



# Acres Green Elementary

March 2019

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## Home Of the Panthers



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### From the Principal's Desk

We are getting ready to launch Pennies for Patients at Acres Green Elementary. Our school will be collecting cash and change donations in each classroom until April 26th. Your child's classroom teacher will be sending more information to you.

Over the next 3 weeks our school is helping the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to cure blood cancers through Pennies for Patients. Each classroom is trying to raise the most in the school to win a celebration party and help us surpass last year's total of \$1600.

If you would like to learn more about how you are impacting local families you can meet one of our very own Highlands Ranch survivors and his family [HERE](#).

If you have any additional questions about LLS and Pennies for Patients check our our local chapter at [www.StudentSeries.org/rockymountain](http://www.StudentSeries.org/rockymountain) or reach out to Jennifer Moody at 720-440-8629 or [Jennifer.Moody@lls.org](mailto:Jennifer.Moody@lls.org).



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# Save The Date!

- April 1 – April 26** Pennies for Patients Campaign
- April 3** Science Fair
- April 9** SAC Meeting 5:30pm – 6:30pm  
PTO Meeting 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- April 18** Parent Academy for Literacy Learning 5:00pm - 6:30pm
- April 19** No School
- April 25** Parent Academy for Literacy Learning 5:00pm - 6:30pm
- May 1** PAC Musical 7:00pm – 8:00pm
- May 2** Parent Academy for Literacy Learning 5:00pm - 6:30pm
- May 3** Run4Funds

### Save the Date: Friday, May 17th

Our Library will hold a one day Buy One Get One Free book sale through Scholastics. This is an opportunity to purchase a few great books to read over the summer. More details will come out as we approach the date.



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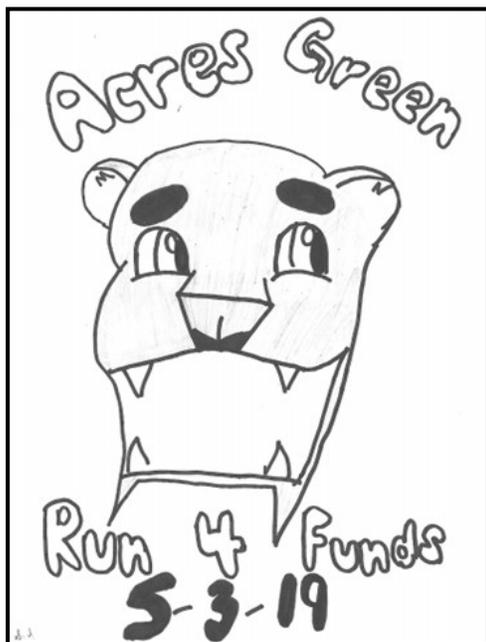
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## Winner of Run 4 Funds T-Shirt Design Contest

Congratulations to **Sammy Savastinik**, 5th grader in Mrs. Kanne's class. She submitted the winning design for our Run 4 Funds event scheduled for Friday, May 3rd.



Our students all receive a free t-shirt for this event and Sammy's design will be on it!



## New Acres Green Website

[age.dcsdk12.org](http://age.dcsdk12.org)

Be sure to bookmark our new website! Link above.



## Student Led Conferences

Our Spring Student Led Conferences went well until we were interrupted by the bomb cyclone blizzard that came our way! Students were able to share their progress on the Wildly Important Goals they've set for themselves and other academic goals. Teachers are working on connecting with families that missed their conference because of the blizzard. A huge thank you to the families who contributed money for our teachers to have dinner provided for them. We were able to buy ChickFilA for Tuesday evening and then pizza for lunch on Friday. We so appreciate your generosity!

## Looking for Volunteer Opportunities at AGE?

Mrs. Braun would **LOVE** your help with shelving books in the library! Any day - any time would be MOST appreciated!!

