

October 2018

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Home  
Of the  
Panthers



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## From the Office of the Assistant Principal

AGE families,

This year, we will be collecting food for the SECOR food bank. This is the new organization that we are partnering with to support AGE families as well as families in Douglas, Arapahoe and Elbert counties. SECOR provides families with a free food market as well as dental exams, counseling, medical services and other vital assistance. If you need more information, please call 720.842.5621 or go to [www.secorcares.com](http://www.secorcares.com).

We are asking for your help to collect the following items to donate to Secore before Thanksgiving. Each grade level is assigned a non-perishable food item. All donations can be sent to your child's classroom. Our Student Lighthouse members will be collecting the items each week. **Donations will start being collected on Wednesday, October 24 at the Fall Festival. We will continue to collect until November 2.**

Kindergarten - Gravy Packets

1st - Boxed Stuffing Mix

2nd - Mashed Potato Flakes

3rd - Canned Cranberry Sauce

4th - Canned Pumpkin

5th - Canned Vegetables

6th - Canned Fruit

Discovery - Canned Soup/Broth

Thank you,  
Louise Wacaser  
Assistant Principal



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**FOOD VENDORS GAMES & RIDES**

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# Save The Date!

- November 6th            **No School** - Professional Development
- November 13th        SAC Meeting at 5:30pm  
PTO Meeting at 6:30pm
- November 16th        LIM Assembly at 9:15am
- November 19-23      **No School** –Thanksgiving Break
- November 27th        PTO Restaurant Night –On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina from 4-9pm
- November 30th        4th Grade Boomtown Fair in Classrooms





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# Investing in Acres Green Elementary Students



## 2018 **Mill Levy Override** and **Bond** Proposal

**The Douglas County School District's Board of Education** recently voted to place a **\$40 million Mill Levy Override (MLO)** and **\$250 million no-new-taxes Bond** on the ballot this fall. **If passed by voters, this is how the additional funds would be invested in our school.**

**Mill Levy Override** Dollars would be used to:

- **Make teacher and staff pay more competitive with neighboring school districts**
- **Add counselors for our students**

*Additional funding would also enhance **Safety and Security** at all **DCSD** schools.*

*MLO/Bond funding would be used by **DCSD** to **replace and upgrade Information Technology and Transportation**, and offer more **student programming opportunities**.*

**Bond** Dollars would be used to make much needed repairs and upgrades to our building, such as:

- **Install new generator for emergency systems**
- **Replace and upgrade heating and cooling systems and components**
- **Replace and upgrade fire alarm system**
- **Replace interior door hardware**

Douglas County School District would also evaluate our building for additional repairs that would make our learning environment as productive as possible for our students.



More Information: [www.dcsdk12.org/funding](http://www.dcsdk12.org/funding)

# The Leader in Me®

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

By Dr. John and Jane Covey



## Organizational skills

Imagine a school morning where everyone knows what to do and is ready on time. Sound too good to be true? Well, it's possible! Organization is a skill learned over time. By teaching organization at home, your child will learn this very important skill.

Use the first three habits as a learning tool for you and your child:

### Habit 1: Be Proactive

Habit 1 is about initiative and responsibility. Help your child determine what he or she will need for the next day. To start, writing a list may be helpful. Next, have your child gather the non-perishable items and put them in his or her school bag.

### Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind

Habit 2 is about visualizing how you would like something to turn out before it happens. If a smooth morning is the goal, brainstorm with your child how that will look and feel like. Your child may actually have time to do something extra in the morning if he or she is organized and you will all have a happy start to the day.

### Habit 3: Put First Things

Habit 3 means focusing on the task when there's something else you would rather be doing - the hardest part of all! Help your child learn how to avoid distractions by reminding him or her that, if they stick to it, all the fun things can come right after - with no guilt or nagging.

Once children know these habits, and how to apply them, they can start tackling more difficult tasks independently. They will begin to feel self-confident and proud when they're able to complete homework, chores, and other tasks by themselves. They're also sure to be pleased when they find they have some extra free time to do what they'd like to do.

Remember, it may take time to teach your child these skills. Sometimes, it will seem simpler just to do it for them. But remember, your child won't learn how to be independent and successful if you always do it for them. Using Habits 1-3 is a life skill that will benefit them their entire lives.

