

Acworth Elementary's **Acworth Allstars**

Acworth Allstars Always Achieve Academically

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February 2015



Acworth Elementary Events!

★ February 6th ★

Watch D.O.G.S. "Donuts for Dads"

7:15 AM - 8:00 AM

This event is a great time to learn about the program. Please join us to sign up & volunteer for one day on this year's calendar.

★ February 12th ★

6:00 PM PTA General Meeting

@ Barber Middle School Followed by
America, My Home!

Music Concert ~ 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

★ February 13th ★

Progress Reports for 3rd Nine Weeks Go Home



THE PTA BOARD NEEDS YOU ...

We have an opening on our PTA Board for Vice President; if you or someone you know is interested, please contact Corey McCorkle = acworthpta@yahoo.com

"The Big Canyon Balloon Experience" on January 21st.

Thanks to our amazing Science teacher, Mrs. Melton, students had "The Big Canyon Balloon Experience." Students encountered the world of weathering, erosion and deposition as they helped create landforms such as deltas and barrier islands using an amazing 15' X 40' inflatable canyon model! They investigated key topics including: constructive vs destructive forces, potential vs kinetic energy, renewable vs non-renewable resources and rocks vs minerals! Students even learned the "erosion" dance; ask for a demonstration!

MEDIA CENTER HAPPENINGS!

The season for **Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl** is over! I am so proud of the students that participated this year. We had our competition at North Cobb HS on January 17. Our student not only represented our school in a wonderful way, but we placed 9th out of 27 elementary schools that competed! We really did a phenomenal job and Acworth is very proud of them. We will be announcing tryouts for next year later this spring. If your rising 4th or 5th grader is an avid reader, this may be the group for them ~ and we would love to have them!

February brings an author for our fourth and fifth graders to enjoy! The media center is happy to present author Diane Z. Shore on February 13. She will present a program called Poetry Party. The students always love talking about poetry and figurative language and who better to talk to them than a published author of poems! Ms. Shore has written several of my favorite picture books ~ This is the Feast and This is the Dream.

Story time this month will focus on Peaceful Protestors and African American authors for Black History Month this month. I love books that feature Jackie Robinson and Dr. Martin Luther King. The book Henry's Box about the Underground Railroad is a favorite of mine, as well as anything by Donald Crews, Christopher Myers and Bryan Collier. There are so many choices for this unit that I always have a hard time deciding!

Reading Strategy: Acworth Academic Coach, Kerri Bell, and I presented a talk to parents on 1/23 about Lexile Levels and supporting your child with reading at home. Our TOP TEN Reasons why your child should read at home are: 10 ~ Reading improves listening skills, 9 ~ Reading is brain food, 8 ~ Practice makes perfect, 7 ~ Reading improves academic performance, 6 ~ Reading just makes "cents", 5 ~ Talking about texts helps your child learn how to process text, 4 ~ listening to fluent reading reminds children how their reading should sound, 3 ~ Reading with your child models your love of reading, 2 ~ Shows your child that you value reading and 1 ~ Reading is a nurturing activity that allows you to spend time together with your child.

March 2nd - **Read Across America** ~ 8:00 am - 11:00 am.

Happy Reading! Peggy



Message from Our Principal

We have many exciting things going on at Acworth Elementary. I encourage you to look into the upcoming parent workshops we have available. The Math Workshop will support parents with understanding the rigor of assessments. The Strategies for Students Workshop will provide parents with additional strategies for student success as well as a breakdown of the Response to Intervention (RTI) process. Additionally, Curriculum Connections are sent home monthly with ideas for how to support your child with reading and math.

In January, Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) and Scholastic Math Inventory (SMI) parent letters were sent home with all students. These letters provide parents with individualized information about their student. The SRI and SMI are new tools we use measure student growth at Acworth. You can expect to receive these letters quarterly to monitor your student's progress.

Dr. Pamela Adeli
Principal, Acworth Elementary

Title 1 **Upcoming Workshops**

Math Workshop for Parents **February 6th, 2015 ~ 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

A district level coach will provide parents with information about new math assessments and strategies.

Parent Workshop on Strategies for Students **February 25, 2015 ~ 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM**

Guidance counselors will provide parents with information about the Response To Intervention Process (RTI).

Invitation flyers have gone home. You may pick one up at the front office or call Ellen Zarach @ 770-975-6600 ext. 226 if you would like to attend or have questions about the workshops.

March 2, 2015 ~ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm ~ Title 1 Parent Input Meeting

We would like to invite you to help develop and/or revise the 2015-2016 Title 1 School Wide Plan, Compact & Involvement Policy

March 5, 2015 ~ Action Plan Survey

Please watch for surveys to go out to plan for next year's calendar of events.
We need your support!

International Family Event ~ "Me on the Map"



Thursday, April 2, 2015

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Acworth Elementary Gym



We need families to volunteer to sign-up and share their heritage with the students at Acworth. Each country/family will have a table to display their favorite dish, artifacts, etc. from their country.

We will have performances, food, prizes, activities and more but we need you!

So, please join us for our annual family event with McCall Primary school.

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