Please contact her at [kirsten.braun@dcsdk12.org](mailto:kirsten.braun@dcsdk12.org) or call 303-387-7125. Thank you!



### Apple Award Nominees

We're so proud of the Apple Award Nominees for Acres Green this school year.

Our teacher nominee is our 6th grade teacher, **Ms. Fazekas.**

Our classified nominee is **Mrs. Rainey.**

The district Apple Award event will be held on Saturday, April 6th, where all the nominees in the district will be celebrated.



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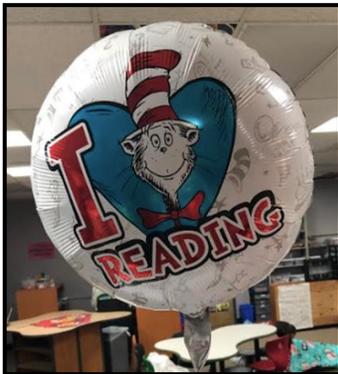
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### Read Across America Day



Read Across America, on March 1st, was such a fun day to celebrate and honor Dr. Seuss! Staff members signed up to read their favorite Dr. Seuss book to other classes around the building. Individual classes had read-ins and 2nd grade came together at the end of the day to all read together in the Learning Commons. We started by watching a video of Green Eggs and Ham, and then students got out their blankets, pillows, stuffed animals, and books and read for the remainder of the day.

We're already looking forward to next year!



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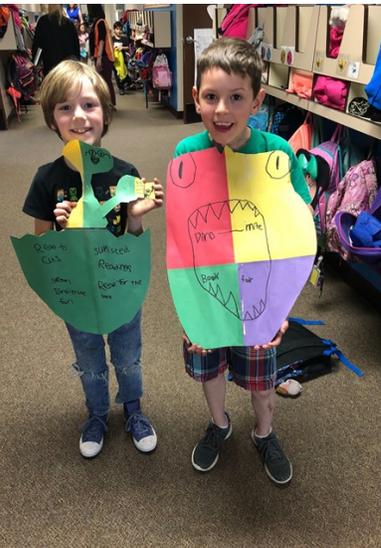
 

### Spring Book Fair

We had a very successful Book Fair this year despite the blizzard!! Mrs. Braun kept the Book Fair open 2 extra days to accommodate families that didn't have a chance to shop because of our snow days. Our overall earnings were \$6271.62!! This will be used to buy more books for our library. A big thank you to our wonderful librarian, Mrs. Braun, for all her hard work!! We saw lots of happy kids leaving with new books to read. Thank you to our families for their generous support of our library. Thank you, as well, to the following parent volunteers that helped make our Book Fair run smoothly:

Gabriella Kiss  
Stephanie DeRosier  
Shawn Kizzar  
John Freeman  
Maria Harless  
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### Battle of the Books

Congratulations to our 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade Battle of the Books participants. Our 5th/6th grade team made it to the quarter-finals and our 3rd/4th grade team made it to the semi-finals. Battle of the Books is a bowl-style trivia tournament that's all about books, engaging hundreds of young minds every year. The program is active at Douglas County Libraries' Castle Rock, Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree and Parker locations. Dozens of teams in grades 3-6 compete against each other in interschool battles and finals tournaments to determine a districtwide champion for all of Douglas County. Thank you to our 5th grade teachers Mr. Berg, Mrs. Childress, and Ms. Kanne for making this opportunity possible for our students. We're so proud of our students!



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### Kindergartners are Paleontologists for the Day!



Mrs. Hammerschmidt's AM Kindergarten class spent a day being paleontologists. Students learned about dinosaurs and fossils and practiced excavating using chocolate chip cookies! Carefully digging into the cookies, students excavated 'chocolate chip fossils'. Older students from our Learning Lab supported the kindergarten students in their exploration.

What a fun way to learn!





