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## See You at the Pole

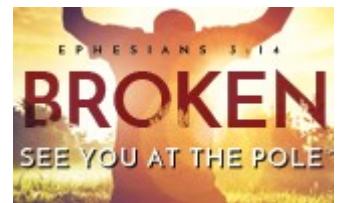
Wednesday, September 26 is See You at the Pole (SYATP), an international prayer event led by students, for students. ACCA will participate again this year at 7:00 am in front of the Ram Center. Students and parents will come together to worship and pray for their classmates, schools, friends, and others.

### History of SYATP

A small group of teenagers in Burleson, Texas, came together for a DiscipleNow weekend in early 1990. Little did they know that God was about to move in power. On that Saturday night, the students were broken and burdened for their friends. Compelled to pray, yet not knowing exactly what to do, they went to the school flagpoles and prayed for their friends, schools, and leaders. Those students had no idea how God was using them to birth a movement. Those teenagers, like others who were holding similar prayer meetings at their schools, placed a vision in the hearts of youth leaders across Texas—for students to pray on the same day. The name See You at the Pole™ came from an early brainstorming session and the vision was shared with 20,000 students in June 1990 at Reunion Arena in Dallas, Texas. At 7 a.m. on September 12, 1990, more than

45,000 teenagers met at school flagpoles in four different states to pray. A few months later, youth ministers from all over the country met at a national conference in Colorado. Many reported that their students had heard about SYATP and were equally burdened for their schools. It became clear that students across the country would be taking part. There was no stopping them! On September 11, 1991, at 7 a.m., an estimated one million students gathered at school flagpoles from Boston to Los Angeles. See You at the Pole™ has grown to God-sized proportions, spreading around the world. God used the obedience of a small group of teens to start an international movement of prayer among young people. In Australia, one youth group that went to several different schools met for SYATP in May, the start of their school year. Once again the word spread and now, students gather all over that nation. Today, more than two million students from all 50 states and more than 20 other countries participate in SYATP.

([www.SYATP.com](http://www.SYATP.com))



This year's theme is "Broken" and is based on Ephesians 3:14, "I fall on my knees before the Father." The psalmist wrote, "The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God" (Psalm 51:17). God desires an open heart ready to receive all He has. We can't please Him by our outward actions, no matter how good we are, if our heart is not right with Him through Christ.

Do you feel the brokenness all around you? Do you want to experience the spirit of God falling on your campus? For that to happen, we must start with praying just like Paul to say, "God, start here in my life." Break me, oh God. Let revival begin with me! When God has answered your prayer, the revival has begun! ([www.SYATP.com](http://www.SYATP.com))

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## Pre-K Corner



### Full STEAM Ahead!

Pre-K has started a new initiative to introduce students to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). Building on a pre-school student's natural curiosity, Mrs. Beth offers students opportunities to explore the world God has created through meaningful lessons and activities. Through collaboration, cooperation and practice

with problem solving, students are learning valuable 21st century skills from a biblical perspective. After studying the story of Noah's ark recently, student's were given the "engineering" challenge of building a model of the ark from a variety of building materials. With the aid of *The Gingerbread Man*, students explored the five senses by "scientifically" sampling and testing touch, smell, taste, hearing, and sight. These are just a few of the exciting things going on in Pre-K!



## Kindergarten Adventures

Our Kindergarten students have been hard at work learning the new routines of elementary school. Getting to go to Gym, Art, Music, Computer and Spanish classes, along with new learning adventures can be tough, but our students are transitioning from Pre-K to Kindergarten beautifully! The students love to sing and tell stories. They also enjoy bringing their special stuffed animal friends to

school. Mrs. Fried is looking forward to an exciting year of learning with her students!



## Upcoming Events

September 26  
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September 27  
September 28  
October 5  
October 8  
October 12  
October 16  
October 26  
December 14

Midterm Reports sent home  
See You At the Pole, 7 am  
Picture Day  
Midterm Reports due back  
Race for Education; 12:30 dismissal  
No school  
In-school Spelling Bee grades 5-8  
Assembly: Abogar International Ministries  
Grandparents' Day  
\*Christmas Concert and play, "The Jingle Bell Mystery"\*



# Spotlight on Spanish

Senora Gradilla is an excellent teacher who gives her students many interactive lessons and activities to reinforce the Spanish they are learning. Students in seventh grade Spanish class had a fun day playing outdoor games that required them to speak and read in Spanish. Upon being handed a word card, students slid down a water slide to quickly match English and Spanish words together. At another station, students played hopscotch while reading the verse written on each space. Students also got to shoot a target with water, then practice reading

a passage of scripture on the target.



