From the Principal’s Desk

February has been a busy month of leadership events at Acres Green! We had our Leader in Me Recertification visit, Leader in Me school tour with visitors from around the nation attending the Colorado Leader in Me symposium, Family Math Game Night, SECOR donation drive for our Parties with a Purpose and our Leadership Day… phew! It has been a whirlwind of events.

Please see more about each of these events in this month’s newsletter. We are so proud of our Acres Green students, staff, and families. We are truly an awesome community!

Gina Smith

Community Conversations - Douglas County School District Strategic Plan

Douglas County School District is ready to start creating its road map for the next 3-5 years. Before we embark on this process of creating a strategic plan, we want to hear from you, our community, about what priorities and endeavors you believe should be included.

Please join us for a community conversation where you can provide insight and input into this important plan. LINK TO FLYER
Save The Date!

March 1 – March 11 - PTO Online Auction
March 5 – SAC Meeting 6:30pm – 7:30pm
March 12 – Student-led conferences 3:45pm – 8pm
March 12 – Spring group pictures
March 14 – Student-led conferences 3:45pm – 8pm
March 18 – March 22 – No School Spring Break!
Habit 4 - Think Win-Win

- Everyone Can Win.
- I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want.
- I make deposits in other’s Emotional Bank Accounts.
- When conflicts arise, I look for third alternatives.
Geo Bee Contestants

Our Geobee was held on Friday, February 25th and it was a real nail-biter!! The 9 participants were asked extremely tough geography questions. The four finalists were, 6th grader, Jack Brehmer, 5th grader, Alex Chandler, 4th grader, Moe Estacio and 6th grader, Olivia Gutierrez.

Congratulations to our 1st place winner, Alex Chandler!

New Acres Green Website

age.dcsdk12.org

Be sure to bookmark our new website! Link above.

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities at AGE?

Mrs. Braun would LOVE your help with shelving books in the library! Any day - any time would be MOST appreciated!!

Also, mark your calendar!! We have the Book Fair coming again Monday, March 11th - Thursday, March 14th. Mrs. Braun would welcome your help with that, as well!!

Please contact her at kirsten.braun@dcsdk12.org or call 303-387-7125. Thank you!
February Students of the Month

Five of our amazing students were recognized at our February Leader in Me Assembly. Congratulations to our 2nd grade leaders: Clara Sneairline, Selva Nithilan, Lynn Ketterer, Brynn David, and Margaret Snider. These students are nominated by their teacher for demonstrating outstanding leadership habits every day.

We are so proud of them!
Family Math Game Night

“A good time was had by all!” was the theme of our Family Math Game Night! We had 362 visitors that participated in all our interactive math games. We heard lots of positive comments from our families about the fun they had. A tremendous thank you to our very generous PTO who paid for the pizza. There was not a slice left after everyone had their fill. Thank you to our families that brought desserts to share, as well. Family Math Game Night was created and carried out by the teachers on the Family Learning Action Team along with several student leaders. Amazing things can happen when we all work together. Congratulations to the students who won the Estimate Jars! They were excited to take home the items in the jars and show off their estimation skills.
Our Leader in Me Recertification review was on Friday, February 8th. We started with 3 of our students (Ao Han, Emily Newton, and Lena Callaway—see picture below) taking Lynn Kosinski, the Leader in Me reviewer, around our school on a tour. Students were able to speak to what Leader in Me looks like in action at Acres Green. Next, Lynn met with our Lighthouse Team staff who shared what we’ve accomplished over the last two years as a Leader in Me Lighthouse school. We even impressed ourselves!! It was an amazing experience for us and we felt so much pride for what our staff and students have accomplished. We will receive the report a month from now. We’re confident we will be recertified :-)}
Acres Green School Tour for the Leader in Me Symposium

Acres Green Elementary was one of the Leader in Me schools chosen to host a school tour for participants who came from around the country to the Colorado Leader in Me Symposium. Forty guests toured our building on Wednesday, February 13th to learn more about what the Leader in Me looks like in action. The tours were led by our students. We’d like to thank the following students for stepping up as our tour guides:

Julianne Wardell, Lola Fierro, Sarah Freeman, Adrienne Keller, Noah Marasigan, Ella Bundy, Olivia Gutierrez, Ethan Grass, Laura Freeman, Madigan Nyholm, Moe Estacio, Kanade Nakabayashi, Lena Callaway, Selva Nithilan

They all did an excellent job of leading our guests around the building and sharing who we are as a school. Our Elite Choir sang for our guests and Mrs. Tinker’s class presented an Ignite Powerpoint that shared about the 8 Habits.

A big shout out to our entire staff and student body for showcasing our amazing learning community!
Leadership Day

Each year we have a Leadership Day to celebrate the leader in each of our students. As the students came into the kick-off assembly, they brought the toiletry and paper good items that were donated by our community. This year we started the assembly with several special guest speakers: DCSD Board of Directors, David Ray and Kevin Leung, Executive Regional Director, Corey Wise, Erin Kendall, an educator from Schools and Outdoor Learning Environments (SOLE) and Mike Dworak from SECOR. Each guest speaker shared an aspect of being a leader.

After the assembly, students were busy with several leadership activities including, writing thank you letters to community helpers (firefighters, police officers, etc) and creating a design based on one of the 7 Habits and an inspirational quote. When the weather is nicer, our plan is to chalk those designs and quotes on the sidewalks outside.

At the end of the day, we had another assembly for our students to reflect on the day. The students on the Tech Crew captured the day in pictures and created a video for everyone to view.
Leadership Day

Our Superintendent, Dr. Tucker, spoke to our students about leadership and our Elite Choir performed. We ended the assembly by doing a gallery walk of each class’ artwork and chosen inspirational quote. It was a very busy day! Our Leadership day was designed and planned by our 6th grade student Community Outreach Action Team and the Student Lighthouse Team. Our students continue to impress us with their leadership skills!