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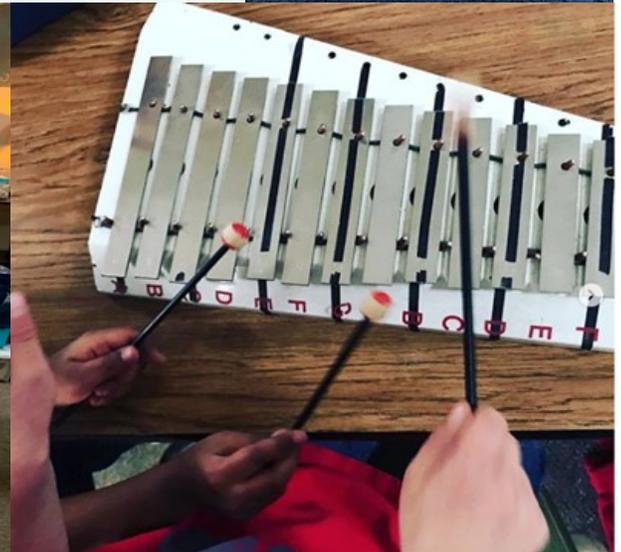
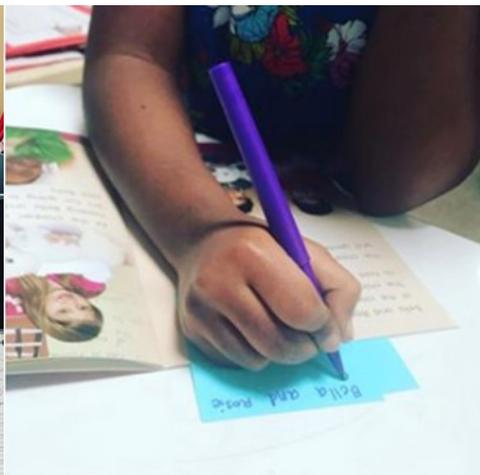
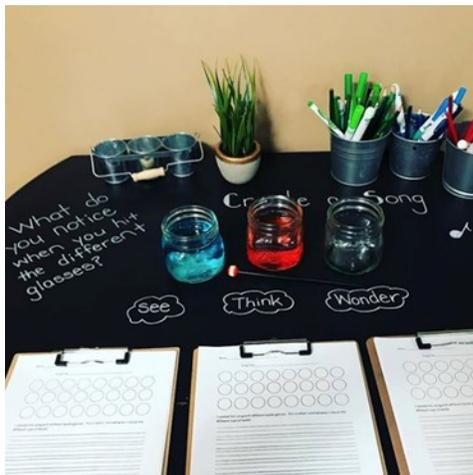
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### Spotlight on 1st Grade

Wow! We can't believe it is March and the end of the school year is sneaking up on us! Second grade is getting so close! We have been working hard on learning to read and write our sight words. This helps us decode books more quickly and become even better writers! We are continuing to work on retelling our books from beginning to end with many details. As a first grade, we are wrapping up our science unit on sounds and vibrations. It has been fun learning how vibrations make loud or quiet sounds. To finish up this unit, each first grader is making their own instrument that uses vibration to make sound. We will soon begin our science units on plant and animal adaptations and offspring. We have some very exciting hands-on activities that will help us learn about adaptations and offspring like hatching chicks. We are also starting to learn how to tell time to the hour and half hour. First grade is having fun learning!



# 1st Grade



### Lunch Menu

[Click here](#) to access the lunch menu.