## Abogar International Ministries Coming



**ABOGAR** (Spanish verb): to advocate for, to plead on behalf of, to intercede for

Many children in Latin America are facing harsh realities. Many have been orphaned or abandoned and are living in the streets. Many are in families that struggle with addictions, domestic violence, and several forms of abuse. These precious children have very little opportunity to break negative cycles and are vulnerable to sickness,

prostitution, violence, or being trafficked.

At Abogar International Ministries we strive to love on these children and invest in their lives. We want them to know there is a God who sees them and loves them. We seek partnership with organizations, churches, businesses, and individuals that are like-minded to help these children have Christ-centered education, forever homes, and forever families. ([abogarim.org](http://abogarim.org))

On Tuesday, October 16, founder Jesse Rivers will be at ACCA for an assembly. Students in grades 6 through 10 will learn more about ABOGAR and hear Jesse's

story of how God has directed this ministry. Jesse will also tell us about Xposure Xperience and how we, as a school, can get involved (and practice Spanish!). Parents are welcome to attend. The assembly begins at 1:30 Tuesday, October 16.

# On Assignment—6th Grade English

The 6th grade students have been learning about gerund phrases, prepositional phrases, independent clauses, appositives and other English terms through various poetry forms. Here are some of the poems they have written this quarter:

*A beautiful cat crouching silently,  
Slowly, fiendishly moving forward,  
Brutally pouncing on a mouse,  
The gray and white cat, the predator of  
the forest, sits watching her kittens.  
In the plants,  
In front of her kittens,  
Behind the tree,  
On top of a mouse.*

-Kaitlyn D.

Playing a game like dodgeball,

Takes brains and you gotta give it your all.

Trying not to get hit in the face  
Is a difficult task, even if you're an ace.  
Running around all over the gym,  
Is easier if you are slim.  
Clinging to the ball, your hand squeezes tight,  
Then you throw the ball and give your target a fright.

- Eric D.

*Sword at his side,  
Putting the bridle on his steed,  
Preparing for battle,  
The knight, fear of his nemesis, rode out to battle,  
Through the field,  
In front of his men,  
On top of his charge,*

*At the battleground.*

-Kaitlyn D.

Drinking my coffee all morning long  
Puts an umph in my throat so I can sing a song.

Warming it up in the microwave,  
I'm gonna make a lot so I have some to save.

Walking to my car with my coffee in hand

Sipping it down just makes my morning feel grand

Driving to work in my mini car  
Without my coffee I can't go far.

Eric D.

## Penny Wars Returns

Last October, ACCA students participated in the “Hunger Games—Penny War” to raise funds for South Central Community Action Programs’ food pantry. In fact, we were the only group (outside of SCCAP) to participate and we raised \$384! We will again be participating this year from October 15 through the 19. Students will be divided into teams by grades: Pre-K; K-3; 4-6; 7-8; and 9-10. Jars for each team will be placed in the lobby. Points are awarded as follows: +1 for each penny, -5 for each nickel, -10 for each dime, -25 for each quarter, -100 for each dollar. Students are encouraged to bring pennies to fill their own jars and silver coins (or dollars) to sabotage the other teams (while raising more money for SCCAP). This is a great way

for all students to put their faith into action by giving to those in need. Start collecting pennies and get ready for Penny Wars!!



# Fundraising Notes

One of our biggest fundraisers is just around the corner. **The Race for Education is next Friday, October 5!** Race for Education is a sponsorship fundraiser and all we ask you to do is complete mailing labels of potential donor addresses and return them to school. That's it. There is nothing more for you to do but come to the Race! Your child will be racing (running or walking) around our parking lot, trying to get as many laps in as possible within one hour. Ribbons will be given to the students with the most laps. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 through this event, so please get those labels back to school or send out an email with the link for online donations as soon as possible. **Donate here:**

<https://99pledges.com/fund/ACCA2018>

## Race For Education



Congratulations to the top sellers of our recent sub sale. Thank you all for selling subs!

