



THE EAGLE UPDATE

ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER - September 13, 2024



Saturday, October 5
5:30 PMFFA Enrichment
Center

You're invited to attend the ACA gala! The Legacy Gala is ACA's annual invitation to the association and the community to see the great school ACA is and offer ways for the community to support the school. This event is rooted in Psalm 78:4 as we honor the school's rich and storied history and celebrate what's possible in our future!

We invite you to see how God is making a difference in the lives of our students, and how YOU can be a part of this vision. It is a fun-filled night celebrating the ways ACA shines their light so others may see our good works and give God the glory. Join us for a meal, dessert, program, and auction. We'll also honor special guests who have made a profound impact at ACA.

Funds raised at this year's gala will support faculty and staff through an improved and enhanced work experience. This includes things like lower elementary principal office remodel, classroom associate workspaces, and adding more faculty bathrooms and teacher's lounge! The funds will also support a redesigned main entrance to support safety and security through the addition of a vestibule and main office remodel.

Deadline to purchase tickets is September 20!

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

School Pictures

School pictures will be held September 26 and 27. More information will be sent soon!

Photos from Drue Wolfe Photography

Drue Wolfe was a beloved Ankeny photographer who took many sports photos, including many of ACA athletes. He passed away earlier this year. His family shared with us that his albums have been heavily discounted. You can download albums for \$1.99 each and have full rights to all of the pictures within that album. We're encouraging families to download any photos they want, as we're not sure how long the site will remain up. Visit [Drue Wolfe](#)

Hansen's Highlights

Dr. Aukes, on National Hug or High Five Day, greets children with their personal choice!

Table Talk Time! Before school, students from 7:30-7:50 enjoy visiting with friends as they wait for teachers to pick them up and be escorted from the lunchroom to their classes.

Ms. Cochran's kindergarten class enters the building respectfully, responsibly, and safely. Way to go!

First grade lunch time is wonderful!

Lunch time with fourth and fifth graders is never dull!

Learning in Second Grade with Mrs. Baccam is very fun! Check out photos [here](#) and [here](#).

Chapel speaker Marshal Mel talks about serving at Ground Zero after 9-11-2001. **Primary Chapel - Lesson on Elijah** | **Elementary Chapel -Here Am I Lord- Use Me!**

Two Girls dressed alike and ready to worship for elementary chapel!

The elementary faculty (a cool team!) enjoyed an ice cream treat together during our annual training about bullying and harassment. The goal at ACA is for all children to treat one another respectfully and with care as each child is a creation of God!

Dress Code Do's and Don'ts. *(Please note that these were staged pictures and shared with approval from the parents. These were not taken of students during school.)*

Students are **following the dress code** wearing these types of clothes.

Students are **violating the dress code** wearing these types of clothes:

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE...as a volunteer!

The Legacy Gala will showcase this year's ACA school verse which tells us to let our light shine so others will see our good works and give glory to God! We have some opportunities for you to let your light shine.

On Saturday morning, October 5 from 9 am to noon, at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, we need people to help us set up the dining room, organize and set up the ticket drop prizes, and assemble the appetizers. If you can help with any of these projects for part of the time or the whole time, we would love to have you. Students can earn volunteer cord hours for helping. [Sign up here.](#)

Estate and Planned Giving Seminar at ACA

The Education Foundation of Ankeny Christian Academy is hosting an educational seminar on Estate and Planned Giving with guest speaker, Johnne Syverson of the Charitable Giving Resource Center (**Charitable Giving Resource Center**). Johnne is an expert in his field with more than 40 years of experience helping people make their vision for their legacy a reality.

The seminar will be held on Monday, September 23, 2024 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. to learn more about how you can create a legacy that matches your core values. This is a free, NON-FUNDRAISING event and no request for a donation will be made in any way. We want to give people the tools they need to plan for their own legacy.

Ordering Lunches 101

As a reminder, parents are now responsible for ordering lunches through the HotLunch software on your desktop computer or through the app. It is easiest to add funds to their account and then select lunches that they want. After creating their account here are the steps to getting their order selected.

1. Click on 'Add Funds' from the left hand of the screen
2. Add the amount that you desire to put on your account and click 'Submit'.
3. The next screen will ask if you want to add bank information
4. Follow the steps to add banking information.
5. Now that they have credit on their account they can select lunches for their children. Make sure to select the

correct lunch menu from the dropdown menu at the top of the screen.

6. Select the lunches that you desire to purchase and click on 'Checkout'.

7. You need to click the circle to 'Use Available Credit' to pay for the meal. If this step is not done the order will not be placed and your child will not have a meal.

FALL MUM FUNDRAISER

Support the Senior Class with a beautiful mum!

Orders are due by September 16. Students will pick up at ACA on September 25 from 3:45-4:45 and will deliver to their customers.

You will receive a 12" pot for \$22.
Choose between purple, red, yellow, white, and bronze.

To order, include your desired mum plant color, quantity, contact information, and preferred payment method on the order form. Payment methods are cash or check (checks made payable to Ankeny Christian Academy).



Upcoming Events

September

Midterm Ends

20

September

6:30 - Estate and Planned Giving Seminar

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September

See You at the Pole

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September

Picture Day

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September

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Picture Day



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