



September 24, 2021

Friends and Families of Addenbrooke Classical Academy K-8,

Happy Fall! This happens to be my favorite season. Please note that we work to go outside daily and it seems to be a bit less predictable about needing coats. Make sure your child's coat has a name on it, so that it can be returned if needed.

It's official – October Count Day this year is **Friday, October 1**. The most important action you can take to support school funding is to make sure your student attends school on that day. Much of public education funding from the State of Colorado is based on student count so we encourage you to be sure your child engages in school that day.

The "count window" the state observes is from Friday, September 24 through Friday, October 8 but the most important student count day is Friday, October 1. Please help us ensure an accurate count by having your student participate in learning that day. We understand that Thursday, October 7 and Friday, October 8 are non-student contact days, so we encourage you to have your student in attendance on the other days during the count window.

If your child will be absent on Friday, October 1 due to illness, call our attendance line, 303-989-1336 to report the absence. Attendance during the "count window" will help counteract an absence on Friday, October 1.

WOW! Wednesday (9/22) was a great first Moms' Math Meeting. Mrs. Auferio and Ms. Moskel were not prepared for the turn-out and even had to make copies during the event and get more glue sticks. This was the largest Math Meeting we have had and we were thankful you all came and shared this time with your kids.. Dads' Book Club is just around the corner and we hope you are reading nightly with your children and will come to join us. The books are listed below for the October 13th event. The Book Club will start at 7:50 in the Library.

- K/1** *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- 2/3** *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig
- 4/5** *Islands of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
- 6-8** *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne

The Book Club is primarily run by Dad's and we will have some general activities that can be applied to the four books to have discussions about the literary elements.

The PACS has asked me to share a link for a service project. Please see below:

As part of our staff appreciation gift from the last school year we are gifting a Geodome to the school, in order to construct it we will need help leveling the ground in the spot where we want to build. The Geodome will be used as an outdoor classroom, as well as part of the nature study and science classes.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4CAAAB2AA1F94-pacs>

The Mustang Mini Marathon is coming!!!!

Our 7th annual Mustang Mini Marathon is Monday, September 27th!

The down and dirty details:

- Monday, September 27th time schedules coming next week
- This is the biggest fundraiser that PACS will do this year. Funds will go towards solar lights for the flags at the K-8 Campus, a flag and flagpole for the High School Campus, and general PACS operating funds for the year.
- K-5 will run $\frac{1}{4}$ of the field, 6-8 will run $\frac{1}{2}$ of the field
- Pledges can be per lap or a flat donation
- Just like last year, High School will be able to make a donation and still get SWAG, but will not be running due to schedule constraints
- PRIZES!!!

Students will have the opportunity to earn prizes based on how many pledges they collect. The prizes are cumulative so, for example, if they collect \$60, they will earn the ball, shirt, and fanny-pack.

- o \$15 = Mustang hacky sack-style ball
- o \$30 = Mustang Mini Marathon annual shirt (uniform acceptable)
- o \$60 = Mustang Mini Marathon fanny-pack
- o \$100 = Mustang Mini Marathon sweatshirt (uniform acceptable)
- o Top Pledges = A one-year family membership to the Museum of Nature and Science or Denver Zoo (their choice)

Please see attachments for a detailed letter, as well as this year's pledge form. Please print out the pledge form and return it, with pledges by Friday, October 8th!

Important notes: Checks need to be made payable to PACS. An online donation option is available this year at Mustang Mini Marathon Pledges

PLEASE make sure to designate who the donation is for, or we may not be able to track things accurately, and your student will not receive their prizes.

Please contact pacs@addenbrooke.org for questions!

[Mustang Mini Marathon 2021](#)

[Mustang Mini Marathon Pledge Sheet](#)

Monday, students may wear athletic wear all day (no tank tops).

Please keep it school appropriate.

Upcoming Events:

- September 27th - Mustang Mini Marathon
- September 29th - 1st Grade Parents' Coffee with the Principal in the ELE Commons at 8:00
- October 1st - Dress out of Uniform Day \$1
- Morning Assembly on the Field 8:00, Recitations by 1st, 5th and 8th Grade
- October 5th - Individual Picture day (This year please have your children wear a black polo for this picture.)
- Middle School Conferences 4:00 - 8:00
- October 6th - 2nd Grade Parents' Coffee with the Principal in the ELE Commons at 8:00
- Middle School Conferences 4:00 - 8:00
- October 7th and 8th - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Professional Development)
- October 11th - 22nd - K-5 Conferences (Sign-ups will be sent out by classroom teachers soon)

I hope you have a joyful weekend,

Julie Spencer

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