

WELCOME

Primary Parent University

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Parent Partnerships are KEY!

Parental involvement is paramount to ACA's existence and to student success. Parents of our students must understand they are indispensable partners in the success of their child. ACA was founded and is guided by parents who sought a better education for their children. Without parental support and involvement, ACA's vision cannot be achieved.

We believe that parents should be involved in their child's education. Each staff member, teacher, and parent has a critical role. Ultimately, the school depends upon the family. We welcome and encourage parent participation on every level for the betterment of our students. Volunteers are an important part of the ACA culture. Volunteerism can take on many forms and ACA welcomes them all.

The Parent-Teacher Organization is a vital part of ACA's success. The objectives of the PTO are to support the charter of Arlington Classics Academy, support with the highest priority the high academic goals and achievements, to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of general education information and to build a sense of community among students, staff, and parents. For more information, visit www.acapto.com.



Communication

- ✓ ACA strives to make information about your child's school experience available to you
 - Remind App
 - Emails
 - Parent Portal
 - Teacher webpages/conferences
 - Curriculum online access @ home
 - Weekly school newsletter



Staff and Student Safety

All visitors entering the Primary campus will be required to check in with the receptionist in the front office and will receive a nametag upon arrival.

All name tags must be turned back in when exiting the building through the front office.



ACA Title I Targeted Assistance

- ✓ A targeted assistance program is one in which Title I, Part A funds may be used only for supplementary educational services for children identified as being most at risk of not meeting state standards.
- ✓ ACA utilizes Title I funds to provide in-school, small group instruction for students that meet certain criteria(listed below)

retained/did not meet passing standard for nine week grading period
below level on Reading Progress Monitoring assessment
below 50th percentile on MAP Math and/or Reading assessment
Covid lag

Additionally, students identified as homeless, in foster care, Dyslexia, or LEP may receive Title IA targeted assistance supplemental services.

School Hours

- 7:40-3:05
- Announcements will begin at 7:40
- Students are tardy if not in their classroom at 7:40
- Early pickups will not be permitted after 2:45 pm



Attendance

- ✓ Students must be in attendance on the first day of school.
- ✓ State law requires that students be in attendance 90% of the school year. This equals a maximum of nine absences per semester or 18 absences for the school year.
- ✓ Administration will be monitoring attendance and tardies weekly which will affect the student's discipline record.
- Student Handbook can be found online at www.acaedu.net under the 'About ACA' tab -- District Policies and Guidelines
- Absences must be reported to k-2absences@acaedu.net



Birthdays

- ✓ ACA does not allow food items to be brought in for a child's birthday. Acceptable items to bring are : pencils, stickers, goody bags.
- ✓ ACA Primary will host celebrations in class three times a year (Thanksgiving or Valentine's Day, Winter break, and End of the Year parties)
- ✓ Birthday package available for purchase through the cafeteria.



Food Service and Payment-Preferred Meals

Twelve Oaks Catering and Food Service of Dallas, TX has been selected to become the new meal vendor for breakfast and lunch service at ACA.

Twelve Oaks has been serving the DFW area since 1989. They are in partnership with many schools and some businesses. They are committed to using local products and resources to provide a meal program that includes:

- quality lean meats including turkey, turkey ham, chicken breast meat/baked drumsticks/baked thighs, and ground beef (no pork is included in their menus),
- wholesome low-fat cheeses, various yogurts, and eggs,
- fresh home-made breads many of which are whole grain,
- a wide variety of fresh vegetables ~ which are cooked and prepared in their kitchen,
- salads of lettuce mixes and dark, green leafy produce such as romaine, spinach, and kale, and
- fresh fruits including melons, berries, and tropical fruits all within their own juice, not a syrup.

Twelve Oaks has their own **in-house bakery** which provides home-baked bread goods that are included in their breakfast and lunch menus. These items include muffins, cinnamon rolls, sticky buns, fruit pastries, bagels, bread sticks, yeast rolls, cornbread, and biscuits, among others. Twelve Oaks is committed to high quality fresh foods.

