketball, please use the QR code and instructions below to do so.



Debt Service Vote

We are excited to share an important opportunity for the future of our school. ACA is in the process of finalizing the purchase of the apartment buildings located directly east of our campus. To move forward, we will be holding a **debt service vote** to approve financing for this purchase.

Per our by-laws, this vote will authorize ACA to secure a loan to complete the transaction. We invite all eligible parents to join us for a time of Q&A followed by the vote.

Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, October 23

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: ACA Auditorium **Agenda can be found here.**

Frequently Asked Questions

When will the vote take place?

The vote will be held on Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 PM in the ACA Auditorium. We will begin with a Q&A session, followed by the vote.

Will absentee voting be available?

No. Voting will take place in person only following the Q&A session.

Who is eligible to vote?

Voting is open to **association members**, defined in our by-laws as parents or guardians of a currently enrolled ACA student.

What is the purchase price of the apartment buildings?

ACA is purchasing the properties at 110, 114, and 118 NW State Street, as well as 1606 NW 2nd Street, for a total of \$2,560,000.

What are the loan amount and terms?

ACA plans to finance up to \$2,000,000 of the purchase price. Loan terms are still being finalized. The debt service will represent approximately 3% of our annual operating budget, which will be covered by existing funds. We also anticipate using rental income from the units to help offset loan payments while they remain leased.

How will the apartments be managed?

The properties will be owned by a separate ACA-owned LLC and managed by a third-party property management company.

We encourage all eligible parents to attend and participate in this important decision for our school's future. If you have questions prior to the meeting, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Volleyball Game Tuesday

ACA will host the Bluegrass tournament on Tuesday. Athletic passes will not be valid for this game.

Board Minutes

The minutes from the October 2 board of directors meeting can be found here.

Eagle Eyes Sign-Ups

We are inviting men to volunteer before school (7:30–8:10 AM) or after school (3:00–3:45 PM) to be an extra set of eyes on campus during drop-off and pick-up. Volunteers will also spend a few moments praying over our elementary and secondary students each day. Please contact <u>Justin Porter</u> with questions. If you're interested in signing up, <u>please do so here</u>. Your presence makes a difference. Thank you for partnering with us in supporting our students and staff!

Parent Teacher Conferences - Middle School Information

If you would like to meet with one of the Middle School teachers, please sign up on the teacher's Sign Up Genius to schedule a time for a conference. Please note that signing up for a conference is not a requirement in middle school. In fact, it would be impossible for the teachers to meet every single set of parents. However, if you are interested in a conference, please use the teacher's Sign Up Genius link below.

Because the teachers are scheduling individual conferences, they cannot meet with parents who drop in for a conference. Teachers are always available before and after school to meet with parents for short conferences, should it be necessary to meet with them. Please contact via email the teacher with whom you would like to meet.

History - Mr. Ewest

Science - Mrs. Fenceroy

English - Mrs. Knudson Math - Mrs. Lozada

Bible - Mr. Nihart

Literature - Mrs. Smith

Upcoming Events

These are taken from the <u>school calendar</u>. Please note that schedules (especially with sports) could be different from what's listed on the calendar.

October

9:00 - Varsity Volleyball at H-D-CAL Invitational

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2:30 - Early Dismissal
4:00 - Parent Teacher Conferences
4:00 - Book Fair
5:30 - Varsity Volleyball

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4:30 - MS and Varsity Cross Country at Pleasantville
5:30 - Varsity Volleyball at Seymour



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