

Dear Parents,

Each week I ponder how to encourage you in this greeting. This week I thought I would share with you the same encouragement I shared with my teachers.

I want to take a moment to recognize and commend the work you are doing in our noble endeavor to educate our students. I was watching a documentary this morning about a cult leader and how he accomplished total control over his followers. The foundation of his strategy was to eliminate the ability for his followers to think for themselves. Once he accomplished this, no one questioned anything else he required.

As I walked from classroom to classroom today, even though your subject matter was different, you were all training your students in the art of how to think. In economics, it was a discussion on different types of economies and the advantages of the free market. In geometry, it was solving for various parts of triangles. In art, it was perspective in drawing and watercolor. In piano, students worked on individual performance pieces. In history, they were playing a 'new world' simulation, two boys in the back were surprised to find their decisions caused a quick death. The question was posed, is it better to have limited or unlimited choices? In American literature they were exploring characters in The Great Gatsby. In Rhetoric, they were discussing the three divisions of anger: contempt, spite and insult, according to Aristotle. The science class was discussing the connections between asteroids, tsunamis and the dinosaur mass extinction. Lastly, the physics class worked through test corrections on acceleration and terminal velocity.

In every class, students were required to think. Oxford defines thinking as using one's mind actively to form connected ideas. It is a difficult, sometimes painful, exercise. As we score MCR's this week, we all see the struggle comes at the analysis. It takes a great deal of thought to analyze a quote in support of the point one is trying to make.

Do not be weary. We will prevail in our endeavor. There was not much thinking going on during Covid, we were busy surviving. It is going to take time to renew a passion for thought, discipline for study, and calmness of spirit. Continue the tremendous work you are doing, it is recognized and commended.

Parents, that goes for you as well. Thank you for your continued support of Addenbrooke and the work we are doing with your students.

Have a restful weekend. Mrs. Lamgo

Teacher Spotlight:



Ms. Colleen Royal Academic Support Team Member

Ms. Royal is a Colorado native and single mom of four children, one of which is a student at Addenbrooke. She attended Metro State University and was working at Green Mountain Elementary School, but, as they are closing at the end of the year, she joined the Academic Support Team here at the high school earlier this fall.

Colleen enjoys hiking and supporting her childrens' athletic teams. One of her favorite hikes is Mt. Galbraith outside of Golden.

REMINDER

If you haven't done so already, please register your current student/s by letting us know if you intend to return or enroll new students. This <u>EnrollJeffco</u> link will provide all the information you need to enroll or register your student/s for the 23/24 school year.

Current families can also update their contact information in the Infinite Campus portal. If assistance is needed with usernames or passwords, please utilize the <u>Personal Account Manager</u>.

New Drivers - Second Semester

Traditionally, there are quite a few new drivers after Christmas break. There is no assigned parking in the east lot. Second semester usually brings more drivers than spots, so parking is on a first-come, first-served basis. As a reminder, **DO NOT PARK** in the lot of the building east of us. Anyone who parks there <u>will be towed</u>! There is on-street parking on southbound Teller from Jefferson to the street light directly in front of our entrance. If your student parks on the street, and they are the first one, ask them to park all the way up to the light. If that is done, we can fit six extra cars on the street.

Upcoming Events

January 28 Winter Formal 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

January 30 - February 16 The Purple Penny Drive (See Flier Below)

February 1 Senior Capstone Deadline for Annotated Bibliography

February 7 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. High School 3rd floor

February 10 PACS Meeting 8:00 a.m. Grammar Commons

February 13 Valentine's Day Bake Sale

February 17 - 20 No School - Mini Winter Break

February 27 High School Spring Sports Try-Outs (Boys Volleyball and Girls Soccer)

March 3 Senior Capstone Deadline for Thesis and Outline

March 15 Senior Capstone - Rough Draft Due

March 17 - 26 Spring Break

All proceeds will be donated to Alexis Daly, an Addenbrooke senior with cancer. How does it work? Each advisement will Prizes Week 1: Dum Dums have a jar. All pennies & Week 2: Mini Cupcakes cash will count towards Week 3: Donuts that house. All silver (3) Grand Prize: Ice Cream Sundaes coins will count against *allergies will be accounted for* them. The house with the most \$ counted towards them for each week, will win that week's prize. When? Week 1: January 30th - February 3rd The house with the most Week 2: February 6th - February 10th \$ counting towards them Week 3: February 13th - February 16th will win the grand prize. Jars will be available from 7:30am-8:00am, all three lunch blocks, and from 3:30pm-3:45pm, with the exception of that last day of each week.