Professional Development Days

What do the teachers do on those Professional Development days???

Well, we continue our own learning in order to improve our practice. Educators believe in continuous improvement and that includes the adults in the school. In February, our teachers were focused on writing instruction and strategies for encouraging our students to think critically. And, of course, we took a little time to Sharpen the Saw because ‘balance is best!’
Spotlight on 2nd Grade

For the past quarter, second grade has been working on Financial Literacy and Habitats. In our Financial Literacy unit, the students learned how to save and spend money and created a budget. The students earned a weekly income and additional Dojo Dollars for meeting classroom expectations. The students kept track of their budget for three weeks. At the end of this unit, students that had at least $35 Dojo Dollars got to purchase a free recess. In our Habitats unit, students learned different habitats: wetlands, oceans and deserts. The students became experts in their habitat and taught the other second grade students what they learned and vice versa. Students really liked this unit because they were the experts/teachers. These two units created a great deal of excitement for the students in our classroom. Students are currently working on Force and Motion and will be doing a science experiment as part of their final project.

Kindergartners Celebrate the 100th day of school!

Celebrating the 100th day of school is a kindergarten tradition at Acres Green. This year, our teachers involved the kindergarten students in the planning. Providing student leadership opportunities is an important facet of school at our school. This includes our youngest learners. They have great ideas about how to make learning fun and productive. Our kindergarten teachers were able to incorporate their ideas in a way that made this the funnest 100th day celebration ever!
Choir Performance on 1/30/19

Kudos to our Elite Choir! Through the theme of ‘Hollywood and Broadway Songs’, the choir delighted the audience with their lyrical performance. It’s clear that all their practice paid off!
Valentine’s Day Parties with a Purpose

It has become a tradition at Acres Green to connect our school parties with a community need which we call Parties with a Purpose. For our Valentine Day’s parties, our Student Lighthouse Team decided to continue to support SECOR with a drive for toiletries, i.e. shampoo, soap, tissue, etc. These are items that can be difficult for families in need to find at food banks and they’re expensive to purchase. Once again, our very generous Acres Green community stepped up and gave big! We were able to donate an amazing amount of toiletries and paper goods! Of course, we had plenty of time for exchanging Valentine’s cards and candy, too!!
Important Information

CMAS Test

Have you seen our rock in the front entrance?

It was purchased this summer by our 4th grade Junior Girl Scouts, Troop 466.

It is available for rent to paint for special celebrations, acknowledgements or just for fun!

Please use this link to get more information

PAINT THEROCK

Paint the Rock

Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS)
April 8th - 26th

If you would like more information, please visit the Parent Tab on our School Website!

Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable!

Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Want to sponsor this school?

Please contact Rob Mangelson at Rob@tscacolorado.com or (720) 878-4107.
Lunch Menu
Click here to access the lunch menu.

DCSD App
Download the DCSD App Here.

Parent Portal
Click Here to access the parent portal.

Express Online Payments
Click here for all AGE/DCSD payments.

Follow the Acres Green Elementary P.T.O. on Facebook.

Don’t forget your coats!

The mornings are cooler now, please send your student(s) in appropriate outwear.
If it is above 22 degrees they will be outside until the bell rings.
Parents

Spring Break is fast approaching! Do you have a need for someone to watch your kiddos while school is out? If so, we can help you with that! We are Panther Pack--the school's Before and After Care program--and we have some awesome things planned over Spring Break! Check out our schedule. If you'd like your child to attend over break, they do need to be enrolled with the B.A.S.E. program. To get them registered and signed up, please contact Alex Endres at (303) 667-3723 or ahendres@dcsdk12.com.

Thanks for considering Panther Pack!
YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

Order your yearbook today!

2 ways easy ways to order:

1. Online via MySchool Bucks
2. Turn this form into the office with payment

Yearbooks are $20 and will be delivered in May. Any question can be emailed to Holly Wade, hmwade@msn.com.

Cost: __________

Student Name ___________________________________________ Grade __________
Parent/Guardian Name ___________________________________ Phone _______________________
# of Yearbooks ______ X $ ______ = __________________________ Total Cost

Payment Method (check one) ☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Money Order
Douglas County Schools
Community Day with the Colorado Avalanche

VS

Colorado Avalanche

Buffalo Sabres

Saturday, March 9th • 1:00PM • Pepsi Center

TICKETS STARTING AT: $25
NO ADDITIONAL TAXES OR FEES! Subject to change.

All ticket buyers will be entered to win on-ice experiences!

A portion of every ticket sold will be donated to the school of your choice! (Follow the link below to select your school!)

FIND TICKETS:
Avalanche.TeamKSE.com/DouglasCounty/

Can’t make this game? We are offering a back-up option!

Colorado Avalanche vs. Arizona Coyotes
Friday, March 29th • 7:00PM • Pepsi Center
Avalanche.TeamKSE.com/DouglasCountyBU/

For more information, please contact Kiley Long
303-405-7625 or email Kiley.Long@TeamKSE.com
JOIN OUR TEAM

Educational Assistant IV

Substitute Educational Assistant IV

- Provide assistance to special education teachers.
- Assist in the instruction, medical, and health needs of special education students.
- Develop and promote good community relations among various community and school clientele.

Multiple full-time and part-time positions are currently available at all levels - Elementary, Middle & High School.

Education:
- High School or Equivalent (Required)
- Teacher certification not required

For full job description and to apply for this position please submit your application on our careers page:
dcsdk12.org/careers