

AKCS Roadrunner News

January, 2019 Edition

It's Cold Outside!

Please remember to bundle your kids up before dropping them off at school. It is getting cold outside and we want our students to be toasty warm as they play on our equipment and fields. It is also a good idea to put your child's name inside any articles of clothing. We end up with a full "Lost and Found" every week. Names would help us return lost items to their rightful owners.

Watch or listen to the local news media for any school delay or closure.

AKCS is an APS Charter School, therefore, if APS announces a delay or a closure, AKCS will be delayed or closed as well.



January Events:

1/8/19 Students Return from Winter Break
1/9/19 5:30 Governing Council Meeting
1/11/19 K-8 Friday School Day
1/21/19 NO SCHOOL K-8-MLK Day
1/25/19 6-8 Friday School Day
1/30/19 5:15 AKCS Foundation Meeting

Extended Care Changes

There have been some changes made concerning activities during our Extended Care program to include a reading and homework designated time. Please read the letter attached to the Newsletter email. Extended Care (Before & After) will be available for families on Friday, January 11.

Student Assessments

Students in K-3rd grade will participate in the *Middle of Year* Istation assessment beginning on January 9. This assessment is used by teachers to guide reading instruction for students. Results from Istation will show us how much growth students have made in reading since the beginning of the school year. The assessment is familiar to students and should only take up to an hour to complete. If you have a child in K-3rd grade, please make sure they are well rested on the day they participate in the assessment and that they eat a nutritious breakfast. The assessment schedule will be sent home with students on Tuesday.

As many of you may have heard, New Mexico's new Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham signed an executive order that will ultimately end students taking the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) test in our state. At this time, we are not sure what this means for the 2018/2019 school year as students will have to have some sort of measure to show school and individual progress. We will keep you updated as we learn information.

AKCS Staff Focus on Responsive Classroom

All AKCS staff has attended trainings this year in Responsive Classroom techniques. What is the Responsive Classroom approach? It is a way of teaching that creates a safe, challenging, and joyful classroom and school wide climate for all students.

Teachers who use the Responsive Classroom approach understand that all students' needs —academic, social, emotional, and physical— are important and create an environment that responds to all of those needs. This allows your child to do his or her best learning.

Please take time to visit with your student about their classroom community and morning meeting. If you have questions about Responsive Classroom, please contact the school or your child's teacher, or visit the Responsive Classroom website at:

www.responsiveclassroom.org





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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	8 2 Lunch Tuesday K-8 Students Return Girl Scouts	9 K-3 Istation Assessment 3:30-5:00 NHD Regional Prep. Support 5:30 Governing Council Meeting	10 AKCS Spirit Day K-3 Istation Assessment 3:35-5:00 Young Playwrights Club	11 K-8 Student Day K-3 Istation Assessment PTA-Fill the Bin Friday!	12
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