



*Strive for the impossible, and be extraordinary!*

October 2, 2017

Dear Knights,

What an amazing last week of school for the first quarter. We had three teams playing in the EVC play offs. The volleyball games were hard fought games and made me very proud to be a Knight. Then on Thursday we had the opportunity to share some exciting news that we were named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2017. It is a process that started last year. I would like to thank Mr. Alcalá for the countless hours that he spent making sure that we could explain why ACP was amazing in only 600 words. It was a difficult task, but he did an outstanding job. Being named a Blue Ribbon School is a prestigious designation we are proud to have been awarded.

“National Blue Ribbon Schools are active demonstrations of preparing every child for a bright future,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to the honorees. “You are visionaries, innovators and leaders. You have much to teach us: some of you personalize student learning, others engage parents and communities in the work and life of your local schools and still others develop strong and forward-thinking leaders from among your teaching staff.”

Shortly after students return from fall break we will begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter tryouts for softball, boys’ basketball, cross country and cheer. As a reminder, tryouts are closed to parents and spectators. Please refer to the following information for tryout times and locations.

**Tryout Dates/Times: Oct 23rd– Oct 25th 3pm– 5pm**

**Locations:**

**Basketball:** Oakland Gym

**Softball:** Meet under the café ramada at Oakland-Using Chandler High JV Field

**Cross Country:** Meet outside of Erie gym.

**Cheer:** (3-4:30 pm) Oakland field near outdoor basketball court

*\*\* Remember students must have completed an online clearance packet and turned in physical paperwork including a concussion form prior to being able to tryout. All links and forms are found on our website under athletics. \*\**

Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Costume Dance from 6-8 pm. This dance is open to all grade levels. The fee is \$5 and students are encouraged to wear a costume. See the attached flyer for costume categories that will be awarded a prize from STUCO. It’s a fun and creative event!

We look forward to seeing our Knights on October 18<sup>th</sup>! October 19<sup>th</sup> we will kick off the quarter with an Art Supply Drive done by our Pay It Forward Club. Check out the attached flyer for details. Have a safe break and we hope you come back well rested.

Jayson Phillips  
Principal – ACP Oakland

# Costume Dance

Snacks \* Photo Booth \* Dancing!

**Attire:** Costumes encouraged, not required

- No full face masks
- No excessive blood/gore/weapons
- Modest attire, no short skirts/dresses or low cut tops

**Date: Friday Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 6 - 8 pm**

**Place: ACP-Oakland Gym**

**\$5 entry fee** (ACPO Students only)

## **Costume Contest Categories:**

- Best Handmade Costume
- Most Creative Costume
- Best Group Costume (3+ ppl)
- Best Pair/Couples Costume (2 ppl)



It's almost time! Remember the last day for submission of Box Tops for the first quarter is October 25! Clip and turn in all unexpired Box Tops to your child's 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher for a chance to win a Donut Party! You can either send them in an envelope or in a Ziploc bag, whatever is easiest.

Thanks for your assistance in helping ACP-O earn extra money for our school!

For questions, please contact Chitra Pierce at [cganpule@hotmail.com](mailto:cganpule@hotmail.com)

# Phoenix Children's Hospital

## Art Drive

Donation Dates:  
Oct. 19-Oct. 31

Things to  
Donate:

Crayons  
Colored pencils  
Markers  
Coloring books  
Erasers  
Paper

Thank You  
for your  
help

Whats in it for you:  
Make a kid happy  
and you get free  
dress on Nov. 6