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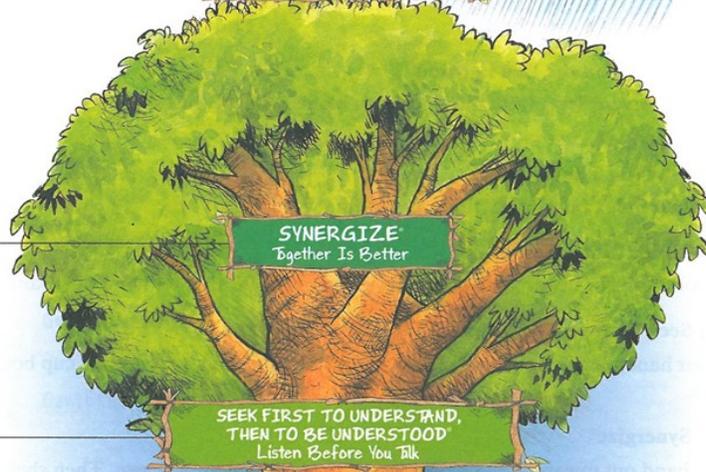
AND REMEMBER TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

**Habit 7**



THEN PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS

**Habit 6**



**Habit 5**

SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD  
Listen Before You Talk

**Habit 4**

THINK WIN-WIN<sup>®</sup>  
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START WITH YOU

**Habit 3**

PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST  
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**Habit 2**

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## Important Information

### AGE Cell Phone Policy 18/19 School Year

For the 2018-2019 school year, **students will no longer be permitted to carry mobile phones or smart watches with them during the school day.** Between the hours of 8:35 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. student phones and smart watches are to be either stowed away in backpacks or collected by the classroom teacher. Both before school and after school, students are welcome to have and use their phones as they wish (in accordance with already established district and building policies, of course!)

Emergencies and important messages will continued to be handled as they are for students who do not have a cell phone. Please call the front office at 303-387-7125. Messages are written down and delivered to classrooms each day. Additionally, all of our classrooms have a phone. Students can use this phone with permission. Students are also allowed to use the front office phone to call parents or guardians regarding urgent needs.

Thank you in advance for your understanding as we implement this new policy. We have noticed over the last few years that cell phones distract from our learning environment. Because of the many apps, social media temptations, games, camera features and the ability to text friends/others, it is clear that we need to firm up our management of these devices and set some clear boundaries. We are aligning our policy to match what is in place at Cresthill Middle School and other elementary schools in the Highlands Ranch Feeder.

Thank you!



### Cold Weather is Coming!

#### Don't forget your coats!

The mornings are cooler now, please send your student(s) in appropriate outdoor wear.

If it is above 22 degrees they will be outside until the bell rings.

Please label all items your student(s) bring to school so we can get them back to you if they are misplaced.



### PreK - 12 Colorado Teachers!

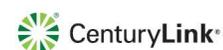
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#### Acres Green Elementary School

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## 6th Grade News

The 6th grade students and teachers are enjoying another fantastic year! After returning from our yearly trip to Stone Canyon for our Outdoor Education adventure at the end of September, we have jumped right back to our in-class education. Our classes recently finished learning about geography, along with how to find a location on the map using longitude and latitude, physical and human characteristics, movement, and regions.



On the schedule for the next couple months are units focusing on Ancient Civilizations followed by the Stock Market and Economy. For Ancient Civilizations, the students are learning about the Maya, Aztec, and the Inca cultures. Students will investigate one of the three cultures with his/her peers. Each student will take on a different role as an archaeologist, an anthropologist, a historian, or a sociologist and then work collaboratively to present their findings to the rest of the class in unique ways. The students love learning about the different cultures and the different ways of life!

Starting in December, the students will try their luck at the the Stock Market through the Stock Market Experience. This is an investment simulation for our students in which they invest fictitious money into the Stock Market to see if they can make a profit. Prior to all of this, the students will learn how to research stocks and analyze what the experts are saying. The game will start in February and end in April.

In addition, all the students have been demonstrating the 7 Habits in their different leadership groups they joined at the beginning of the school year. They take great pride in being an active member in either the Community Outreach, Environment, Tutoring, or the Assembly Team. We are all very proud as we watch our 6th graders working hard and enjoying their final year as students of Acres Green Elementary!

Thank you,  
Mr. Roach, Miss Fazekas, & Mr. Blechar  
6th Grade Teachers





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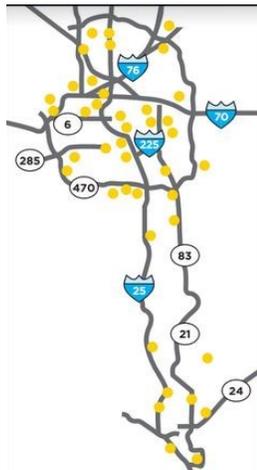
## Acres Green PTO

### Learn More and Get Involved

Please come join us at the monthly PTO meeting. It will take place on Tuesday, November 13th from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Library at Acres Green Elementary School. If you are new to the PTO, please feel free to come in a little early and learn about what we do! If you can't make it but would like to stay informed, please check out our google drive with meeting agendas and notes.

### Restaurant Night

Join us on November 27th from 4-9pm at On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina for Acres Green Elementary Restaurant Night.



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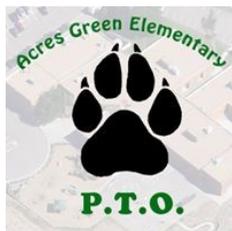
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