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December 8, 2017

Dear Knights,

This week the New York Times ran an article written by researchers from Stanford and Harvard. The article researched school districts with the highest growth rates. Chandler Unified School District ranked second in the nation. Our goal in CUSD is to become the premier district in the Nation. It looks like we are well on our way towards reaching that goal. [Click here to read the New York Times article.](#)

Last Friday, ACP-O was named an Arizona School of Merit for Civic Engagement. Ms. Manning and Ms. Parzych spent countless hours documenting all of the ways that ACP-O encourages Civic Engagement from NJHS to Hartford tutoring. I appreciate that we are a school that gives back to our community. Thank you Ms. Manning and Ms. Parzych for all of your hard work to ensure that ACP-O receives all of the recognition that we deserve.

ACP-O was also recognized at the Arizona Department of Education Board meeting on Monday. It was a great honor to be recognized for the Blue Ribbon Award from the ADE. There is a picture of us receiving our award on the school website. I found it fascinating to see the ADE governing board in action.

I wanted to congratulate the winners of our Spelling Bee. Our 2018 ACPO School Spelling Bee Champion is Blake Enwiller who is an 8th grader. Our runner-up is Clare Hale also an 8th grader. Many great spellers competed in the school bee. It was a real pleasure to see the poise that these outstanding students exhibited under pressure. This event couldn't happen without the hard work and dedication of Ms. Wines. She puts on a tremendous Spelling Bee. In addition, I would like to thank Ms. Nassar, Ms. Kaiser, and Ms. Hendriksen for helping the bee run so smoothly. Blake will continue on to the district Spelling Bee representing ACPO after the first of the year. We wish Blake all the best!

This last weekend our VEX Robotics team was out competing and winning awards again. The A team was awarded with the "Amaze Award". "The Amaze Award: For a team with an amazing, well rounded and top performing robot. The Amaze Award is presented to a team that has built a competition robot that clearly demonstrates overall quality. A solid mechanical design along with demonstrated robot programming, robustness, strong performance and consistency are key attributes for this award." Currently our 8th grade team 7830A "The Noble Knights" is ranked first in the state in the middle school category. The Knights are also beating many of the high school teams.

All of our sports teams moved on to the next round of the playoffs. We will have four teams that are playing in the EVC playoffs on Monday. I write the Around the Realms on Thursday, so when you are reading this our Cross Country team will have already competed in their championship race on Friday. We will also have our Running of the Champions on Friday during academic lab to make sure we send our Cross Country team off to the EVC Championships in style.

Next week we celebrate our spirit week. Please see the attachment that illustrates what we are looking for on our spirit weeks. This is a great opportunity to let our hair down before finals. If you're new to ACP, semester finals are on the 20th and 21st. Finals are half days and students are released at 12:32 pm and buses will run only



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starting at the earlier time. Lunch will not be served during finals, so feel free to send your student with a light snack. Below is a list of our spirit days for next week. I am excited that Thursday is Star Wars day! I have a special outfit picked out already as The Last Jedi comes out on the 14th. I may or may not have used the force to influence that choice. We of course end our spirit week with a dance on December 15th.

Monday 12/11- Winter Pajama Day

Tuesday 12/12- Food Day

Wednesday 12/13- Animal Day

Thursday 12/14- Disney/Star Wars Day

Friday 12/15- Ugly Holiday Sweater Day

The Annual Winter Wonderland after school bash/dance is Friday, December 15th from 3-5 pm. Tickets go on sale starting Monday during student lunches. The cost is \$4 and will include pizza and water. It is a fun way to show how COOL students really are. Don't forget to have your student buy their ticket early!

Next week we will also have an informational meeting regarding tryouts for girls' basketball. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12th in room M-8 from 3-3:30 pm. All student interested in trying-out for the team are encouraged to attend the meeting.

