Dear Acres Green Families,

We are proud to announce that we have selected our winners for our 2018/2019 AGE yearbook cover. Every year we have a contest for students to show their artistic talents by designing a cover. Students were also asked to create a work that showed both Acres Green and Colorado pride. This year, our front cover winner is Natalie Newton (5th-Childress) and our back-cover winner is Olivia Gutierrez (6th-Fazekas). They both have done a fabulous job and their designs will make a great addition to our annual book of school memories! We also have a great group of sixth grade student leaders who work hard each year to put together an outstanding product. They work each Friday after school with parent volunteer, Holly Wade, to collect and electronically organize pictures to create a fantastic finished work. We have been lucky over the years to have our students take the lead on this task! Look for ways to purchase the yearbook in upcoming weekly updates.

We would like to take a moment and reflect during this thanksgiving season on things we are grateful for at Acres Green. We are thankful for our amazing school community who continues to support our school, staff and students. We know many of you worked hard and volunteered your time to support the bond and mill levy on our November ballot. Others of you made sure to share the needs of our specific school and reminded your neighbors and friends to get out and vote. This year our state, along with many others, enjoyed record levels of voter turnout out which gives local communities a strong voice. We have a lot of work ahead of us to ensure our dollars are spent on needed items within our school and district. We are so grateful and appreciate the Acres Green Community. You are the best!

Have a wonderful holiday,

Louise Wacaser
Assistant Principal

Gina Smith
Principal
### Save The Date!

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Habit 1 – Be Proactive

You’re in Charge
I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

Put the Habit into Practice:
- Pause and respond based on principles and desired results
- Use proactive language
- Focus on your Circle of Influence
- Become a Transition Person
So far, so good, for this year’s crop of 5th graders.

This semester we’ve made good progress on our core curriculum of reading, writing and mathematics. In reading, comprehension and vocabulary are the focus. A child’s 10th and 11th year is a big one for brain development and we hope they transition from the fundamentals of reading to understanding what they’re reading. For us, this means we ask them to think more critically about their reading. We ask them complex, higher-order thinking questions about various text purposes.

Just a reminder: 5th graders have a standing homework assignment to read for at least 30 minutes every night.

5th-grade writing include three types: Narrative, Persuasive and Informational (Explanatory). All three classes have completed their Narrative units. Persuasive follows and we’ll wrap up with Informational. Then, we’ll revisit all three genres later in the year. We continue to focus on elaboration and paragraph structure.

In math, we are working on division, fractions and decimals. These topics can be difficult so please check in with your student frequently to support their understanding.

For science, we have already introduced several important Physical Science concepts, notably mixtures and solutions as well as the scientific method. We’re currently studying various topics in Life Science including a section where student groups prepared and delivered presentations about Human Body Systems.

Next semester, we’ll focus on social studies, which will consider microeconomics, geography and U.S. history from the migration of the first Americans through the Revolutionary War.

Conversely, a topic the students generally aren’t as enthusiastic about is puberty. Like we have in the past, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science will deliver a talk about how students’ bodies change during puberty. This year, it will happen on December 19. We hope this talk will complement any discussions you’re already having with your student (and any deodorant use you’re currently encouraging). We will let you know when the permission forms are available on My School Bucks.

Of course, Leader-in-Me is always a big part of our curriculum. We begin each day with Leader-in-Me time and we’re always looking for ways to encourage students to embrace and live by The 7 habits.
First Annual Fall Festival

Recently, Acres Green hosted their first annual Fall Festival. The festival was enjoyed by over 600 community members! Everyone from teachers, students and members of the Acres Green community enjoyed a great night together!!! The festival included exciting games and activities that connected to The 8 Habits. At the end of the evening, everyone enjoyed a pizza dinner. Acres Green was proud to have such a tremendous turnout and connect the school and community in such an incredible way. The success of the event was a result of hard work and collaboration of many members of the Acres Green community including the Family Learning Action Team and the Community Outreach Team, as well as many teachers and students.

We are looking forward to our next event in February.

Hope to see you there!!!
By: Jeffrey Ha and Julianne Wardell
First Annual Fall Festival
AGE Cell Phone Policy 18/19 School Year

For the 2018-2019 school year, students will no longer be permitted to carry mobile phones or smart watches with them during the school day. Between the hours of 8:35 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. student phones and smart watches are to be either stowed away in backpacks or collected by the classroom teacher. Both before school and after school, students are welcome to have and use their phones as they wish (in accordance with already established district and building policies, of course!)

