

ACS PARENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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By Mr. Wunner, Principal

ACS CELEBRATES 7TH WEEK It is a blessing that on Friday our school will have completed 7 weeks of face to face instruction. I cannot tell you how hard our staff (teachers, aides, office staff) have worked to meet so many variables thrown their way during this pandemic. Our teaching faculty are working many extra hours to meet grade level academic requirements, assure our new students that they are welcome and appreciated as part of our school “family”, and meet the Covid-19 requirements. They are here early in the morning and late in the afternoon. Please consider sending a note or card to your child’s teacher expressing your appreciation for their service.

GOLF FOR EDUCATION ON TAP FOR NOVEMBER 7 Another reminder that the Golf for Education fund raiser for our school will be held on November 7. Teams are being formed! Please contact the school at (707) 822-5986 if you need additional information.

COVID-19 RESOURCES Beginning this week I will be inserting links to Covid-19 information in weekly newsletters that you might find helpful. I am doing this knowing that we are likely to face seasonal flu infections and symptoms similar to Covid-19. Hopefully you will find this valuable as we navigate the winter months.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/coronavirus-self-checker.html>



RAFFLE UNDERWAY Raffle tickets are being sold through the school office. \$5.00 per ticket for a chance to win \$100 gift certificate. Drawing to be held and winner announced in parent newsletter on October 30th.

SPECIAL GUEST SINGER/SONG WRITER SHARES AT THIS WEEKS CHAPEL The students had a special treat this Wednesday when Bailey Barnett shared some Christian themed songs at our weekly chapel. Thank you to Callyn McCullough who invited Bailey to share. We love to invite special guests to our chapel services to share songs or a message with our students. (This year the students usually watch the speaker on projectors in their respective classrooms. On special occasions the speakers/guests broadcast from the Lighthouse Room in front of a single cohort group).

REMINDER Just a reminder that gum and soda pop are not allowed at school. It may sound old fashioned, but stepping on, sitting in, or touching gum stuck under a desk or table is not acceptable. Soda pop (sugar) can over stimulate a child and contribute to hyperactive behavior. (I once treated a 3rd & 4th grade class to root beer floats. The explosion of energy witnessed is embedded in my memory. I was politely asked **not** to offer this reward in the future.)



ENROLLMENT and LOCAL ISSUES The school continues to receive inquiries and requests by families seeking face to face instruction for their children. At the present time we are not accepting new students but are placing applicants on waiting lists for each grade.

We also receive updates from families and members of the community on various district school board meetings, conversations noted on internet sites and it is obvious that emotions are running extremely high these days distance vs. face to face learning strategies. ACS does not comment on issues facing the public school system regarding the regulations they must follow (State of California guidelines) or Covid-19 requirements or such issues. The realities our school faces in meeting sanitizing and spacing requirements are much different than a school with 300-400 students and higher staff numbers.

The ACS School board, faculty and staff all work extremely hard dealing with circumstances our school faces. We pray God will bless and guide the public school officials as they seek wisdom in addressing their campus needs.

TEAM SPORT NEWS There are some “rumblings” about how our middle and jr. high schools might address team sports this year. Basically it is suggested that sports would be moved later in the year. I was notified of this via my involvement in the North Coast Athletic League. We are tracking this closely to determine how this idea fits in with non-school team sport activities throughout the area. Please watch for updates in this area as many students have expressed they are interested.

ADVICE FROM WIFE OF BILLY GRAHAM (RUTH) The wife of the famed evangelist once told an audience of Minneapolis women: “God has not always answered my prayers. If He had I would have married the wrong man-several times.”

LYSOL AND CHILDREN’S FACE MASKS Costco has on occasion put large, two or three gallon containers of Lysol on the floor for sale, but they sell out very quick. If you happen to be shopping there and see this product we will pay you on delivery to the school. Also, we could use children sized disposable face masks. We have some ordered but face an immediate need. We are not currently in need of adult size masks.

SWEATSHIRTS ACS school sweatshirts have become popular, so Mrs. Acosta will be offering you another opportunity to place orders! We hope to get enough orders in to get the shirts back prior to a real change in weather so that all students interested in having a school sweatshirt will have the chance to place an order. If you missed the last order deadline a new order form is coming with the deadline to order at the top. There are a wide variety of colors and styles from which to choose. The order form will be attached to this newsletter as well as sent home with your student.

