



## 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 fantastic week at ACES. We have an action packed two weeks left in our school year which include continuing our school wide focus of Kindness and our final week of Winter Celebration.

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 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



## 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 on Tuesday, December 14 at 6pm. Click on this link to join. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5315339759>

### ACES Afterschool Academic Game Club

We are reopening enrollment for the afterschool academic game club to all students in grades 1st-6th. The purpose is to reinforce grade level concepts in a format that allows students to practice concepts in both reading and math through game. Below are the time frames for the club which we will be offering for two more sessions.

Session #2: January 11th - February 16th, 2021

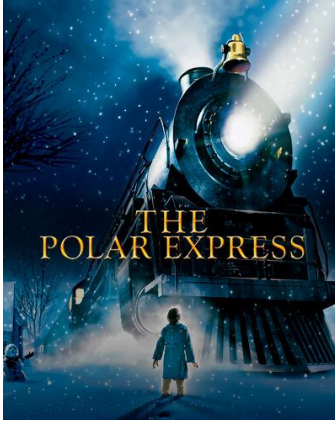
Session #3: March 1st - April 13th (No club week of March 21st)

This club will be 2 days per week for 75 minutes 3:35-4:50 PM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Transportation will be provided if your child qualifies and a snack will be offered to all students. **Please fill out the enrollment form to sign up your child by Friday, December 10. It is open to all families. If you have already signed your child up for session 2 and 3 you DO NOT need to fill this out.**

### [ACES Academic Game Club Enrollment Form](#)

**\*Enrollment is not guaranteed. We do cap numbers at each grade level. We will send a confirmation of enrollment the week of December 13 for Session 2 and for Session 3 two weeks prior to the start date.**

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Maldonado at [emaldonado@y115.org](mailto:emaldonado@y115.org)



### **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!

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### **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**

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## 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

### December 2021

**8 - Q2 Read Aloud Pajama Party with Tad Hills!**

6:45pm on Wednesday, December 8th

Zoom webinar link: <https://y115-org.zoom.us/j/92085405167>

Webinar ID: 920 8540 5167



**10 - ACES Author Lauren Tarshis**

**14 - 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!!!**

## Fox Foodies

### 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 **Tuesday December 14, 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](https://aces-pto.com)**  
**ACES PTO Facebook Group - [facebook.com/groups/ACESPTO](https://facebook.com/groups/ACESPTO)**

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](http://www.y115.org/aces)

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