Emergencies and important messages will continued to be handled as they are for students who do not have cell phones. Please call the front office at 303-387-7125. Messages are written down and delivered to classrooms each day. Additionally, all of our classrooms have a phone. Students can use this phone with permission. Students are also allowed to use the front office phone to call parents or guardians regarding urgent needs.

Thank you in advance for your understanding as we implement this new policy. We have noticed over the last few years that cell phones distract from our learning environment. Because of the many apps, social media temptations, games, camera features and the ability to text friends/others, it is clear that we need to firm up our management of these devices and set some clear boundaries. We are aligning our policy to match what is in place at Cresthill Middle School and other elementary schools in the Highlands Ranch Feeder.

Thank you!

Paint the Rock

Did you know Acres Green PTO has a rock you can paint?

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

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.

Please label all items your student(s) bring to school so we can get them back to you if they are
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DCSD App
Download the DCSD App Here.

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

Follow the Acres Green Elementary P.T.O. on Facebook.
It’s getting to be that time of year again!!!

Snow Closure Procedures

Schedule changes will be reported by High School Feeder Areas on local media outlets. Acres Green Elementary is located in the Highlands Ranch High School Feeder area.

Delay and Closure Decision Criteria

If there is a 90-minute delay

When DCSD schools are placed onto a 90-minute delay all schools start 90 minutes after their normal start times. Bus routes are also delayed by 90 minutes, so students should plan to be picked up one and a half hours later than normal. Before and After School (BASE) programs also begin 90 minutes later than normal. During a delay, morning preschool and kindergarten programs are canceled. Full-day preschool and kindergarten programs operate on a 90-minute delay. Decisions about before school activities are generally made on a school-by-school basis.

Where are closures and delays posted?

In the event of a closure or delay, the information will be immediately posted on the top of the District's website. We will also post updates on the District's Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as the DCSD mobile app. Finally, we notify local media outlets.

The District website and telephone hotline will be your best resource in the event of delay and closure (www.dcsdk12.org; or the District Weather Hotline: 303.387.SNOW (7669)
DCSD Fall/Winter 2018 Community Events

University of Colorado Boulder vs. CSU - Rocky Mountain Showdown
Friday, August 31 – 7:30 pm • Sports Authority at Mile High • Tickets only $33 (Reg $81)
The 2018 Rocky Mountain Showdown will be the 18th edition of the rivalry to be played in Denver. Enter promo code: 2018DCSD (While supplies last) • Purchase tickets.

Back to School Weekend with the Colorado Rockies vs. LA Dodgers
Fri., Sept. 7 – 6:40 pm • Sat., Sept. 8 – 6:10 pm • Sun., Sept. 9 – 1:10 pm • Tickets $14 - $42
In appreciation of DCSD’s support this season and to kick off the new school year, the Colorado Rockies invite our community back out to Coors Field! • Purchase tickets.

Community Night with the Colorado Rapids vs. LAFC
Saturday, October 6 – 7:00 pm • Dick’s Sporting Goods Park • Tickets only $20 (Reg $35)
Students (8th grade and under) from any school that sell 30+ tickets can participate in the halftime High 5 squad and receive a FREE Rapids t-shirt! • Purchase tickets.

University of Colorado Boulder vs. OSU Beavers
Saturday, October 27 – TBD • Folsom Field • Tickets only $33 (Reg $51)
Experience the excitement of a Buffs game at their gorgeous home stadium. Enter promo code: 2018DCSD (While supplies last) • Purchase tickets.

Community Night with the Denver Nuggets vs. Utah Jazz
Saturday, November 3 – 7:00 pm • Pepsi Center • Tickets TBD
Top selling schools win exciting game day experiences such as Court of Dreams, High-Five Fan Tunnel, and Red, White and Blue Crew! Two other alternate game dates also available!

Community Events with the Denver Center for the Performing Arts
DOPA Complex • Enter promo code: DCSDRUND • Purchase tickets.

Oklahoma! • September 7 – 21 ONLY • Tickets only $35 (No additional tax/fee)
The 75th Anniversary of the first collaboration by the legendary team of Rodgers and Hammerstein became a landmark musical for its rollicking music and stunning dance numbers! This joyful presentation will solidify why it has stood the test of time.

Corduroy • October 5 – December 9 • Tickets $15 (No additional tax/fee)
Don’t miss one of the most beloved children’s books of all time spring to life on stage! This heartwarming comedy teaches us of problem-solving, resilience, responsibility, and acceptance is tailored for PreK through 3rd grade audiences.