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- ✓ Cash or check payments (for a la carte snacks) may be made at the administration building with Susan Stewart during the regular office hours. Office hours: 8am – 4pm
- ✓ Payments may also be made online at ezschoolpay.com
- ✓ Parents must have their Student ID numbers to create an

Food Service and Payment-Preferred Meals

Breakfast / Lunch Prices

	<i>Student</i>	<i>Reduced</i>	<i>Adult</i>
Breakfast (including milk and juice)	\$3.09	\$.30	\$4.09
Lunch (including milk)	\$4.39	\$.40	\$5.39
Extra Milk	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50
Extra Juice	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50

A la carte items range in price --- \$.50 to \$ 2.50 each

Menus will be distributed to
also available to view on the

Whether paying by cash, cr
However, parents needing a:

Forms for "Free Or Reduced
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The meal application for free or reduced priced meal benefits can be picked up at any ACA campus.

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Uniforms & Dress Code

- Mills Uniform Company
- All shirts must be monogrammed
- Shoes can be any color, but must be closed toe and heel, and PE appropriate. Shoes cannot have lights or make sound.
- Belts must be worn by 1st and 2nd graders if belt loops are present.
- Dress code can be found online under the "Families" tab on the website



Masks (optional)

All masks (and anything used to secure a mask or face shield) must be school appropriate (masks cannot display profane, obscene or otherwise inappropriate language and/or symbols like drug or alcohol references, sexual references, etc. Gang-type symbols, even if just perceived, or patently offensive symbols or otherwise any design that distracts or interrupts the educational environment, are prohibited.) While masks will not be required to match approved uniform colors, ACA highly recommends simple, solid color or patterned materials.

ACA teachers or staff will not be responsible for student masks. Staff will not monitor masks, even at parent request, so that the teachers can dedicate their time and energy for caring for, designing instruction for, and teaching ACA students. This includes requests by parents for students to be seated close to or away from students with or without masks.



Desk Shields

Transparent Desk Shields: While ACA will no longer provide desk shields, parents may request through the campus principal that their student be allowed to use a desk shield that is provided by the parent. Desk shields must be transparent so that the student can see and participate in instruction. Desk shields cannot be used if it disrupts the ability of the student or other students to access the learning taking place. If the request is granted, the placement or seating of the student may be altered (ie: to the perimeter of the classroom) by the teacher in order to ensure that the learning environment of the classroom is not hindered.



Volunteer Opportunities

Morning Drop-Off

- Begins at 7:00 and lasts until 7:40
- Get students out of cars and across driveway safely

Cafeteria/ Recess

- Daily, but times will vary
- Assist classroom teachers with keeping order in the cafeteria/classroom and monitoring students on the playground

Grade Level/Teacher

- Times and dates will be set by teacher
- Assist teachers with various jobs, such as copying, cutting out, organizing, and laminating

Library

- Times and dates will be set by librarian, Jenni Huntleyl. She will need assistance shelving books and during the Scholastic Book Fair week.

Join the PTO

- Family and spirit Nights
- fundraising
- teacher luncheons and teacher appreciation week

ACA is a Good Neighbor

- ✓ ACA strives to be a good neighbor within our community. Please help us by:
 - Exemplifying courtesy during drop off/pick up
 - Following all drop off/pick up procedures
 - Respecting the teachers, staff, and law enforcement at all times



Morning Drop Off

- ✓ Primary and Mixed Multiples (Mixed Multiples are cars with both Primary and Intermediate children) can be dropped off beginning at 7:00 AM. Parents should enter the drive and continue to the east side of the Primary building.
- ✓ From 7:00 to 7:40AM, students that can exit their cars on their own, should exit from the driver's side of the car in the left lane (lane closest to the primary building). Please know that there will be limited staff on duty from 7:00 AM to 7:30 AM, therefore students will need to exit cars themselves. A staff member will be supervising the students that are unloading outside and another staff member will be monitoring the cafeteria, where students will wait. If your child exits the car from the passenger side, please use the right lane.

