



Sept. 26, 2011 – weekly newsletter from the office of Mrs. Eagle, Principal

Our School, Our Students, Our Team – Achieving Academic Excellence!!!

Important Dates:

- Sept 21, 22, 26, 27 – Benchmark testing - Poldi and Stephanie will send out a schedule
 - Sept. 26 – After-Prom parent meeting - all parents with students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend to see how they can help out. Mary Watson and Margaret Voorhees are our faculty reps – thanks ladies!!
 - Sept 27 – Flu Mist Clinic in Auditorium - 1:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 27 – Content or Dept. Meetings – see team leaders for details – 3:30 after school
 - Sept. 29 – No common planning
 - Oct. 3 – **TE-1 Goals due** – place a hard copy in your purple instructional folders
 - Oct. 8/9 – Railroad Weekend
 - Oct. 10 – 14 – Spirit Week
 - Oct. 14 – Homecoming Night
 - Oct. 22 – ACT Testing - ACHS
 - Oct. 26 and 27 – Mid-Term Exams – Day 1 Blocks 1/3 and Day 2 Blocks 2/4 – all non-SOL
 - Oct. 28 – Blood Drive with Nursing program – more info to come
 - Oct. 31 – Parent-Teacher Conference Day – 8:30 – 3:00 work day
 - Nov. 3 – Make-up picture day
 - Nov. 5 – SAT Testing - ACHS
 - Nov. 14 – American Education Week
 - June 4 – official graduation date at Vines Center – Liberty University
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- Thank you staff for assisting with a FUN pep rally. I thank each of you for being active and involved – either cheering or supervising – ACHS STAFF ROCKS!!

 - Hope you have an awesome work week – JEANS on Friday for Pay DAY - YEAH!!

 - Music in education – there is much research to how music can enhance brain activity and make a great learning environment. I believe music should be used appropriately – only soft, instrumental for background music – and not used the entire class block. Some tips and resources are listed below:
 - <http://www.sedl.org/scimath/compass/v03n02/1.html>
 - Use no more than 30% of class time
 - Avoid lyrics when music is used as background.
 - See attached PDF for many ideas

“Music is good for you—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. It can strengthen the mind, unlock the creative spirit, and, miraculously, even heal the body.” --Don Campbell

- This week's **Shout Out** goes to:
 - Bryan Allgood – **We appreciate your expertise, instruction, and professionalism in the arts with our ACPS students.**
 - Kathy Whatley – diligence and dedication to assisting in ISS
 - Felicia Pickeral - She used the ActivInspire Flipchart with embedded web links. Students also used ActivExpressions to answer section review questions in class.
 - Ronda Matthews - The Y-Street research will impact the “ Y do you think” commercials that will be shown in this area. They have given the FCCLA a \$500 grant and another grant for \$250 to ACHS.
 - Lucy Harris – for being such a great Pep Rally participant!!

- A big **BABY** Congratulations to – Stephanie Allen, Bethanne Metts and Aaron Stroud – all expecting a precious gift in the spring!

- Remember that students should not have **FOOD** and **DRINKS** in class. They should not have these outside the cafeteria but if they sneak by us in the halls, please keep them in line for your classes. Unless **YOU** set up a treat or snack time with admin approval, they should not be bringing items to class.

- The President plans to give his annual Back-to-School speech on Sept. 28. If you plan to view this speech for instructional purposes, please plan for an alternate assignment for students who do not wish to view this speech or refuse.

- Keep Your Instructional Focus – Rigor and Relevance – make it **REAL!!!**

- Swipe Info Updates:
 - If a student is in ISS—mark student Absent from Class-Excused
 - You can now update your class attendance without it affecting late to school – **YEAH!!**
 - Early Release--Absent from Class-Unexcused

- **September Employee of the Month (EOM)** – your leadership team voted on the first EOM this year - The ACHS Custodial Team- We appreciate everything they do every day to help all of us – thanks to Sue, Mike, Jeff, Donald, Kenny, and Jay!

- **Classroom WalkThrough Data** – the administrative team will be coming around at least once each nine weeks using our IPods or iPads to collect this data. Just to remind all of what data we collect in general, please open the attached.

- Differentiated Training – all instructional staff who participate in our four training sessions and complete all 14 tasks under the “required documentation” column on your TE-1 will receive 25 total points for this year. All optional items are worth 2 points each.

- **All signs in the halls** – any sign being hung to advertise an event or announcement must receive administrative approval first and then must be placed in appropriate places. We do not want signs hung on walls – only glass and bulletin boards.

“You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him find it within himself” – Galileo

- If you would like to send a “Shout Out” to one of our wonderful staff members – please do so. These can be based on many things like - instructional strategies, professional conduct, or Raider Spirit.

Teachers... Molders of Dreams

Author Unknown

Teachers:

*You are the molders of their dreams
The gods who build or crush
Their young beliefs of right or wrong.
You are the spark that sets aflame
The poet's hand or lights the flame
Of some great singer's song.
You are the god of the young, the very young
You are the guardian of a million dreams
Your every smile or frown
Can heal or pierce the heart
You are a hundred lives, a thousand lives.
Yours the pride of loving them
And the sorrow too.
Your patient work, your touch
Make you the gods of hope
Who fill their souls with dreams
To make those dreams come true.*

**Raider
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