



PARENT PAW PRINT

Dedicated to empowering students to never give up, encourage others, and do their best.

COMMUNITY PRIDE AT AC!



DECEMBER / JANUARY

Important Dates:

- ❖ 12/03-12/07/18 - Pennies for Presents
- ❖ 12/05/18 - Character Assemblies
RESPONSIBILITY
- ❖ 12/07/18 - Atwater Christmas Parade
- ❖ 12/11/18 - AESD Board Meeting
- ❖ 12/14/18 - Parent Cafe @ 9:00
- ❖ 12/18/18 - School Site Council @ 3:15
- ❖ 12/18/18 - English Language Advisory Committee @ 4:15
- ❖ 12/20/18 - Christmas Programs
- ❖ 12/20/18 - Minimum Day / Early Release
- ❖ 12/21/18-1/06/19 - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
- ❖ 1/08/19 - AESD Board Meeting
- ❖ 1/11/19 - Parent Cafe @ 9:00
- ❖ 1/15/19 - School Site Council @ 3:15
- ❖ 1/15/19 - English Language Advisory Committee @ 4:15
- ❖ 1/21/19 - NO SCHOOL - MLK, Jr. Holiday
- ❖ 1/23/19 - Character Assemblies FAIRNESS



- ❖ 1/30/19 - NO SCHOOL - Staff Professional Development Day

A Spirit of Giving

Thank you all for your generous donations of canned food and groceries to our annual Rotary Food Drive.



Aileen Colburn students, parents and staff members donated over **1,600 items** to families in need in our community. Our Cougar Leader students and staff members packed boxes of food at the Bellevue gym on November 16th that were distributed on November 20th.

Parent Involvement

We encourage you to get involved! Several opportunities for your participation at AC have been created, we hope to see you!

School Site Council & ELAC

[SSC/ELAC Meeting Schedule](#)



Parent CAFE

Mrs. Kelly enjoys meeting our parents. Join her for coffee and pastries every month during our Parent CAFE. Join her this month on December 14th at 9:00 and again in January on the 11th!

December / January

Character Trait: **FAIRNESS**

"But that's not fair!" This could be one of the most commonly heard complaints of children. I suppose it is still pretty common for adults too. This month students are learning about the pillar of Fairness and how this quality adds to their developing character. One who is fair could also be described as wise and graceful, always trying to do what is right. I hope this information will be helpful for you to teach, enforce, and model the concept of fairness to your child. Keep in mind that the concept of fairness can be difficult for children to understand. Sometimes it is easier to point out something that is unfair, rather than something that is fair. It is normal for children to compare themselves to siblings or friends or feel jealous. This does not mean that as the parent you have to fix everything or try to control things so that your child does not have these feelings.

What You Can Do At Home:

Make expectations clear and predictable as possible.

When children complain that something is not fair don't respond with "Life is not fair.", rather listen to their feelings and validate them.

Let children tell you why they think things are unfair and how they would make things fairer. Choose to act on their suggestions if you like.

Give adequate explanation if you must change a previous decision.

Involve children in decisions and rules that will involve them. Explain your rationale for the rules and decisions that you make, but don't feel like you have to justify them.

Explain and model that we treat everyone with respect.

Set goals for each family member on how they will show fairness.

Listen carefully to your child's explanation of a situation before jumping to conclusions.

Make every effort to treat all of your children equitably.

Model openness and appreciation of the differences between groups of people.

Participate in community events that reflect or address cultural diversity.