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FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

Dear Families, thank you to everyone who wrote to us about the pause on ball games at recess. You told us plainly what recess means to your children, and we listened. Ball play returns on Monday, and we will talk with all students about safe play at Monday's assembly before it does. Report cards follow the same morning. Our virtue this week is justice — giving each person what is owed to them — which is, in the end, what both of those are about.

Warmly,
Dr. Thomas Covington
Assistant Head of School

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VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Justice

"Giving each person their due."

— ULPIAN, THE DIGEST OF JUSTINIAN

Our pledge: *I will give to each person what is owed to them, in word and in deed.*

AROUND THE GRADES

K A new phonogram daily, poetry practice; counting to ten; severe weather.

1st A dance unit in PE, learning the pattern and performing it.

2nd Ancient China — inventions, silk, and the New Year; addition with regrouping; volcanoes.

3rd *Black Beauty*, chapters 36–41; strategies for numbers close to hundreds.

4th Attila and the fall of Rome; feudalism; factors, primes and composites; fossil fuels.

5th Multiplying fractions; America becomes a world power; Earth's spheres — project due.

6th Ancient Israel; *The Children's Homer*, chs. 19–20 and quiz; IEW Unit 2.

7th Adverbial, noun, and adjective clauses.

THIS WEEK AT ACAR

MONDAY · OCT 26
Ball games return to recess, after a morning assembly on safe play. **Q1 report cards** go home with students.

WEDNESDAY · OCT 28
Kindergarten field trip to Lucky Ladd Farms — 53 children and 40 grown-ups. Sign-ups have closed.

FRIDAY · OCT 30
PTO Spirit Night at McDonald's, 505 Waldron Road — 5:00–7:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parent Survey Is Open
Open now in The ACAR Account and closing Friday, Nov. 6. Twenty-five parents have taken it so far. About ten minutes for your first child, five for each one after; answers are confidential and shared only by grade.

Greece and Rome — 6th & 7th Grade
A flier went home this week about future class trips in those students' 9th grade year. Early notice on purpose; nothing is being asked yet.

Raise the Curtain
The School Musicals and Plays fund is working toward $5,000 for sets, sound, and staging. It closes Dec. 1.

Scan to give any amount, or give online →

LEADING THE WAY

Each grade's leader in virtue wins, and the best overall score in PE — plank, push-ups and the mile together.

	VIRTUE WINS	TOP FITNESS SCORE
K	Alyssa Mehmedovic, Khup Nu & Salma Villa Alvarez	—
1st	Evelyn Smith	Vasco Camarena
2nd	Christian Garcia & Majesty Patton	Teniola Gbangbalasa
3rd	Everly Mihaila	Sterling Brown
4th	Charles Champion	Salome Mayorga
5th	Ryan Mastalski	Connor Gedeon & Shawn Carter
6th	Maythim Alrammahi	Josmar Prieto
7th	Hanna Morales Alfonzo	Gabriel Weiss

CAR LINE REMINDERS

- Arrival: **7:30–7:50 AM** drop-off.
- Dismissal runs at the usual time all week.
- Please display your car tag prominently.
- Remain in your vehicle at pick-up.

SCHOLAR SPRINT

"Praise is the reflection of virtue."

Thank you to every student, family, and staff member who gave, ran, cheered, and picnicked — and to the **ACAR PTO** for organizing it.

Class prizes
1st · Mr. Andrade's 6th — $896 (pizza)
2nd · Mrs. Grimwood's 1st — $532 (ice cream)
3rd · Mr. Johnson's 7th — $518 (popcorn)

Top earner Vivien Andrews.

Donuts with the Head of School Vivien Andrews, Jerrett Blemker, Jocelynn Blemker, Ryan Mastalski, Isaac Seiling, Ella Almonrode, Hayden Heller, Karson Heller, Enzo Raymond, Priya Dupree, Willow Dupree.

Individual prizes 48 earned popsicles at $50, 26 a non-uniform day at $100, and 4 an ACAR Virtues T-shirt at $250.

Teachers have logged **762 virtue wins** since August.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 28	K field trip, Lucky Ladd Farms
Oct 30	PTO Spirit Night, 5–7 PM
Nov 3	No school for students — conferences
Nov 6	Parent Survey closes
Nov 23–27	Thanksgiving break — school closed