

# The Eagle's Eye



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## Gearing Up for 2007-2008

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Welcome back to our returning families and welcome to our new families. We are very excited about the coming school year and are committed to making it the best year ever at ACES.

One of the most important tasks that we perform in preparing for the coming school year is student scheduling. The process began prior to the close of school to allow for teacher input and was completed by administration this summer. Our goal is to establish classes that offer the "best fit" academically and socially

for each of our students. Placements are based on team decisions, which consider a number of factors. At this time we are confident that we have created optimal classroom configurations. Therefore, changes in placement are rare.

In this mailing you will find your child's schedule if they are in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Middle School schedules will be posted during the Meet and Greet on August 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to attend the Meet and Greet staff will be on hand the first day of school, in the front office, to distribute schedules.

#### ✓ Important Dates to Remember

8/30- AM Show Tryouts (3rd and 4th)

9/3—Early Release

9/6- Middle School Open House(6-7 PM)

9/11- 4th Grade Freedom Walk

9/11- K-2 Open House (6-7 PM)

9/18—3rd Grade FCAT Night (5:30-6:30 PM)

9/18—3rd through 5th Meet and Greet (6:30-8:30 PM)

9/20- Elementary Uniform Pictures

9/21—Middle School Uniform Pictures

## Program Highlights

As part of our continuous improvement effort we have made some minor changes to existing programs and added some additional courses.

For the 2007 – 2008 school year students in third grade will have one teacher all day. We feel this will benefit not only our students but, also help to ensure seamless communication with parents during this critical year. One classroom will serve students with current gifted education plans and the other three classrooms are balanced with a combination of students at varying ability levels.

An effort was made to ensure that 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have a maximum of two teachers where possible. This allows us to group students for reading, language arts and math based on academic need. Groups will include at risk, on level, advanced and gifted students. Homeroom classrooms are balanced with a combination of students at varying levels.

We have added Spanish II for native and non native speakers, Geometry, Art and Career and Entrepreneurship to our middle school program.

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## ACES Communicates on Thursdays

Home school communication is extremely important here at ACES. This year we are implementing a new system for sending materials home to our families. Thursdays will be the day that ACES will send home flyers and other important papers about our upcoming events, meetings, field trips, news, and much more. In an effort to make sure that parents are receiving everything that we send home, please look for this packet each and every Thursday.



## Team Sports/PE Update



ACES has an extremely eager group of students who participate in Team Sports as an elective. This school year we have added an additional PE coach. Coach Krumrie will join Coach Natvig on our middle school PE team.

Another new feature to Team Sports is that classes will participate in outdoor activi-

ties four times each week.

Classroom instruction will take place once a week, where students will focus on health education. Students enrolled in Team Sports will be required to wear their regular uniform on non-play days.

## Bells, Books and Backpacks

Last May students had an opportunity to purchase school supply toolboxes in advance. Those will be available at our annual "Meet and Greet". Students who would like to purchase the zippered binder will be able to do so for \$12.00. All other supplies should be purchased on your

own. Supply lists for your grade level are on our school's website.

Middle School students may not bring a backpack to school. Each student receives a textbook from each class to keep at home. Each middle schooler's binder will have everything they need

for each school day. Students may bring a small bag if they have other items that are necessary for after-school activities or other necessities. This will facilitate smooth transitions from class to class as the bell rings throughout the day.



## Uniforms

ACES is proud to be an all-uniform school. This year we have prescheduled our uniform company, In Unison to be at ACES for several on-site uniform sales. The first uniform sale date will be on July 30th for students with last names beginning with A-L, and August 1st, for students with last names beginning with M-Z. Families will still be able to purchase uniforms

from In Unison's website ([www.inunisonkids.com](http://www.inunisonkids.com)). For a complete listing of dates of our on-site uniform sales, refer to the flyer sent home or our school's website. Please remember that the school uniform is to be worn to school everyday. Students who are not in uniform will be asked to call home for their uniform. We will not admit any student to class

who is out of appropriate school dress code.

One very exciting part of ACES is our school spirit. Last year students had the opportunity to purchase school spirit t-shirts to wear on our school spirit days. This year we have designed a fantastic new shirt for all to purchase.

## Meet and Greet Schedule



### Wednesday, August 15, 2007

6th Grade 9:00-10:00 AM  
 7th Grade 11:00-12:00 PM  
 8th Grade 1:00-2:00 PM  
 5th Grade 3:00-4:00 PM

### Thursday, August 16, 2007

Kindergarten 8:30-9:30 AM  
 1st Grade 10:15-11:00 AM  
 2nd Grade 11:45-12:30 PM  
 3rd Grade 1:15-2:00 PM  
 4th Grade 2:45-3:45 PM

