



Every Fox Needs a Den. Welcome to Yours!



A message from your Principal, Ms. Maldonado

ACES Den Happenings

Mission: Cultivating learners who apply skills and experiences to enrich society

Vision: A recognized community of learners, where everyone has the voice, freedom, and responsibility to create individual learning path

Greetings Fox Families!

We had another awesome week at ACES. There is much excitement and energy as we enter our final week of the 2021 school year. Students are embracing demonstrating kindness through small acts. Our confetti wall of Kindness is filling up and donations for our NICU service learning project are trickling in.

To support our school wide focus of Kindness, ACES is doing a service project that will benefit current **NICU families of Rush Copley Hospital**. Our goal is to make 32 stockings filled with items for parents and their preemie. Here is an [Amazon Smile Wish List](#) that you can purchase from. The list was created with the assistance of the head nurse at the NICU. You can have your child(ren) bring in items or directly send them to ACES. The deadline for Donations is Friday December 17. Your support will bring a much needed smile and cheer to parents during a difficult time. Please refer to the image below with further donation information. We have met our baby books goal and are in need of zipper sleepers and diapers.

As we enter the last week of the 2021 school year I want to thank you for your continued support. This has been a school year with many bumps but through it all you have continued to support our staff and students. Our students have continued to adjust to the nuisances of the year and to our students who were remote they have become acclimated to school. There is much learning that has occurred and our students have made tremendous growth. There have been so many smiles and so much laughter because they are in school experiencing much of what we missed the last year in a half.

I hope you all have a wonderful winter break filled with memories with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming our students in the new year.

As always if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Go Foxes! Paw Pride! ACES Believes!

Ms. Elisa Maldonado
Principal

A graphic for a NICU Stocking Donation. It features a red Christmas stocking with a white reindeer and snowflake patterns, filled with various gifts like wrapped presents, candy canes, and pinecones. The background is a rustic wooden plank wall. The text 'NICU Stocking Donation' is written in large, red, stylized letters. Below it, 'December 1-17' is written in green and red. A list of items for donation is provided on the right side. At the bottom, it says 'Each class will donate a stocking to the Rush Copley NICU floor.'

NICU Stocking Donation

December 1-17

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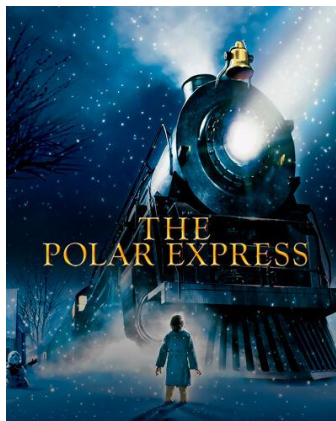
Items for donation

- Adult coloring book and colored pencils
- Newborn or preemie long sleeved onsies
- Pampers premie or newborn diapers
- baby books
- taggie blankets
- blankets
- Shampoo/conditioner
- toothbrush, toothpaste
- aquaphor lotion
- warm socks
- bodywash
- chapstick
- loafa
- gum

Notes to Note

ACES Weekly Reminders

- If your child(ren) completes their weekly goal of 5 lessons a week of Dreambox and of Lexia/Core 5 and PowerUp for (K, 1 and 2-6 identified students) they will be placed in a raffle to win "Den Tokens." We raffled our first 12 lucky student names on Thursday and announced them. They earned a token worth 5. We will be doing this bimonthly.
- The PTO is looking for volunteers to help support our scheduled events for this school year. Please consider donating your time to support these events for our students! Click on this link to sign up. [ACES PTO: 2021-2022 PTO Committees \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)
- Please join us for the December PTO meeting reschedule on Thursday, December 16 at 6pm. Click on this link to join. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5315339759>



Winter Celebration

This is our third annual winter spirit week for staff and students from December 13th-17th. This year our theme is "Polar Express" it aligns with our school wide theme of "Believing." Here is the spirit week dress up days break down:

Monday December 13th

Wear Pajamas!