Scholarships

Study.com wants to help empower BIPOC students by helping them reach their education goals. To do that, we're offering several <u>Study.com Student Scholarships</u> for students of color pursuing college degrees. Our scholarships award up to \$2,000 to provide some financial relief for the high cost of college. Our scholarships include:

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- <u>Study.com Scholarship for Black Students</u>
- <u>Study.com Scholarship for Indigenous Students</u>
- <u>Study.com Scholarship for Asian & Pacific Islander Students</u>

These scholarships all have an application deadline of May 1st, so we're trying to get the word out to help as many BIPOC students as possible pursue their college dreams. Will you please help us by posting a link to some or all of them on your <u>Scholarships</u> page?

Your readers might also be interested in our resource on <u>College Scholarships for Underrepresented Students</u>, which includes additional scholarship resources and tons of information about applying for and managing financial aid.

Thank you for your consideration of our <u>Study.com Student Scholarships</u> and partnering with us to make education accessible to all students of color.

Best regards,

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PACS SNACKS

Tuesday, February 7th Once a month, we like to provide our staff with a little something to keep their energy and spirits up – SNACKS! Sign up to donate food or drink items by scanning the QR code.

Puerto Rico Info Meeting Details Coming Soon...



Valentine's Day Bake Sale

When: Monday, February 13th

Host: National Honor Society



Payment: Cash or Venmo

Proceeds: Addenbrooke Service Project It's BACK...You're Invited... ACA's Family SOCK HOP

Friday, March 3, 2023 Break out your poodle skirts and leather jackets for the 2023 Sock Hop!

Come out for a night of Family Fun including ...

4:30-6:00PM

Pinewood Derby Racing

Enter your Family's car or come cheer them on. Join us for our 1st Pinewood Derby!

MUST purchase your Family's Pinewood Derby Kit on the registration form.

WEIGH-IN DAY: All cars/trucks MUST be weigh-in on Friday, 3/3 all day, no later than 4pm. Location: ACA gym Sorry, no pre-owned derby cars allowed.

Only 75 car kits available! Get'em Now (Includes: axles, wheels, pre-cut wood vehicle, & directions) Car kits will be distributed by end of January

On your MARK, get \$ET, Go...

Specialty Races: ACA Teachers & Staff

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place for both speed & creativity categories.

6:00-8:00PM

Dancing | Game & Activity booths Hula hoop contest | Cotton Candy Photo Booth | Balloon Creations, and so much more...

BEST DRESSED Family Contest with a Big Prize for the WINNER

Silent Auction: OPENS at 6pm

We are looking for donations for goods or services in the Denver metro area to auction off. If you are willing to donate or would like more info, please check off the box below.

GOAL: \$15,000

(funds will go towards student & staff enrichment)
* Corporate sponsorships*

email pacs@addenbrooke.org for more info

Food Trucks - Times: 5:00PM-8:00PM

Don't forget to grab some dinner from our nifty food trucks.



Event PRICES: Get them NOW and SAVE

Pre-Sale Wristband & Pinewood Derby Order Form

Attach this order form with cash/check - place in an envelope and return to the Elementary or High School's front desk.

Family Name:
Email: Phone:
Sock Hop Activity Wristbands: Number of Family Members attending: (for Wristband purposes)
NOW till March 1st - \$5/person or \$20/family (Night of event: \$6/person or \$25/family)
Derby Registration: Price/kit- \$8: No Yes
Indy Kit Stock Kit Truck Kit Block Kit
Payment:CashCheck (Please make checks out to PACS)
Silent Auction: Yes, I want to donate into the Silent Auction.
ALL order forms received by 3/1 will receive a confirmation email to verify your order submission. For any questions, please contact Heather Davenport at heatherpacs@addenbrooke.org
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Safer Communities Group

Safer Communities 5280 is excited to announce an upcoming workshop through Parenting Safe Children on February 4, 2023.

This informal workshop will help teach parents how to talk to their kids about body safety. It will also empower them to talk to caregivers (schools, churches, coaches, babysitters, etc.) about policies they have in place to keep kids safe. We have taken this workshop and can assure you that it will be worth your time and money invested into this important topic.

Attached is a flyer with additional information. Please let us know if you have any questions, we hope you can join us!

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parenting-safe-children-workshop-february-4-2023-tickets-440016710827