I don't normally do this but, I wanted to share a great movie I had the pleasure to view with my family. *Wonder* is rated PG and tells a very heartwarming story about the power that we all have to make a difference both positive and negative in others. It also shows that everyone has challenges and most people are very good at hiding them from others. I know that some families take a very proactive approach on what movies they share with their family. I completely respect and admire that you take the time to only select movies that meet the high standards of your family. That is why I mentioned it was rated PG, so that you could make a decision that is best for your family. If you are looking for a movie to take the family to, I highly recommend *Wonder*.

Sincerely,

Jayson Phillips
Principal – ACP Oakland



Arizona College Prep - Oakland Campus

Upcoming Events: Dec 11 thru Dec 15 2017

To Report an Absence or Late Arrival Please Call the Attendance Line 480-224-3933 (24 Hr. / 7-day Msg)

Please Note - Student's Must Sign-up To Attend Power Hour Prior to Attending

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Monday December 11 2017	Event:	Time(s):	Location:	Notes:
	7th Grade Boys Basketball	4:30 5:30	At Oakland	Home vs PJHS
	8th Grade Boys Basketball	5:30 6:30	at Queen Creek MS	Away vs. QCMS
	7th Grade Softball	3:30 5:00	at Cooley	Away vs. Cooley MS
	8th Grade Softball	3:30 5:00	at BJHS	Away vs. Bogle JH
	Cheer	3:00 4:30	Oakland Library	Practice
Spirit Week - Winter Pajama Day				
Ticket Sales During Lunch for 7th & 8th Grade Dance				
6th Grade Band Concert - Cafeteria 6 pm				

Tuesday December 12 2017	Event:	Time(s):	Location:	Notes:
	Power Hour	2:50 3:50	Room 9	Kaiser's Room
	7th Grade Boys Basketball	3:00 5:00	Oakland GYM	Practice
	8th Grade Boys Basketball	3:00 5:00	Oakland GYM	Practice
	7th Grade Softball	3:00 4:30	CHS JV Fields	Practice
	8th Grade Softball	3:00 4:30	CHS JV Fields	Practice
	Cheer			No Practice
Spirit Week - Food Day				
7th/8th Grade Orchestra/Band Concert - Chandler Center of the Arts 6 pm/7:15 pm				
Ticket Sales During Lunch for 7th & 8th Grade Dance				

Wednesday December 13 2017	Event:	Time(s):	Location:	Notes:
	Power Hour	2:50 3:50	Room M2	Magel's Room
	7th Grade Boys Basketball		TBD	TBD
	8th Grade Boys Basketball		TBD	TBD
	7th Grade Softball		TBD	TBD
	8th Grade Softball		TBD	TBD
	Cheer	3:00 4:30	Oakland Library	Practice
Spirit Week - Animal Day				
Ticket Sales During Lunch for 7th & 8th Grade Dance				

Thursday December 14 2017	Event:	Time(s):	Location:	Notes:
	Power Hour	2:50 3:50	Room 20	Oliden's Room
	7th Grade Boys Basketball		TBD	TBD
	8th Grade Boys Basketball		TBD	TBD
	7th Grade Softball		TBD	TBD
	8th Grade Softball		TBD	TBD
Spirit Week - Disney/Star Wars Day				
Ticket Sales During Lunch for 7th & 8th Grade Dance				

Friday December 15 2017	Event:	Time(s):	Location:	Notes:
	All Sports		NO PRACTICE	
Winter Wonderland After School Bash - 3-5 pm (Dancing/Games/Food/ Photo booth)				
Spirit Week - Ugly Holiday Sweater Day				

* December 20th - Finals P1, P3 & P5 release @ 12:32 pm

* December 21st - Finals P2, P4 & P6 release @ 12:32 pm



Winter Wonderland

7th/8th After

School Bash

December 15th

3pm-5pm



Dancing
Games
Pizza
Photo Booth

Tickets \$4 (ACP Students Only)
Includes Pizza and Water

Sponsored by ACP-O Booster Club

Q2 Spirit Week

December 11th-15th

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Thursday December 14th

Disney/Star Wars Day



Friday December 15th

Ugly Sweater Day