Tuesday December 14th

Wear Festive Headgear or a Winter Hat!

Wednesday December 15th

Wear an ugly Christmas/Holiday sweater OR Winter sweater!

Thursday December 16th

Sparkly Bright Day - Wear something Sparkly, Bright or Shiny.

Friday December 17th

Wear Plaid!

School Wide Word of the Week

- Week 1: Commence
- Week 2: Toil
- Week 3: Delectable
- Week 4: Treacherous
- Week 5: Jovial
- Week 6: Quest
- Week 7: Illuminate
- Week 8: Frigid
- Week 9: Peculiar
- Week 10: Eerie
- Week 11: Valiant
- Week 12: Generosity
- Week 13: Compassion
- Week 14: No word due to shorten week
- Week 15: Jubilant
- Week 16: Tradition

Week 17: No word



Intramurals

In compliance with the guidance, Yorkville is excited to be offering in-person athletic

intramurals for the 21-22 school year for coed cross country, coed volleyball, girls basketball, boys basketball, and coed soccer. All athletic activities will adhere to the levels of play allowed per the Governor and strict social distancing protocols will be followed. Masks will be required for indoor sports and students will need to bring their own water bottles.

Completing [THIS](#) google form serves as registration for your student and includes information about requirements, timelines and costs to participate. Registered students will receive an email from the building coaching staff with specific information regarding their sport.



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Traffic Procedures

Drop-off, pick-off and mid-day traffic procedures are linked below. Please ensure to review. As we start the year we appreciate your patience with our traffic procedures. It may take a bit longer at the start of the year until we have the routine in place.

[ACES Parent Pick-Up Procedures 2021-2022](#)

[ACES Parent Drop-Off Procedures 2021-2022](#)

[ACES Mid-day Procedures 2021-2022](#)



Attendance Matters

It is important that your child come to school everyday. We promptly begin the day at 8:35 a.m. If for any reason your child will be absent from school please call the main office at 630-553-4048 to report the absence. You can make phone calls late at night and leave a message.

Your child's success starts with attendance!!



Student Self-Certification

All parents need to certify their child **daily**. Certification e-mails will be sent to your email daily beginning at 4 AM to self-certify. You will need to certify for every child. The purpose is to track symptoms and monitor positive cases.



Upcoming Events

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December 2021

16 - Rescheduled PTO Meeting @ 6:00 PM

16 - Restaurant Night @ Rosati's

17 - Early Release @ 2:35 PM

12/18 - 1/2 - Winter Break

1/3 - School Resumes



Mark your calendars!!!

Free Meal Program

Through June 30, 2022, all students continue to qualify to receive free meals through a program sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture and Illinois State Board of Education.

What is included in a qualifying meal? A qualifying meal includes the child's choice of an entrée, fruit/vegetables and a milk. À la carte items are not included in a qualifying meal, but may be purchased by students depending on availability.

School Menu:

[December Lunch Menu](#)

Partner Programs

ACES has a very active and inclusive parent group. PTO is a formal organization composed of parents/guardians, teachers and staff that is intended to facilitate parental participation in our school. Our next meeting of the year will be **Thursday December 16, 2021**. We are always looking for new faces to be a part of our group. Any and all are welcome!



For more information please follow the ACES PTO website or Facebook group listed below.

ACES PTO Website - aces-pto.com
ACES PTO Facebook Group - facebook.com/groups/ACESPTO

Feedback & Ways to Connect

Want to stay connected? Here are a few ways to stay connected to ACES:

- Autumn Creek Facebook page
- Autumn Creek Webpage
- Autumn Creek Twitter
- Autumn Creek Instagram Page
- Autumn Creek PTO and BPAC
- Weekly "Den Happenings" Newsletter from Ms. Maldonado
- Teacher newsletters and/or webpages

Autumn Creek Elementary | 630-553-4048 | Fax 630-553-4060 | www.y115.org/aces

STAY CONNECTED

