



Weekly Newsletter - September 29, 2022

Principal's Note

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Today, I was able to play on the playground with the Kindergarten and Third grade students. It is a small job perk and while I watched the kids cross the monkey bars and played in the Gaga Pit with them, I loved the pure joy and laughter. Kids should always be first at Addenbrooke and while I don't get the opportunity to go on the playground everyday, seeing them grow and learn in our community is simply the best.

I also had my second parent coffee this week. I have really enjoyed the chance to talk with the small group of parents and talk through

some of their questions and brainstorm. We talked through winter dress code (boots and snow pants for the sledding hill) and field trips.

Tomorrow will be our middle school reward hour for all students who have all their grades at C's and above.

If you have a student in K-5 conferences between October 3-12 and Middle School conferences will be The 18th and 19th of October in the evening.

## Count Day

Monday, October 3rd is the official count day for schools in Colorado. While this day will look like every other, it is one of the most important days of the year in schools. While there is a window of time we can look at it is much easier for all parties if your child is present for the full day on October 3rd. This is how schools get funding for the number of students we have and will help ensure we have a full budget and can keep all our resources.

## LOOKING FOR HELP!

We are currently looking to add to our staff and in need of two paraprofessionals at ACA K-8. A paraprofessional is a pretty flexible job but this person will work with classroom teachers and administration to help provide additional support. This will include working with small groups, reading with students and just being an extra set of hands. If you are interested please send a resume and interest letter to Julie Spencer at [jspencer@addenbrooke.org](mailto:jspencer@addenbrooke.org). We are looking to fill these positions very soon but also want to ensure we have the right fit for the students to grow the most.

## Picture Day

This year for pictures we would like all students to wear a **RED** shirt. It looks so nice having the students all in the same color when the yearbook is done. I know that some of you have been with us for a few years now and have started to catch on to our yearbook pattern now. I want to remind you that we do yearbook pictures in the Fall and ask that students wear the school color. In the Spring we do our group shots and

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then kids are allowed to change into the clothing of their choice for their individual pictures.

## Dads' Book Club

We love to see as many dads as we did moms at our second Book Club this year. Remember to read the book ahead of time and take this opportunity to meet other dads and hang out with your student.

| Date of Dad and Child Book Club<br>(book clubs start at 8:00 am) | K/1   | 2/3   | 4/5   |
|--|---|---|---|
| September 7  | <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i><br>by Maurice Sendak | <i>Sylvester and the Magic Pebble</i> by William Steig          | <i>Islands of the Blue Dolphins</i> by Scott O'Dell |
| October 5  | <i>The Snowy Day</i><br>by Ezra Jack Keats            | <i>My Father's Dragon</i> by Ruth Stiles Gannett                | <i>Becoming Naomi Leon</i> by Pam Munoz Ryan        |
| November 10  | <i>Strega Nona</i><br>by Tomie de Paula               | <i>Mrs. Piggle Wiggle's Farm</i><br>by Betty MacDonald          | <i>Maniac Magee</i> by Jerry Spinelli               |
| December 14  | <i>Tar Beach</i><br>by Faith Ringgold                 | <i>Five Little Peppers and How They Grew</i> by Margaret Sidney | <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> by Madeleine L'Engle       |
| No January Book Club   |   |   |   |
| February 8   | <i>Madeline</i><br>by Ludwig Behelmas                 | <i>Peppermints in the Parlor</i><br>by Barbara Brooks Wallace   | <i>The Light Princess</i> by George McDonald        |



### **PACS Meeting - October 14th**

Want to learn more about Addenbrooke events and the variety of ways you can get involved? Join us for our next Parents of Addenbrooke Classical Students (PACS) meeting at 8:00 am in the Elementary Commons. Everyone is welcome - Everyone is a PACS parent. We hope to see you there!

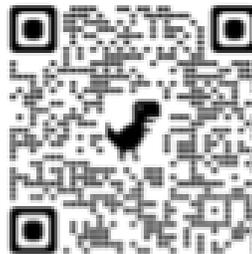
### **PACS Middle School Corner**

Middle School Reward Hour: Friday,  
September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-3:05 pm

*This is for students with C's or higher and  
have all assignments turned in.*

Come and supervise the kids while they  
get to take a break and have some  
fun. Sign up by typing the link into your  
web browser or scanning the QR Code:

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### **Middle School Fall Social**

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:00 pm  
\$5 per student

It's time to hang out and have a good  
time! Middle School Fall Social will have a  
variety of activities and we need your help  
to make it great. Please sign up to donate  
items or volunteer by typing the link into  
your web browser or scanning the QR  
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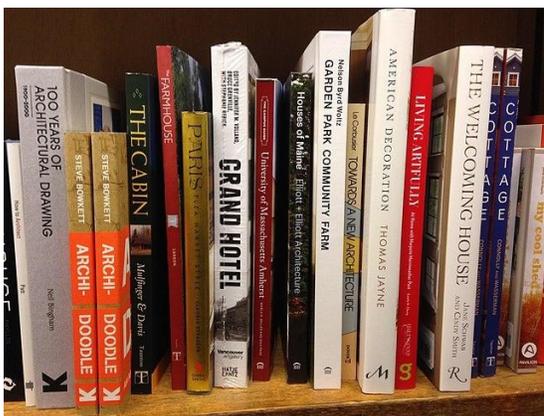


## Upcoming Events

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| <b>Middle School Reward Hour</b>                                       | <b>September 30</b><br>2:00 pm                |
| <b>October Count Day</b>   | <b>October 3</b>                              |
| <b>Grammar School Conferences</b><br>(sign-up genius to schedule time) | <b>October 3-12</b>                           |
| <b>All School Picture Day</b>  | <b>October 4</b>                              |
| <b>Dad's Book Club</b>   | <b>October 5</b><br>7:45am - 8:15 am, Library |
| <b>K-8 Assembly</b><br>(1st, 5th, and 8th grade Orders Recitation)     | <b>October 7</b><br>8:15 am, Gym              |
| <b>Dress out of Uniform Day for \$1</b>                                | <b>October 7</b>                              |

## Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Soccer - Upcoming Home Events

|                     |           |                   |             |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|
| HS Soccer           | 9/28/2022 | Aurora West       | V           |
| HS Soccer           | 10/3/2022 | DSST College View | V           |
| HS Volleyball       | 10/5/2022 | DSST College View | C/JV/V      |
| HS Volleyball       | 10/7/2022 | Aurora West       | JV/V        |
| MS Night at HS Game | 10/7/22   |                   | 5:30 - 8:00 |



## Charlotte Mason Corner

### What is a Living Book?

A living book is a book that brings a topic to life. Instead of reading like a dry or dead book, a living book has vitality and evokes curiosity and interest in its reader.

Living books are often written by people who:

- have a keen interest in the topic
- know the topic in-depth
- can write about the topic skillfully and in detail

- integrate stories that convey information as well as amuse the reader

A living book is a great read and will encourage children to be lifelong learners and readers. It also gives them the confidence to dive into a tome, knowing they can tackle it (and they may even find it interesting to boot!)

## **What is Not a Living Book**

The opposite of a living book would be an encyclopedia or a dictionary that gives you dry facts about a topic but doesn't entertain you or let you learn through a story.

It doesn't interest you (unless you're interested in the entry) or capture your imagination like a living book would.

A lot of texts children study in school are also not living books. They're often written by a committee that decides what children will learn and when. The committee isn't always interested in the topic, but they're interested in the child knowing that information for later or for a test.

They require children to rote learn a lot of information and don't seek to always capture their imagination. These texts make learning a lot less fun than you might get with a living book.

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