



Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

Valentine's Day

Each class will celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14th with a class party. Students are welcome to wear red, white, or pink casual clothing for their Valentine's celebrations. Keep an eye out for specific information from your child's teacher or class parent regarding party information.

Students are welcome to distribute valentines to their classmates. Valentines are completely optional, but if students choose to pass out valentines, they should provide one for each member of their class.



Black History Month

February is Black History Month! Here at ACE, we are excited to acknowledge the contribution made by many Black Americans in our country's history. Throughout the month, Black History will be integrated in their classes.

Many years after he lived and fought for civil rights in our country, we are honored to live out Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream for children at ACE, "...that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

This April, we will be hosting the African Dance and Drum group from Senegal. Wearing traditional costumes, the group will entertain our students with drumming, dancing, folklore, and language.



I LOVE ACE Month

February is "I LOVE ACE" month! As we look toward Valentine's Day, the topic of love is all around. We love to set aside the month of February each year to celebrate the things we love about ACE, and to focus on loving one another. We emphasize the character trait of kindness and talk often about being a blessing to those around us.

We would encourage each family to take a moment to look at the "I LOVE ACE" flyer to see how you can enter to win prizes this month by sharing the LOVE!



Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 2	REPORT CARDS GO HOME
February 2	ACE Family Bingo Night, 7:00 p.m.
February 5	2nd Semester Hot Food Begins
February 8	Open House 10:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m. <i>(for non-registered families)</i>
February 8	APL Meeting, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. <i>(all parents are welcome)</i>
February 14	Valentine's Day Parties Casual Day <i>(students may wear pink, red, or white)</i>
February 28	Casual Day <i>(students may wear modest casual clothing)</i>
March 2	Interims go home as needed
March 8	APL Meeting, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. <i>(all parents are welcome)</i>
March 8	APL Talent Show/Auction Meeting 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. <i>(all parents are welcome)</i>
March 20	Open House 10:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m. <i>(for non-registered families)</i>
March 23	Easter Dress Up Day <i>(students may wear dressy clothing)</i>
March 26 - 30	EASTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL

Candy Grams

Due to the overwhelming success of Candy Gram sales last year, the Academy Parent League will once again sell Candy Grams in preparation for Valentine's Day. Parents are welcome to purchase Candy Grams at the cost of \$1.00 each for a student, staff, or their child's class. Please feel free to take advantage of this opportunity to send a child a sweet gift with a personal message! To purchase Candy Grams, complete the form attached to the flyer that was sent home with students. Candy Gram orders must be turned into student's homeroom teachers by **Wednesday, February 7th.**

APL Bingo Night

The Academy Parent League is hosting Bingo Night on Friday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m.! Families are welcome to attend this FREE, fun-filled event. Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy as a donation. Popcorn and water will be on sale for \$1.

Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to our Class Spelling Bee winners! These students will represent their classes at the school-wide Spelling Bee on February 23rd. The school's winner will then go on to represent ACE at the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee in March 18th Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Our Spelling Bee Class winners are:

1st Grade -	Tanya (Francis) Ankita (Francis) Sriya (Kim) Alex (Kim)
2nd Grade -	Carmen (Borucke) Krithik (Borucke) Advik (Thompson) Asha (Thompson)
3rd Grade -	Ronit (Zellner) Riya S. (Zellner) Riya G. (Woodward) Tejas (Woodward)
4th Grade -	Saanvi (Johnstone) Riya C. (Johnstone) Tanush (Johnstone) Adithya (Johnstone)
5th Grade -	Julia (Dicke) Sahith (Dicke) Nanda (Dicke) Akshat (Dicke)



Skate Night

Thank you to Reston Town Center Ice Rink for hosting our annual Skate Night! Despite the chill in the air, we had a wonderful night - complete with beautiful snow flurries. Many families came throughout the whole night and enjoyed skating and spending time together! Thank you to the many families to joined us, for helping to make this event very special.



Winter is Here

Winter is here! The Academy of Christian Education follows Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) procedures for closing school due to inclement weather. Weather closings and delays will be posted on Facebook and a telephone message and/or text message will be sent to parents.

Remember that all students should bring a jacket with them each day. As we all know, weather conditions can change dramatically in just a few hours in this area, and we do not want our students to be unprepared to go outside for snack, recess, or carpool. It would also be wise to send a hat and a pair of gloves or mittens during the winter months.



Summer Camp

We are ENGINEERING a great Summer at ACE's STEAM Summer Camp 2018! This summer, we are gearing up for fun and learning through our STEAM based Summer Camp, where each week will be devoted to one of the elements of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics),

Students are welcome to attend any individual week, combination of weeks, or for the entire Summer from June 18 - August 10. We will have lots of fun activities, Bible teachings, academic enrichment, and field trips!

Registration is online now. Space is limited, so register early! For more information, check out our website www.myschoolace.com/summercamp.

2018-2019 Registration

It's that time again! We are already preparing for the 2018-2019 academic year! Each current ACE family will be receiving a reregistration packet with information about the 2018-2019 school year, including details about our Referral Incentive, Summer Camp, and some exciting changes for elementary students. Keep an eye out for your packet and be sure to register early!

Refer a Friend Program

As registration opens for the 2018-2019 school year, we are pleased to offer a Refer a Friend Program! If YOU refer a new student to the Academy and they choose to enroll here for the 2018-2019 school year, we will give YOU \$500 as a thank you. Please refer to the "Refer a Friend Flyer" for details and more information. So, spread the word about ACE and you could be rewarded!

I ♥ ACE

February is "I Love ACE" month
and we would **love** to give YOU prizes!

Throughout the month of February, we will be giving away prizes each Friday - and YOU could be one of the WINNERS!!! The more times you post or participate, the more chances you will have to win gift cards, a FREE week of Aftercare at ACE, or even a FREE week of Summer Camp at ACE!

There are **MANY** ways you can ENTER to WIN:

On Facebook (make sure you first "Like" our Page, *Academy of Christian Education*):

- **Share, Tag** a Friend, or **Comment** on one of the Academy's Posts
- Write a **Review** on our Facebook Page
- **Tag** us on one of YOUR posts, photos, or videos



Other Ways to ENTER to WIN:

- **Write a review** about the Academy on GreatSchools.org
- **Write a review** about the Academy on yelp.com
- **Tag** ACE's Instagram Profile ([@my_school_ace](https://www.instagram.com/my_school_ace)) on one of YOUR Instagram photos or videos

You will be entered into the weekly drawing and your child will receive an I LOVE ACE temporary tattoo with **each** entry. Your child's name will also be included on the I LOVE ACE Wall of Fame for any participation.



Thank you for your help. We *LOVE* our ACE Parents!

**Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for regular updates, announcements, and photos*
