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New Sign Coming

The first thing most people see at ACCA is our sign at the road. The current sign is in faded and the message panel is very weathered, making it difficult to keep the letters in place. Of course we want to make a good first impression, so the Board of Directors got price quotes and a simple mock-up of a new sign. They discovered the new sign would cost about \$4800 so we did something a little different at this year's auction. About halfway through the auction, we took a break from selling items and took bids to raise money for a new sign at our driveway entrance. Bids from our board members and very generous auction attendees raised a total of \$3418.00 for it!

The new sign will be the same size as the original, but will be aluminum instead of bare wood, which should withstand outdoor conditions well. It will also have our school logo, name and phone number at the top (this picture is a very simple mock-up, not what will actually be on the sign).

We anticipate having the new sign in place before the next school year begins. We are a little more than halfway to

our goal of \$4800 and are trusting God to provide the rest.

If you would like to help us achieve this goal and contribute toward the new sign, you may send cash or a check (made out to ACCA), earmarked for the sign.

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Mock-up of New Sign

Teacher Appreciation Week

This week (May 6—10) is National Teacher Appreciation Week! Teachers at ACCA put their all into teaching meaningful, understandable, excellent lessons for their students. They pray for them, nurture them, and love their students with the love of Jesus, each and every day of the school year. Let them know how much you appreciate their hard work and dedication to your children!

*If you missed it, it's never too late to tell your teachers how much you appreciate them!

Upcoming Events

May 2	National Day of Prayer
May 3	Elementary field trip to Whitaker Center
May 4	Heritage Breakfast
May 4	MS/HS Spring Thing
May 11	HS Banquet
May 30	End of year Family Picnic
May 31	Last day of school; Kindergarten Graduation; student awards



Math Minutes

The 6th grade is excited to be learning about positive and negative numbers called integers. We will be learning all operations of integers by the end of the year!

The 7th graders were given an assignment to build a bridge with only popsicle sticks and tacky glue. The bridge had to span 14 inches and hold at least 20 pounds, using 200 sticks or less. Two students made bridges which held more than 20 pounds! Wyatt's bridge broke under 37.2 pounds, while Makayla's

bridge held strong with 47.2 pounds! We will continue to test Makayla's bridge to see if it will hold 50 pounds!



Makayla Keller



Wyatt Lamb

ACSI Speech Meet

Our middle and high school students participated in the ACSI Speech Meet on April 12. The students competed against other students from 14 Christian schools. Categories included Bible Memorization and Application, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duet Acting, Puppets and Interpretation of Children's Literature. Each student presented their piece twice before two different panels of judges and an audience. They are given scores ranging from 0—50 points, with rankings of Good (24-36 points), Excellent (37-44 points) and Superior (45-50 points).

Tenth grade students, Luke Moore (Humorous Int.) and

Josiah McCauslin (Children's Lit.) earned Superior ratings from the judges. Luke was selected to present his speech at the closing program that afternoon, which was the first time ACCA has ever been represented in that portion of the program. Eric Day (Bible Mem.) and Jacob Anderson and Shaylie Moore (Duet Acting) received Excellent ratings and Emma Anderson (Dramatic Int.), Wyatt Lamb, Makayla Keller and Kaitlyn Doud (Puppets) received Good ratings. All did a superb job sharing their God-given abilities with others. Congratulations to all!



Josiah McCauslin and Luke Moore



On Assignment

Eric Day, Jr., 6th grade, won third place in the American Legion Essay Contest this year with this essay:

The Significance of the American Flag Today

If someone were to walk up to me and ask, "What is the significance of the red, white, and blue on the American Flag?" I wouldn't know what to say at first. But after doing a little research, I think I can answer that question. At my school, we pledge allegiance to the American Flag every morning. But do you just say the words because you know them or do you actually think about what those colors and words mean, or why they are important?

Let's start with the red stripes. The color red on the American Flag stands for hardiness and valor. Another word for valor is courage. Now think about courage for a minute. A lot of men had to fight and die to get our country where it is now. Imagine if all those men had no courage. We'd probably all still be in England if those brave men in the Revolutionary War didn't have courage.

Where do you think those men got their courage from? They got their courage from hope. They had hope for a country

where they didn't have to listen to people telling them what to do. They wanted freedom, much like the freedom we have today in our lives. We should be grateful that we have that privilege to be free.

