Acres Green Rocks

We just wrapped up our fall kindness campaign. Great News! We met our WIG (wildly important goal) to perform 7,500 random acts of kindness at school, home and in the community! At the same time, we painted our kindness rocks. We quickly learned that 535 rocks do not cover as big of a space as we imagined. So, we determined (with the help of Mrs. Schmidt’s class) that the best place to put our beautiful creations was under the trees in the front courtyard. We hope that everyone stops to enjoy our lovely artwork and celebrate the kindness that happens every day at our school.
Kindergarten Happenings

Kindergarten has been very busy this year! We are excited about our Fundations program. The students have been learning the letters and sounds, connecting them to pictures and kinesthetic movements to reach all learners. Our Author Study has introduced us to several amazing authors, and we’ve used their books to learn about the important parts of a story including characters, setting, problem, and solution. The students are working on including those parts in a story retell. We’ve also been exploring the essential question, What Do Readers Do? This has led us to develop reading strategies such as using pictures for clues, making fingers match the words, and getting mouths ready (using beginning sounds).

In math, we’ve been working on developing number sense with lots of hands-on learning opportunities. We’ve also worked with patterns which we’ve discovered are everywhere! We just completed our Sun unit in science and our next step will be exploring Motion, observing and describing how things move.

Integrated throughout our days, the students have been introduced to the 7 Habits language and ideas. Our days are so busy and filled with great learning, it makes it hard to believe that we just finished Fall Break. We have so many fun things ahead to look forward to this school year.
For our annual yearbook cover, the Yearbook Club held a contest open to all students to submit artwork for our 17/18 Yearbook cover.

**Congratulations to Ella Bundy and Claire Smith** for their winning submissions! Ella’s artwork will be the cover of the yearbook and Claire’s artwork will be the back of the yearbook.

Thank you to all our students who submitted entries in our contest.
AGE Halloween
Parade & Party Info

Primary Grades (K-3)
Walk inside the cones
3 laps

Intermediate Grades (4-6)
Walk outside the cones
2 laps

Lower Field

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△ DELTA DENTAL
Tuesday, October 31st

- Students should be wearing their costume before arriving at school and must bring clothes to change into after the parade.
- We will be having a costume parade from 8:50-9:20am on the Lower Field.
- Parents are welcome to attend the parade.
- K-3 will walk inside the cones (counterclockwise) for 3 laps.
- 4-6 will walk outside the cones (clockwise) for 2 laps.
- Students will change clothes after the parade.

Parties with a Purpose

- Reverse Trick or Treating to support local families in need.
- Please bring non-perishable food item(s) beginning Monday, October 24th through Halloween, October 31st.

Please note...

- Costumes should be school appropriate (no gore, not overly scary, no face paint or makeup, no hair color, and NO weapons).
- When choosing your child’s costume, please be sensitive to the many cultures that are represented in our school community.
- Healthy snacks for class parties are always encouraged.
- Classroom parties are limited to 30 minutes.

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Acres Green Students Reach Out!

Jonathan Allert, a 5th grader in Mrs. Braun’s 4/5 Discovery classroom was moved to help with the destruction of Hurricane Harvey. He brainstormed with his parents on how he could make a difference for many students in need.

He wrote a letter to our school principal, Ms. Smith. As a Leader in Me School, Ms. Smith passed the letter on to the Student Lighthouse Team sponsors, and Mrs. Crespin, 3rd grade teacher, got the ball rolling. Jonathan was invited to the first meeting of the year and presented his thoughts to the team. It was then presented at an all school assembly. Through collaboration, it was decided to collect money to help a 3rd grade Bilingual classroom that we had been matched with through Texas Teachers of Tomorrow.

After two weeks of collections, Acres Green raised $877.22 to begin the process of rebuilding the classroom’s supplies so desperately needed. We are proud of the efforts of Jonathan’s thinking and the students of our outstanding school for making this generous and giving donation possible.

Thank you, Acres Green families!!
We have lots of fun things happening in the Learning Commons!

- The first book fair of the year ended right before Fall Break. We are so excited to let you know that your participation in this fair helped us to raise $5,800! We will be using this money to continue to bring new books to our school.

- Friday, October 20th, was the deadline to meet first quarter AR goals. 257 students met their AR goals this quarter. All students who met their goals received a free book!

- We are getting ready to start our Battle of the Books club. This is a reading program for students in 3rd through 6th grades. Students read books and come together as a team to demonstrate their abilities and to test their knowledge of the books that they have read. If you are interested in having your child participate in the club, please send them to the Learning Commons to get the information packet!

- We have had our first week of Digital Citizenship lessons. Over the next three weeks, students will continue to learn about how to be a good and safe digital citizen. Lessons include topics like how to stay safe online, how to cite sources, and how to use keywords to search.

- Students will begin working towards their second AR goal starting Monday, October 23rd. All students who meet their goals by Friday, December 15th will be able to join us for a movie and popcorn party!
Lunch Menu
Click here to access the lunch menu.

DCSD App
Download the DCSD App Here.

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Follow the Acres Green Elementary P.T.O. on Facebook.
Would you recognize signs of youth drug and/or alcohol use in your home? Do you know how to talk to your child about substance use?

We are here to help!

DOUGLAS COUNTY Substance Use Resource Fair

ThunderRidge High School

November 14th
6-8:30 pm with a short presentation at 6:30
Admission is FREE!

Special Exhibit: An interactive bedroom exhibit with over 80 signs that could be indicative of risky behavior.

Can you find them all?
As featured on 9News and Stephen Colbert.

If you don’t educate them, someone else will.

Multiple community partners will be present with resources!

*This is not an exhaustive gathering of resources and DCSD does not endorse any specific participants. We hope you find a resource that fits your needs. **Items that will NOT be accepted: Marijuana, illicit drugs, needles, syringes, or sharps, chemotherapy drugs, medical tools and supplies, bloody or infectious waste, personal care products, thermometers, empty containers, or medication wastes generated by health care facilities, including nursing homes.
The Snowy Day
Sep 21 - Nov 18, 2017  Conservatory Theatre

From the joys of a first snowfall and learning how to whistle to thrilling encounters delivering a precious invitation, the delightful moments of childhood are perfectly captured in this medley of simple, sweet stories.

Enter promo code DCSDFUND to receive discount on all weekend performances between Sept 23 - Nov 5

A Christmas Carol
Nov 24 – Dec 24, 2017  Stage Theatre

Essential to the holiday season in Denver, A Christmas Carol is a joyous and opulent musical adaptation that traces money-hoarding skinflint Ebenezer Scrooge’s triumphant overnight journey to redemption.

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ELF The Musical
Dec 13 - 17, 2017  Buell Theatre

The New York Times says that ELF is “splashy, peppy, sugar-sprinkled holiday entertainment!” USA Today calls ELF, “endearingly goofy!” Variety proclaims, “ELF is happy enough for families, savvy enough for city kids and plenty smart for adults!”

Enter promo code DCSDFUND to receive discount on Dec 14, 7:30pm or Dec 16, 3:00pm performances. Tickets for the Dec 14 performance are located in the upper and rear side orchestra. Tickets for the Dec 16 are located in the center rear orchestra.