First Place: Mrs. Angie Bladen  
Second Place: The Day Family  
Third Place: The Harber Family  
Honorable Mentions: The Gageby Family and the Lamb Family

We earned a little over \$500 through this sale. Just imagine what we can raise through the Race for Education!

**The Giving Spree is coming on November 8 from 4:00—7:00 pm at the Gettysburg Middle School.** This fundraiser is hosted by The Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF), and there is no selling for this one. There will be 81 non-profit organizations in attendance this year and this is the fourth year ACCA has had the opportunity to participate. The funds we've raised through this Giving Spree have increased each year. Please plan to attend early to get your free gold coin to put in the ACCA piggy bank to maximize our donations! Contact Amy Lamb: [fundraising@adamscountychristian.org](mailto:fundraising@adamscountychristian.org) if you have questions.

**We need your help with all of these events to meet our goal of \$30,000 for the year!!**



# EITC Opportunities

## Are you a business owner or do you know someone who is?

You can help Adams County Christian Academy and your business through the **EITC Program** – it's easy! This is an opportunity to raise money for ACCA and help us bring more students in without selling anything! Please pass this information on to any business owner you know and ask them to designate ACCA. There is **no additional cost** for them!

**What is the EITC Program?** Through Act 4 of 2001, the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program of Pennsylvania gives businesses and corporations the option of receiving tax credits for their donations to Scholarship Organizations, including the Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund of Kehr Partnership. When you donate to that fund in Adams County Christian Academy's name our school receives scholarship monies. These donations allow families to receive the education of their choice for their children and, in this case, a great, *Christian* education!

**How do I enroll?** Simply tell your accountant you are going to participate in the EITC program. Specify Kehr Partnership's Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund. Your accountant will calculate your tax liability depending on the tax credit you choose. Next, complete the EITC application available in Adams County Christian Academy's office or request a copy from ACCA via email. Return promptly to ACCA (no later than June 22<sup>nd</sup>). Kehr Partnership will submit the application on your behalf to the Department of Community and Economic Development. Funds are limited and on a first come, first served basis, so the deadline is crucial.

After receiving approval from the Commonwealth, you will have 60 days to make your contribution to the Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund. You will receive a donation receipt from them.

Your final step is to send a copy of your receipt letter to the Commonwealth within 90 days.

That's it!

EITC has two tax credit levels to choose from for the **K-12 Program**:

Tax credit equal to **75%** of any contribution up to \$300,000 with one-year commitment.

or

Tax credit equal to **90%** of any contribution up to \$300,000 with two-year commitment.



# Fully Convinced

Recently, I was told that ACCA's Statement of Faith was "too radical" and ACCA was not the sort of place that would teach children to be "open-minded." At first I was taken aback and slightly offended. I think of our school as one that is inviting and friendly, a school where students are taught to love others, as Christ would, no matter what (Matt. 22: 39). Was it the wording or the content of our Statement of Faith that appeared radical? After re-reading it, I became even more convinced that it is scriptural and true. There is no question about what we believe and teach as a Christian school. Yes, it is direct, but our beliefs as a Christian organization must be clearly spelled out.

As I reflected further, I felt (dare I say?) "holy indignation" welling up within me. By taking a stand for what we believe God's word clearly says, ACCA is considered "radical" by today's standards! As a result, I am fully convinced that we are at a *turning point* in society today. As Christians, we must take a stand for what we believe and ACCA, as well as other Christian schools, has an important role to play in this. Training students to read and study scripture to discern the truth and then stand for it is counter-cultural. In this "anything goes" world, teaching students that sin is real and there are consequences for our sins is a bit radical. Teaching students to love others through the love of Jesus, regardless of who they

are or what they've done is a bit radical. I am willing to be considered radical if we are loving people into the Kingdom of God. We will not water down scripture or change our Statement of Faith to fit society's view. Instead, we will teach our students to read and believe the Word of God for what it is, the inspired and infallible Word of God, and teach them to act on it.

By reaching out to the tax collectors and sinners of His day, Jesus was considered radical. He did not water down His message, but spoke to people in love. We are called to live like Him. So, at the risk of being considered a "radical" school, we will continue to teach our students to study God's word, view the world through the lens of scripture and reach out to those in need, sharing with others in love.

-Mrs. Rhonda Fertich,  
Principal

# turning point

Fully convinced...

Romans 4:21



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