Dear Acres Green Families,

FULLY FUNDED FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN FOR THE 19/20 SCHOOL YEAR!

As you may be aware, Colorado Governor Polis will soon be signing a bill that has passed both houses to offer state-funded full-day Kindergarten for the 19/20 school year. We share in his belief that all students deserve a fully-funded, all-day kindergarten program!

With this change in state funding, we will be able to offer 3 full day kindergarten classes with no additional tuition to our families. If you have already signed up your child for full day kindergarten for the 19/20 school year, there will no longer be additional tuition funds needed for this programming. If you have signed up for AM or PM kindergarten for your child for the next school year, they are now assigned to our 3rd full day kindergarten class with the option to come in a half day morning schedule. Ms. Smith, our principal, will be contacting these families next week to answer any questions or concerns with this change in the programming for the 19/20 school year.

For our families who have a full day kindergarten student this school year, the tuition is still needed. This tuition goes to pay for the 2nd half of the full day teacher and assistants who serve our full day kindergarten program. We would have not been able to offer full day kindergarten without the tuition funds. This new funding is only for the 19/20 school year.

NEW GIFTED TEACHER FOR THE 19/20 SCHOOL YEAR
For the 19/20 school year, the district has given us an allocation for a full time Gifted Teacher position. We are the only school in the district to receive this allocation. This teacher will be responsible for identifying and supporting our advanced learners Kindergarten through 6th grade. We are excited to have hired Karen Burkenheim. Mrs. Burkenheim comes to us from Denver Public Schools with over 20 years experience. Her current position is as a Gifted Education Facilitator at 4 schools in DPS. Along with her Colorado K-6 Elementary Education licensure, she is endorsed in Mathematics 7th-12th and Gifted and Talented Specialist, Preschool - 12th. In addition, she has done training in DPS for Identifying Gifted Learners. We are looking forward to Mrs. Burkenheim joining our staff for the next school year.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Gina Smith.

Have a great week!

Louise Wacaser, Assistant Principal
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Gina Smith, Principal
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Hello AGE Families!!!
Great job at the Fun Run!!! Everyone had a blast at the Run – thank you to everyone who came out to volunteer & support the students!! We are well on our way to our $15,000 goal, but we are not there yet. It only takes $25/student to reach the school goal!!!

You can still go to r4funds.com/schools/acresgreen/ to place online donations and check online totals. Password: r4fleader. Checks should be made payable to AGE PTO.

If your student or class is close to the next prize level, encourage them to find another donor to earn that next prize! Every little bit helps our school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• 5/10/2019: All Pledges Due

• Go to r4funds.com/schools/acresgreen/ to collect any last minute donations and see where your student/class stands.

– Password: r4fleader

– Students will turn in Donations to their teachers in the collection envelopes provided to them.

– Please make sure all checks and cash are in the collection envelope with each student’s information on the envelope.

• 5/16/2019: Prize Day – all prizes earned will either come home or be enjoyed at school!!

• Thank you again for all of your help and support! The event and our school would not be the same without you!
Join your PTO in celebrating our awesome Acres Green Staff! A small token for all the hard work they put in for our children the entire year.

Monday: Coffee Bar & Day in Staff lounge
Individual Ideas:
- You are a “cup” above – Pair with a K-Cup
- You are “Tea-rrific” - Pair with tea bags

Tuesday: “Nachos” average teacher breakfast burrito bar
Individual Ideas:
- Cut out the shape of a taco, burrito or nacho and have your child write why they are thankful for their teacher

Wednesday: Pizza and salad lunch for Staff
Individual Ideas:
- Write a quick note and send a treat
- You are a “fanta-stic” teacher – pair with fanta drink
- We are “soda”-lighted that you are our teacher – pair with can of favorite soda

Thursday: Snack Bar Day
Individual Ideas:
- It was a “Joy” having you as our teacher - pair with almond joy
- Thanks for giving our child a “hand” - pair with hand lotion

Friday: Ice Cream bar with toppings
Individual Ideas:
- You deserve an extra payday – pair with payday bar
Congratulations to Josie M. from Mrs. Minellono's class. Josie is our May Leader of the Month. Josie is a wonderful leader. She looks out for others and finds ways to create win-win situations. She is an amazing AGE kid!
Great Job to the cast and crew of The Ever After! It was a wonderful performance! All the hard work paid off in an awesome show! Watch future weekly updates for more pictures!
It's time to get ready for summer reading! Come to our Buy One Get One Free Scholastic Book Fair on Friday, May 17th, from 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. It's been a great year of getting books into the hands of your child, whether it's been at a book fair or library checkout. Thank you for your support from home!

Mrs. Braun

Please remember-ALL library books are due by Monday, May 13th.

