

Welcome Back!



Acres Green Update-8/6/18

Dear Acres Green Families,

Welcome to the 18/19 school year to all of our new and returning families. We are so excited to have you at Acres Green! We are energized to start the new year!

On July 30th, we sent out our mailer with information about the school year including a hello letter from your child's teacher. If you did not receive this (and are a returning student), please call our front office at 720-387-7125 to make sure we have the correct address on file and so we can get you the information you need to be ready to start school on August 9th. Those who are new to Acres Green will be receiving this information electronically. Thank you.

Please bookmark our website! We are working hard to keep it updated with all you need to about our amazing school. It has school supply lists, important dates, needed forms and great information about our school. Check it out at <https://www.dcsdk12.org/school/acres-green-elementary-school>.

Join us this Monday, August 6th for PTO Movie Night. We will have the big screen up on the lower field with the movie Coco showing. Come out and enjoy a Colorado summer night with your neighbors and friends. Kona Ice will be here selling shaved ices and popcorn will be available for all-for free!

Wednesday, August 8th from 5-6:30 is our Meet and Greet! This is a chance for you to stop by, drop off school supplies and meet your new teachers. This is meant to be a quick hello. Teachers will go into more in depth with curriculum and classroom expectations at our Back to School Night on August 22nd. Be proactive and come on by--you will be prepared for your first day of school!

If you are new to Acres Green, you are in for a treat. We continue, year after year, to be a fantastic community of students, teachers, staff and families that do all they can to support each other and our school. Every August we are excited to see our old friends and make new ones. We cannot wait to see where the year will take us! It is truly an an honor to be a part of it all.

We will see you soon!

Louise Wacaser, Assistant Principal

lywacaser@dcsdk12.org

Gina Smith, Principal

grsmith@dcsdk12.org

AGE Cell Phone Policy 18/19 School Year



Dear Acres Green Families,

I want to make you all aware of an important change to our building policy being put into effect. 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.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Gina Smith

Principal

grsmith@dcsdk12.org

School Accountability Committee



Open Position on the Acres Green Elementary School Accountability Committee (SAC) for the 18/19 school year.

What is SAC?

The purpose of the SAC is to inform, encourage and provide opportunities for parent and community members to be involved in the planning and evaluation of the school's instructional program and quality improvement processes.

In 2009, the State of Colorado passed SB 09-163, the Education Accountability Act. This legislation mandates that every public school have a School Accountability Committee. SACs should be composed

of seven voting members the principal, one teacher, three parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in the school, a PTO adult, and one community member with no children attending the school.

What are the responsibilities?

- Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) – review and give feedback on the school’s UIP. This document defines the school’s academic goals and action plans.
- Budget priorities – make informed recommendations to the principal regarding spending priorities for budget expenditures of the building.
- Topical discussions –
 - Safety issues
 - The impact of school leadership, personnel, and infrastructure on the implementation of the public school’s accreditation contract with the BOE.
 - Community concerns
 - General community feedback

When are the meetings?

We meet a minimum of 4 times a school year. Our first meeting this school year is Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the library. At this meeting, we will schedule the rest of the meetings for this school year. All are welcome to attend.

We have an opening for the 18/19 school year for a parent voting member. If you are an interested Acres Green Elementary parent/guardian, please email Gina Smith at gina.smith@dcsdk12.org by Friday, August 17, 2018. Please include a brief bio; include your child(ren)’s grade level and how long your family has been at Acres Green Elementary School. Once we have the names of all interested parents, we will have a vote to determine the voting member to join our SAC for this school year.

Notes from PTO



Please come out for MOVIE NIGHT! This Monday, August 6th we will have the big screen on the lower field showing CoCo. Free popcorn will be provided. The Kona Ice Truck will be there for you to purchase yummy frozen treats with a portion of the sales going to our school. See you there!

Fundraising with Coca-Cola Products



A new fundraiser this year is an opportunity through Coca-Cola. Any Coca-Cola beverage that has a product code under its cap or printed on its paper packaging is eligible to be used for donation. You can go to <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>, set up Acres Green as "your school" and enter in the codes on coke products. We earn money just like that! Or, if you would like to bring in bottle tops, codes from 12 packs, etc., We will have a collection box on our PTO table. A grandmother of two of our students has graciously offered to enter the codes for us! She has already been doing this over the summer, and with her co-workers, easily earned thirty dollars. What a quick and painless way to support Acres Green. Start collecting codes today!

UPCOMING DATES



- August 6-PTO Movie Night on the Lower Field, 7:30 pm
- August 8-Meet and Greet, 5-6:30 pm
- August 9-First Day of School! First bell rings at 8:35!
- August 14-PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30, Learning Commons
- August 22-Back to School Night, 5:30-7:00 pm
- August 22 and 23-Picture Days
- September 3-Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
- September 5-PTO Restaurant Night at Garlic Knot
- September 11-School Accountability Committee, 5:30-6:30, Learning Commons
- September 11-PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30, Learning Commons
- September 21-Professional Development Day, NO SCHOOL

Need more information? See our website at <https://www.dcsdk12.org/school/acres-green-elementary-school>