Acres Green Update-9/10/18

Dear Acres Green Families,

Goal setting is a big part of what we do at Acres Green. Students have been working on completing Random Acts of Kindness at school, home and in the community. This year, each child has set a personal goal around the number of kind acts they believe they can complete by fall break. Ask your student what their goal is and how you can help! Students are working hard to meet their goal. In addition, teachers have each set a personal goal for August and September and have displayed them outside of their classrooms. Teachers are eager to show our students that if you begin with the end in mind, you have a better chance at success! These goals have led to many discussions around accountability as students are more than happy to remind teachers to complete their lead measures each day! Nothing like having a whole classroom of accountability partners. Goal setting will continue
in October with a literacy goal to help our students grow their skills. Watch our whole school scoreboard to see if our hard work and planning pays off.

Our Fall fundraising kick-off assembly is tomorrow, September 10. Students will be bringing home materials for our annual catalog sales. Please remember that students should only be selling to friends and family. We do not encourage students to go door to door, or approach people they do not know. Thank you, in advance, for your continued support for this fundraiser.

Our Patriot's Day Assembly will take place on September 11th at 9:00am around the flag pole at the front entrance to the school. This continues to be a special event as we stop for a moment as a school and appreciate those who keep us safe every day. Families are invited to stay and be a part of this Acres Green tradition.

Douglas County School District School Board has voted to put both a bond and mill levy on the November ballot. If you would like more information on this important issue, please check on the district website's funding information page.

Have a great week!

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Investing in Acres Green Elementary Students

2018 Mill Levy Override and Bond Proposal

The Douglas County School District’s Board of Education recently voted to place a $40 million Mill Levy Override (MLO) and $250 million no-new-taxes Bond on the ballot this fall. If passed by voters, this is how the additional funds would be invested in our school.

**Mill Levy Override Dollars**
- Make teacher and staff pay more competitive with neighboring school districts
- Add counselors for our students

Additional funding would also enhance Safety and Security at all DCSD schools.

MLO/Bond funding would be used by DCSD to replace and upgrade Information Technology and Transportation, and offer more student programming opportunities.

**Bond Dollars**
- Would be used to make much-needed repairs and upgrades to our building such as:
  - Install new generator for emergency systems
  - Replace and upgrade heating and cooling systems and components
  - Replace and upgrade fire alarm system
  - Replace interior door hardware

Douglas County School District would also evaluate our building for additional repairs that would make our learning environments as productive as possible for our students.

More Information: [www.dcsdk12.org/funding](http://www.dcsdk12.org/funding)
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Dear Parents and Families,

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school October 1st – 4th, 2018.

Our Book Fair theme for fall 2018 is Enchanted Forest, a whimsical place full of irresistible books kids can’t wait to read so their imaginations can grow! We’d like your help to make this Book Fair that “once upon a time” experience for our students and inspire “happily ever after” results!

Please access this Sign-Up Genius below for volunteering. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Kirsten Braun
Book Fair Chairperson
Click HERE to Sign Up for the Book Fair
Calling all 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Singers! The Performing Arts Club is looking for anyone who loves to sing to join us for the Fall Feeder Festival, which is a choir concert by all of the Highlands Ranch area schools. The concert is Thursday, November 1st at 6pm. We will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45-4:30 in the Music Room beginning September 18th.

Sign up to Sing - http://bit.ly/18_19FFF There is a $15 fee to participate. The MySchoolBucks store will be open soon and we will share that information with you as soon as it is available!
Highlands Ranch High School is preparing for their annual homecoming celebration with a parade this Saturday, September 15th starting at 9 am. You and your family are invited to this annual event. This parade includes floats from different clubs, sports, and activities among the school, lots of candy and tons of fun! You will get a taste of the fun and exciting environment that comes with the HRHS experience. We hope this tradition will bring the Highlands Ranch community together, and we encourage all of our Highlands Ranch residents, family, and friends to attend. We look forward to showcasing our Highlands Ranch High School spirit with our Homecoming theme, “Hollywood Boulevard,” with floats created by our student body. This parade is a great event with traditions that our community can be apart of; we can’t wait to see you there. Thank you for your continued support. The event starts at Cresthill Middle School in the North Parking lot and ends in the North Parking lot of Highlands Ranch High School. You will be able to set up chairs along the parade route before the parade begins. HERE is the parade route.
FUNDRAISER KICK-OFF, UPCOMING EVENTS, SPIRIT WEAR SALES

Tomorrow is the big day--the first day of the Fall Catalog Sale! This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we hope that you and your family can participate! Your child will come home from school on Monday, September 10th, excited about the fundraiser (and the incentives that come along with it). A lot of sales take place in the first week, while the students’ excitement is high, but the sales do continue through September 24th. The Fall Sale is a great opportunity for students to practice Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind and Have a Plan. Some students might have a dream of winning the top prize, and this will take a committed plan. Most students, however, will be successful with a plan of asking one to three relatives or close friends if they would like to purchase something to support our school.

Don’t forget--we also have two additional opportunities this week--the monthly PTO meeting takes place on Tuesday, September 11th from 6:30 to 7:30. We will meet in the school library. We also have a restaurant “night” all day on Wednesday, September 12th with Papa John’s Pizza. Don’t forget to mention Acres Green when you order! You can see further details on the half-sheet flier that came home in your child’s Friday Folder last week!

Many people asked us at Back-to-School night whether there would be a spirit wear sale this year--and we have the answer: Yes! You can follow this link: [https://acresgreen18.itemorder.com](https://acresgreen18.itemorder.com) to order in both adult and child sizes. As a reminder, your outgrown spirit wear can be dropped off at school and shared with younger children!
Did you know that ACRES GREEN PTO has its own Facebook Page? Get up-to-date information on school activities and information while you are using social media! You can also see us on twitter- @AcresGreenElem.
UPCOMING DATES

- September 10 - Fall Fundraiser Kick-off Assembly
- September 10-24 Fundraiser Sales Window
- September 11 - Patriot's Day Assembly, 9 am, AGE Flag Pole
- September 11 - School Accountability Committee, 5:30-6:30, Learning Commons
- September 11 - PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30, Learning Commons
- September 12 - PTO Restaurant Night, Papa John's -- all day!
- September 15 - HRHS Homecoming Parade, 9am (parade route info above)
- September 20, FIELD DAY
- September 21 - Professional Development Day, NO SCHOOL
- September 26, 27, 28 -- 6th Grade to Outdoor Ed at Stone Canyon
- September 28 - All Fundraiser forms are due
- October 1-4 - Book Fair
- October 2 and 3 - Student-Led Conferences
- October 8-12 - Fall Break, NO SCHOOL

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