Douglas County School District is partnering with Douglas County Libraries for an exciting summer reading adventure! Summer Reading Program

Happy Reading!!
DCSD District Accountability Committee - Seeks New Members

The District Accountability Committee (DAC) is now accepting applications to fill two (2) vacancies currently open or opening on June 30, 2019. The current vacancies on the DAC are for parents with child(ren) currently attending DCSD neighborhood school(s). Please reference this link for additional information and to apply online.

UNITY OF PURPOSE

Community Conversations - DCSD Strategic Plan

Dear Acres Green families,

Over the past few weeks, the Douglas County community has provided valuable input into our strategic planning process. In March, approximately 300 community members and 500 staff participated in facilitated conversations where they provided feedback about Douglas County School District. That input was used to craft questions for an online survey.

In early April, over 30,000 staff, community members and students participated in that online survey, which helped outline community priorities for the upcoming strategic plan.

Now, we encourage community members to attend an upcoming meeting to learn more about how community input is being incorporated into the creation of DCSD’s new strategic plan. Attendees will learn about the strategic plan themes that have been generated from community feedback, so far, and have the opportunity to provide input into the Strategic Plan Framework.

Parker

Monday, May 6 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Legend High School

22219 Hilltop Road, Parker

Castle Rock
Tuesday, May 7 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Castle View High School
5254 Meadows Drive, Castle Rock

Please help us make sure that the Acres Green voice is well represented at one of these upcoming community conversations. No RSVP is required. However, it is so important for our community members to provide input and insight into this plan. I strongly encourage you to attend!

Help us determine the next steps necessary to ensure that each and every student in Douglas County School District is ready for a successful life after high school, and beyond.

If you have any questions about the DCSD strategic plan, or these community conversations, please reach out to me.

Thank you in advance,

Gina Smith
Principal

NOTES FROM PTO
We had a great turnout and participation in the Run4Funds on Friday! Thank you to all the parent and other volunteers who supported this event and helped make it fun for the students. We hear many classes really got into the spirit! Remind your student to collect their pledges and turn them in by Friday, May 10th!

Thank you also to all the families who have signed up to provide items and time to the Staff Appreciation events throughout the week! We have had a great response and are looking forward to showing our staff how much we value their hard work all year.

Staff Appreciation starts tomorrow listed below are links and opportunities still available to show your support of our teachers:

- **Monday Coffee Bar** -- volunteers, pastries and coffee toppings still welcome
- **Tuesday Breakfast Bar** -- volunteers and toppings still welcome
- **Thursday Snack Bar** -- volunteers and fresh snacks still welcome
- **Friday Ice Cream Bar** -- volunteers and toppings still welcome

Too busy to bring something or volunteer your time? No problem! We have volunteers who can pick up extra items and you can donate money directly to this staff appreciation by sending in $5+ in an envelope marked “Staff Appreciation 2019” to the front office!

You can sign up to paint the rock here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080449a4a92aa3f58-paint1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080449a4a92aa3f58-paint1) and then drop your $10 off at the office. P.S. ALL of the days during Staff Appreciation Week (May 6-10) are available--now is the time to sign-up and paint the rock in honor of your favorite teacher, paraprofessional or other staff person! P.P.S If you would love to honor your child (or someone else) but don’t have the time to watch paint dry, you can request Mr. Gabe to make the rock beautiful in honor of your special someone for just an additional $10! Please email Marilou Berg at Marilou.Berg@dcsdk12.org with your date and message so she can get the info to Mr. Gabe if you are paying for him to paint.

You can always provide donations directly to the PTO through our Colorado Gives Page Here: [http://coloradogives.org/AGE2018](http://coloradogives.org/AGE2018)

Thank you for all you do to support our staff and school to be the best they can be,

Your PTO board Lisa, Melissa, Cindy, Elin & Laura & our priceless volunteers!
UPCOMING DATES

- May 7 - EBOP Concert, HRHS, 6:30pm
- May 10 - Volunteer Breakfast, 8:30, AGE cafeteria
- May 10 - RUN4FUNDS Donations Due!!!
- May 13 - All library books due!
- May 14 - School Accountability Committee, 5:30-6:30, Learning Commons
- May 14 - PTO, 6:30-7:30, Learning Commons
- May 16 - Run4Funds Prize Day!
- May 16 - HEX for 6th grade team
- May 17 - Buy One Get One Free Summer Reading Book Sale, Learning Commons
- May 22 - HRHS Graduation
- May 23 - Kindergarten Graduation
- May 24 - 6th grade Continuation, 12-1pm, HRHS Auditorium
- May 24 - Last day of school

Need more information? See our website at https://age.dcsdk12.org