### DCSD App

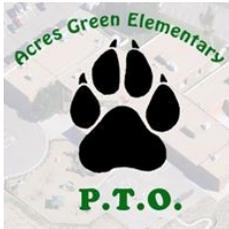
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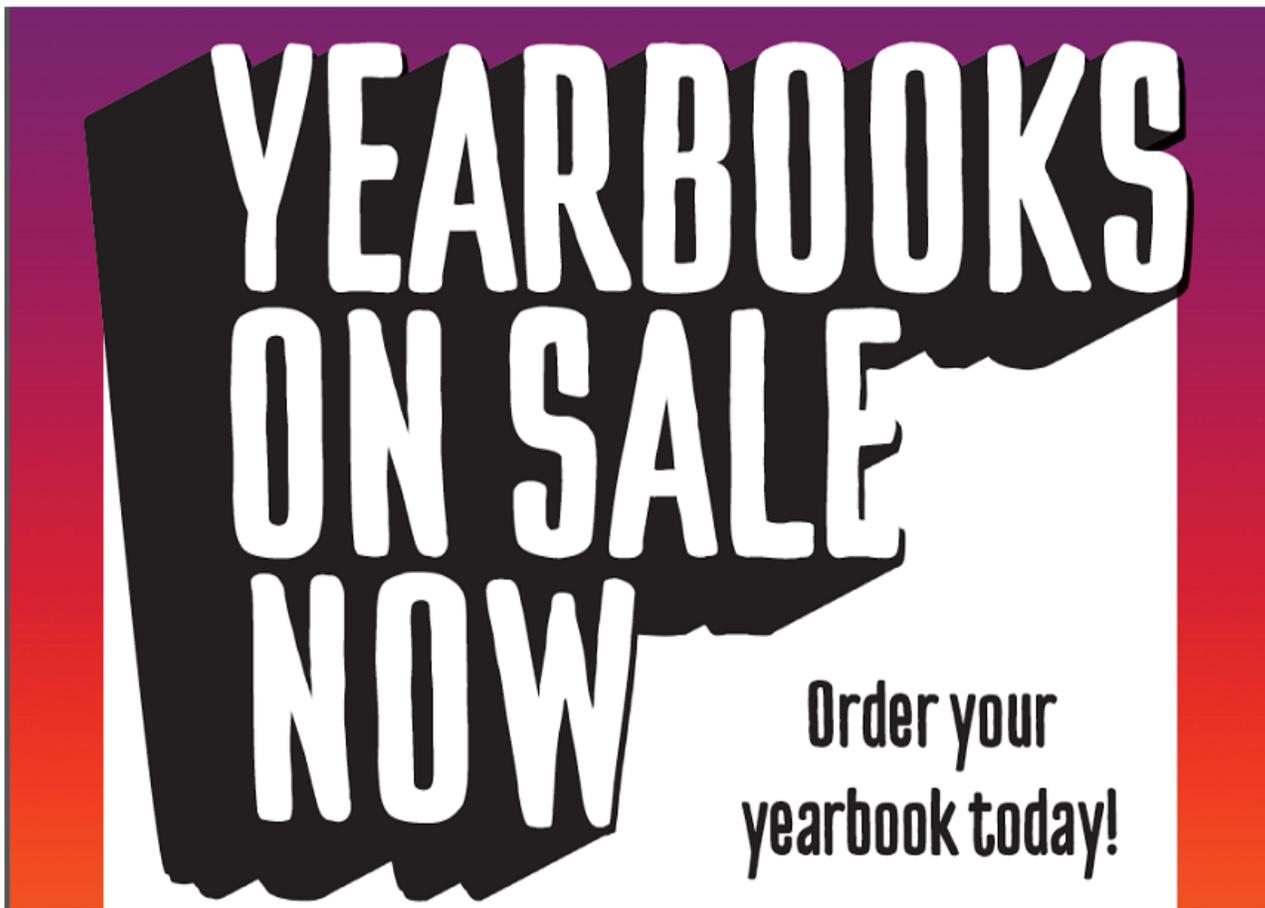
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Backup Game: Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

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The top 3 schools will get to participate in an in-game activity on April 13<sup>th</sup>.



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Discounted tickets AND a portion of the proceeds go back to the DC School of your choice! Can't make this game? Back up game Friday, March 29 at 7 pm.

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SATURDAY, MAY 11 AT 6:10 PM  
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