Morning Drop Off Video



Daycare drop off

- Daycares can begin dropping off students at 7:00 AM on the East side of the Primary building. All daycare buses will go through the car line.
- Daycare buses carrying Intermediate only students will go through the Intermediate drop-off line.



Afternoon Pick Up

- Placards will be required for everyone. Cars that do not have placards will be asked to park and go to the office to get a placard.
- Pink placard: Primary A-L (last names beginning with A-L).
- Orange placard: Primary M-Z (last names beginning with M-Z).
- Green placard: Primary & Intermediate Mixed Multiples.
- Blue placard: Intermediate students only.
- The drive will open at 3:05 PM for Primary parents. Primary A-L parents should enter the right lane from Arkansas and Primary M-Z parents should enter the left lane from Arkansas.
- Mixed Multiples parents should enter the left lane of the drive from Arkansas at 3:30 PM and proceed to the south side of the Primary building to pick up students.

Pick Up Video



Homework and Health

- ✓ H&H is an after school program especially designed for students of ACA. It serves students Kindergarten - 8th grade
- ✓ It includes homework assistance, games/sports, technology time, fitness training and nutrition education
- ✓ Cost- \$30 one-time registration fee
 - Full Time tuition- \$250/month
 - Part Time tuition- \$25 daily rate
 - Drop-In (must already be registered)- \$30
- ✓ Primary Campus Coordinator- Julie Iacopi
- ✓ Information about H&H can be found on the website



First Day of School- Kindergarten

Kindergarten families will be permitted to walk their children into the classrooms on Wednesday, August 10th. In order to ensure all traffic has cleared for both campuses, we are asking that you arrive between 8:15 AM and 8:30 AM. If you have an Intermediate or Middle School child, you can drop your child off at those campuses first, then come to the Primary campus to walk in with your Kindergarten student. If you have multiple students at Primary, you may bring both at the 8:15 AM time and walk your Kindergarten child to their classroom. Parents dropping off between 7:00 and 7:30 will need to use the drive on the East side of the building to drop off, and will be unable to walk their child into the classroom. Parents dropping off between 7:30 and 8:30 will be able to walk their child into the classroom and should use the front doors to enter the building. Please let your teacher know, at Meet the Teacher, if you will be walking your child in on the first day.

On Thursday, August 11th, parents will be able to walk their Kindergarten student into the front lobby of the Primary campus. Staff will be on hand to ensure your child gets to the correct class. Please arrive between 8:15 AM and 8:30 AM on the second day as well.

On Friday, August 12th and after, parents are asked to drop their children off in the drive-through lanes on the east side of the building between 7:00 AM and 7:40 AM.

Reminder: Please do not park at the Intermediate campus. Parking is available at Primary or around the drive. Parking map is attached.

First Day of School- 1st & 2nd grade

New to ACA 1st and 2nd grade families will be permitted to walk their children into the classrooms on Wednesday, August 10th. Please park at the Primary campus and walk into the building beginning at 7:30 AM on the first day of school. Please do not park at the Intermediate campus. Parking is available at Primary or around the drive.

On Thursday, August 11th and after, parents are asked to drop their children off in the drive-through lanes on the east side of the building between 7:00 AM and 7:40 AM.

Returning 1st and 2nd grade families are asked to drop their students off on the east side of the Primary building via the drive on August 10th between 7:00 and 7:40 AM.

Upcoming Events- Save the date!

Monday, August 8

Meet the Teacher
Supply drop off
4:00-6:00 PM

Tuesday, August 16

- All Kindergarten classes
- Second Grade Pod A (Wright, Brito, Rodriguez, Niblo)
- 5:45 and 6:30 (same content @ each session)

Wednesday, August 17

- All First Grade classes
- Second Grade Pod B (Watkins, Barton, Iacopi, Montez)
- 5:45 and 6:30 (same content @ each session)

Thank you for attending Parent University!

Questions?

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