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FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

Dear Families, this is a short week for students — Tuesday is our second conference day and there is no school — and a full one for the fortnight ahead. Thank you to everyone who has already taken the Parent Survey; it closes on Friday, and the more of you we hear from, the more use it is.

Looking past this week, our Classical Fall Festival lands on Saturday the 14th. It is free, it is for every family, and the children come dressed as somebody out of history, or a storybook character they have met at school. I hope to see a great many Washingtons, Curies and Mad Hatters.

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 treat everyone with the fairness and respect they deserve.

AROUND THE GRADES

K	A new phonogram daily, with poetry practice and read aloud; counting to ten; severe weather; a review of Native Americans.
1st	Ancient Egypt — the Nile, the Great Pyramids and Egyptian symbols; fact families and subtraction facts to ten; the solar system reviewed.
2nd	Phonograms 56–72 and their assessment; *The Fisherman and His Wife*; adjectives, suffixes and plurals; mapping the ocean floor and Marie Tharp.
3rd	An introduction to word problems.
4th	Medieval Europe — the feudal manor, serfs and city life, with a quiz on chapters 6–12; *King Arthur*, chapters 5–10; multiplication and division; nuclear, wind and hydroelectric energy.
5th	Multiplying a fraction by a fraction; Earth's Spheres — unit review and test; Tennessee government, then the First World War.
6th	The Ancient Israel quiz, then Ancient India; IEW Unit 2 — Ring of Fire; Literacy Essentials.
7th	*Fahrenheit 451*, pp. 123–148; the Thirteen Colonies test, then the Stamp Act through to Lexington and Concord.

THIS WEEK AT ACAR

MONDAY · NOV 2
A normal school day. Car line runs as usual, 7:30–7:50 AM.

TUESDAY · NOV 3
No school for students. Our second parent-teacher conference day; it is also Admin Day and Election Day.

FRIDAY · NOV 6
The Parent Survey closes at the end of the day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parent Survey closes Friday. Sign in at theacaraccount.com and tap the Parent Survey tab. About ten minutes for your first child and five for each one after. Answers are confidential and results are only ever shared by grade, never by family. If your child has two parents or guardians, we would like to hear from each of you separately.

Coffee with the Head of School. Tuesday, November 10, 8:15–9:15 AM, in the school cafeteria. Current families are invited to hear the latest from ACAR. Coffee and pastries are provided, and no registration is needed.

Greece and Italy — 6th & 7th Grade. 6th and 7th grade families are invited to hear about a student trip to Greece in 2028 and Italy in 2029 over spring break, through EF Educational Tours. This is not a school-sponsored trip. There is one informational meeting — **Thursday, November 12, 5:00–5:45 PM in the cafeteria** — to hear how enrollment works. Spots are limited. RSVP at **rsvp.eftours.com/tc9fw99**.

Raise the Curtain. The School Musicals and Plays fund pays for set design, sound, production and rentals behind Bel Canto, the Christmas Concert, the Spring Concert and every show in between. **$90** raised toward **$5,000**; the fund closes Dec. 1.

Scan to give any amount, or visit
theacaraccount.com/give/775a356a23ba45ed

LEADING THE WAY

Teachers have now logged **768** virtue wins since August. Leading the school:

Ryan Mastalski	Grade 5	**12 wins**
Jonas Edwards	Grade 5	**11 wins**
Payton Dunlap	Grade 5	**11 wins**

This week's **win of the week** went to Grade 5, for responsibility.

CAR LINE REMINDERS

- Arrival: **7:30–7:50 AM** drop-off.
- No school Tuesday — **no car line** that day.
- Please display your car tag prominently.
- Remain in your vehicle at pick-up.

DRESS LIKE HISTORY

"Come as someone you have read about."

Our **Classical Fall Festival** is **Saturday, November 14**, in the ACAR Assembly Area, and it is **free for every family**. Children come dressed as a figure from history *or* a storybook character they have read about at school — a past president or historical figure, or someone like the Mad Hatter from *Alice in Wonderland*.

Grades K–2	12:00 – 2:00 PM
Grades 3–5	3:00 – 5:00 PM
Grades 6–7	6:00 – 8:00 PM

A costume parade and awards, games and races, selfie and 360 photo booths, face painting, a DJ, and free popcorn. Grades 3–5 earn a can of silly string for every **$25** given, and grades 6–7 a pie to throw for every **$50** — aimed at Dr. Covington or Dr. Norton, and your child picks which.

Costume entry cards are due Thursday, Nov. 12. No masks and no weapons. A second email with the full details is on its way.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 3	No school for students — conferences
Nov 6	Parent Survey closes
Nov 10	Coffee with the Head of School, 8:15 AM
Nov 12	Costume entry cards due
Nov 12	Greece & Italy info meeting, 5:00 PM
Nov 14	Classical Fall Festival
Nov 23–27	Thanksgiving break — school closed
Dec 1	Musicals & Plays fund closes

THE ACAR STORE IS OPEN

Branded outerwear, backpacks, water bottles and more are now in the school store. Sign in at **theacaraccount.com** and open the **Store** tab.

NEW: THE FALL FESTIVAL TAB

A **Fall Festival** tab is now in The ACAR Account. Give to your child's class toward its **$300** goal — a class may pass it — and submit your costume card, with a photograph of your child in costume, for judging. The homeroom that raises the most in each band (K–2, 3–5, 6–7) wins a pizza party, and the tab shows what each gift earns. Proceeds go to the co-curricular programs.