A Christmas Carol • November 21 – December 5 ONLY • Tickets $35 (No additional tax/fee)
Essential to the holiday season in Denver, A Christmas Carol is a joyous and opulent musical adaptation that trace mrs. aching skint Int Ebenezer Scrooges triumphant overnight journey to redemption.

Whistle Christmas • Thursday, December 6 - 7:30 pm & Saturday, December 15 - 2:00 pm ONLY
(Limited number of tickets available for these shows) • Tickets $35 (No additional tax/fee)
Start this holiday season with a timeless tale of joy and good will • full of dancing, laughter and some of the greatest Irving Berlin songs ever written.

Visit our website for more information and links to purchase Community Event tickets as they become available.
School Start Times Survey

Douglas County School District parents, high school students, and staff are invited and encouraged to complete a 10-minute survey about the possibility of implementing different school start time options in DCSD, and how such changes would impact them.

Should any changes to school start times be recommended and approved, changes would not take place prior to the 2020 school year.

WHO CAN TAKE THE SURVEY?
- Parents and guardians of Preschool-12th grade students currently enrolled in Douglas County School District (including neighborhood, magnet, alternative and charter schools).
- High school students currently enrolled in Douglas County School District (including neighborhood, magnet, alternative and charter schools).
- Current Douglas County School District staff.

SURVEY WINDOW & DETAILS
The survey will open Friday, November 16, 2018 and close Friday, November 30, 2018.

HOW TO ACCESS THE SURVEY
You will receive an email from Hanover Research on Friday, November 16th with a link to the survey. Please be sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

CONFIDENTIALITY
This study is for research purposes only; all information provided will be maintained on a confidential basis by Hanover Research and will only be reported to DCSD in an aggregate form, so please be candid in your responses.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS
The community is also invited to attend one of the following meetings where you can share additional perspectives and provide input on school start times in DCSD.

CASTLE ROCK
Monday, November 26
Castle Rock Middle School
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PARKER
Wednesday, November 28
Cimarron Middle School
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

HIGHLANDS RANCH
Thursday, November 29
Rocky Heights Middle School
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*If you need special accommodations, please contact Eileen Santolaya at 303-387-0055.

Douglas County School District has partnered with Hanover Research, an independent research firm based in the Washington D.C. area, to administer this survey.
Encuesta sobre las horas de inicio de las escuelas

Los padres, los estudiantes de la enseñanza superior y el personal del Distrito Escolar del Condado de Douglas están invitados y se les alienta a completar una encuesta de 10 minutos para compartir sus ideas sobre la posibilidad de implementar diferentes opciones de la hora de inicio escolar en el DCSD, y de cómo tales cambios los podrían afectar.

Si se recomienda y aprueba algún cambio en las horas de inicio de las escuelas, los cambios no se llevarán a cabo antes del año escolar 2020.

¿QUÉN PUEDE TOMAR LA ENCUESTA?
• Los padres y tutores de los estudiantes desde preescolar hasta el grado 12 actualmente matriculados en el Distrito Escolar del Condado de Douglas (incluidas las escuelas de barrio, imán, alternativas y subsidiadas).
• Estudiantes de la enseñanza superior actualmente matriculados en el Distrito Escolar del Condado de Douglas (incluidas las escuelas de barrio, imán, alternativas y subsidiadas).
• Personal actual del Distrito Escolar del Condado de Douglas.

PERÍODO Y DETALLES DE LA ENCUESTA
La encuesta comenzará el viernes, 16 de noviembre de 2018 y terminará el viernes, 30 de noviembre de 2018.

CÓMO ACCEDER A LA ENCUESTA
Recibirá un correo electrónico de Hanover Research el viernes 16 de noviembre con un enlace a la encuesta.
Asegúrese de revisar su carpeta de correo no deseado/span.

CONFIDENCIALIDAD
Este estudio tiene solamente fines de investigación; toda la información proporcionada se mantendrá de forma confidencial por Hanover Research y solo se informará al DCSD en conjunto, así que por favor conteste con franqueza.

REUNIONES COMUNITARIAS
La comunidad también está invitada a asistir a una de las siguientes reuniones donde usted puede compartir ideas adicionales y brindar aportes sobre las horas de inicio de las clases en el DCSD.

CASTLE ROCK
Lunes, 26 de noviembre
Escuela Secundaria Castle Rock
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PARKER
Miércoles, 28 de noviembre
Escuela Secundaria Cimarron
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

HIGHLANDS RANCH
Jueves, 29 de noviembre
Escuela Secundaria Rocky Heights
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*Si necesita asistencia especial, comuníquese con Eileen Santolaya, en el 303-387-0055
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