Now, let's talk about the color white. The color white symbolizes purity and innocence. All those people who went to war were innocent. A lot of those people didn't want to go to war, but they did. They went to war so this country could be pure. I'm not saying that our country is as good as it can be, but it's a lot better than living in China or Russia.

That white color stands for those pure hearts of our founding fathers that established those first thirteen colonies. If they weren't pure in heart, only God knows where the United States of America would be right now. Our country is the most blessed country in the whole world. I don't know about you, but as for me I have, I am, and I will always thank God for what he has done to our country.

Finally, the color blue. This color represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice. Justice is very important to the United States. Without justice, there is no right or wrong.

Essay from American Legion Contest

Without right or wrong, our economy would crumble. Perseverance, justice, and vigilance is what has kept our country alive.

This blue color, which surrounds our fifty stars, also surrounds and protects our country. Those fifty stars represent our fifty states, which we rightfully earned, whether it be through war or peace. This country's success lies within God, and what those colors mean. The definition of this color is one of the big roles to making up the United States of America.

All these colors are the definition of our magnificent country it is today. Now, when I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, I will remember what those colors mean, and why they were put there. I hope that is how you feel now too. If I were one of our founding fathers who created that flag, I don't

think I could come up with any three better colors. This is the significance of the color on our flag.



Fundraising Notes

Thank you to everyone who helped or participated in the Texas BBQ Dinner and Auction last month! It was a great success and raised a total of \$10,554.40! We exceeded our goal of \$10,000. PRAISE THE LORD!!

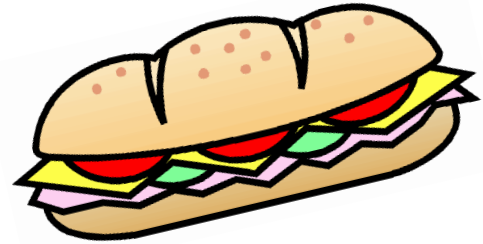
So far this year, our fundraisers have raised a total of \$25,953.70. This has been a tremendous blessing to our budget and your participation has been much appreciated!

Special thanks goes to Mrs. Amy Lamb, our Fundraising Coordinator. She has done an outstanding job putting these very necessary fundraisers together and God has blessed her efforts tremendously. Thank you, Miss Amy!!

We have only two more fundraisers to go for this school year. Help us make them a success!

- The R& K Sub Sale is going on now. Orders and money are due May 14 with delivery on May 23.
- Texas Roadhouse Dine Out—June 2. Come out and enjoy dinner Sunday afternoon. 12% of your bill will go to ACCA. Bring your friends! No coupon necessary, just tell them your bill goes to ACCA.

Put the Giving Spree on your radar for November!



Auctioneer Larry Swartz

Academic Showcase

Our annual Academic Showcase took place on April 26. The evening was an opportunity for students and teachers to present highlights of their learning and activities this year. Projects, essays, student created games and puzzles, pictures and more were on display. A mixture of sculptures and paintings from art classes were displayed in the lobby. Mr. Monte presented the all-school spring concert which introduced the beginnings of a middle school band. The concert was followed by two speeches delivered by Eric Day (grade 6) and Luke

Moore (grade 10) that had been presented at the ACSI Speech Meet earlier in the month. The evening ended with a political satire based on 'A Tale of Two Cities,' written by the 9th and 10th grade English students. It was very satisfying to look back at everything our students have accomplished this year. God has blessed our students with tremendous growth!

Intramural Sports

Intramural Sports, an elective for high school students, has been going on hikes and will be canoeing/kayaking next. As a way to get outside and enjoy God's creation while getting exercise, students and their teacher, Mrs. Fertich, have hiked at Pole Steeple, Sunset Rocks and Koppenhaver Trail in Pine Grove Furnace State Park. God blessed each trip with safety and great weather. The students had fun exploring new trails and taking in the beauty of God's handiwork.

Three upcoming excursions will involve canoeing and kayaking. Students will be learning how to maneuver

their boats and about water safety. Trips will be to Laurel Lake and Long Pine Run Reservoir. Please pray for good weather and continued safety as we go the next three Wednesdays.

Pole Steeple Hike



Sunset Rocks



Koppenhaver Trail

End of Year Family Picnic

Join us for a celebration of God's blessing on ACCA! The annual picnic is Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 pm. The Board of Directors will be providing drinks and meat. Everyone should bring a side dish to share. We will be eating outside if the weather cooperates, so bring chairs or blankets to sit on. There will be lawn games to play, a tug-of-war and an all family kickball game!





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