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Welcome back to another school year! As business and community members, students, families, administrators/faculty, school board members, and volunteers, you are the key to the success of ACE™. On behalf of all of us at ACE NYOS, Inc., I thank you for supporting our program and for guiding students in their academic career and future endeavors.

In addition to a new school year, you will see that our program has both a new name and a new look: Texas ACE NYOS, Inc. "ACE" stands for Afterschool Centers on Education™. You will see the map of Texas in the logo, as this program is administered by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and funded by the 21st CCLC Program administered by the US Department of Education. NYOS, Inc. is the name of the co-op between NYOS Charter School, Eden Park Academy, and Cedars International Academy. NYOS is responsible for the business and financial management of the grant. ACE continues all of the meaningful work and offers an enriched portfolio of activities for students and their families.

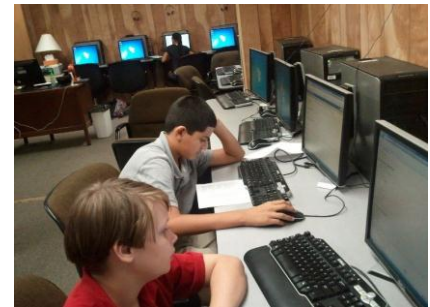
We have several exciting educational programs coming this fall and winter. Please check the calendar for some of those events, and continue to read our quarterly newsletter for future events.

For our parents, I hope you will take extra time this month to talk with your children about the wonderful gift of education and the very important role it plays in their future.

Thank you for the privilege of serving your children and the community.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Moore
ACE NYOS, Inc. Project Director



ACE Morning Tutorials

Does your child need additional help in Math or Reading? Do you still have some homework to complete? ACE is offering morning tutoring from 7:30 a.m – 8:15 a.m every morning in the Computer Lab room. If you are interested please stop by the ACE office or contact Mary Strange at 383-0613.

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Service Learning

This year each Texas ACE class will be participating in a Service Learning activity. What is Service Learning? Service Learning is a method of teaching and learning that enriches the student's life by engaging them in meaningful hands-on service to address real-life needs in the community while also gaining valuable knowledge and skills that connect with classroom studies. Young people learn and develop by designing, organizing and participating in meaningful service experiences that provide structured time for thinking, writing and talking about what is seen and done in the service learning process. Service Learning also helps foster the development of a sense of caring for others.

If you know of any exciting Service Learning opportunities please share them with your Site Coordinators.

(Adapted from the Alliance for Service-Learning in Educational Reform, 1995 & Robert Schoenfeld www.ServiceLearn.com)

What's Happening at Eden Park Academy's ACE

We are off to a great start at Eden Park Academy. Students have been getting to know their counselors through a community based learning program called TRIBES. Students learn to cooperate and communicate effectively in different size groups. In these groups, students are able to interact, create, and communicate more effectively with their group members. It has been an effective and positive way to start of our new year. We are excited to start the process of bring in outside experts to teach our children. Here's what's happening so far with your student.

K-3 students will use weekly themes to learn. So far, students have been learning about different types of animals such as dinosaurs and frogs. In the fall, students will learn about bats and pumpkins. Math, Reading, and Arts enrichment will be emphasized during these weekly themes. They have also been involved in a Science Club with the help of our **Family Engagement Specialist, Brenda Winslett**.

4-5 students have created comics. They have also been learning more about Texas and assisted with the decorations for Cultural Night. We look forward to **Theatre Arts Project** coming to our campus this fall.

Middle School students have been working hard on an anti-bullying campaign video. They have gone from the beginning stages of planning and creating a script and will soon be rehearsing and shooting the video. The 7th and 8th graders having been hard at work learning the game of volleyball.

SPOTLIGHT GROUP

K-3 ACE Students Learn About the Scientific Process



K-3 ACE students are using the scientific process to make things. So far, students have learned how to make ice cream, and bubbles.

“The science experiments,” says ACE counselor Sara Harris, “encourage students to learn more about how and why things work.”

Students who participated in the program said that they have enjoyed learning more about the scientific process. “I like the Science Club because we’re learning new things.” said Joaquin, a 2nd grade student. “We made ice cream and we got to eat at the same time.”

October 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Student Holiday	11 EPA Volleyball game 4:30pm	12	13 8 th grader to Pt. Aransas	14 8 th graders to Pt. Aransas	15
16	17 ACE parent needs assessment	18 Phil’s/Amy’s Fundraiser for EPA	19	20 Original Works Art Night 5:45 pm	21	22 Sat. School 8:30-11:00
23	24 Love Languages Seminar 6 pm	25	26	27	28 Movie Night Artwork Due	29 Sat. School 8:30-11:00
30	31 Costume Day					

November 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 ACE Family Support Target meeting 5pm	4	5 Sat. School 8:30-11:00
6	7	8	9	10 Poetry Café 6-7 pm	11	12 Sat. School 8:30-11:00
13	14	15 KLRU's Ready to Learn 1 6-7 pm	16	17	18	19 Sat. School 8:30-11:00
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29 KLRU's Ready to Learn cont. 6-7 pm	30			

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Proud Supporters of the ACE NYOS, Inc.:

Many thanks to our community partners who have provided in-kind contributions to our ACE NYOS, Inc. programs, as well as to the many volunteers who share their valuable time with us and our students and their families.



Research shows that students who consistently participate in a structured afterschool program have:

- Increased achievement in math, reading, and other academic subjects
- Greater motivation and self-confidence
- Improved school attendance
- Higher level of achievement in college

ACE NYOS, Inc. provides services for:

- 250 students
- 60 parents (future goal)

Get Involved

ACE receives limited funding through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers. As a result, we rely heavily on in-kind contributions and partnerships with local businesses, organizations, associations, and volunteers to create enduring, community-based programs.

To support ACE NYOS, Inc., contact Alyssa Moore at 275-1593 ext. 331 or your Site Coordinator, Mary Strange at 383-0613.