



## 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 Autumn Creek Families!

We had a fantastic first week back to school. Students are getting back into the routine. We missed them and were excited to see their faces in the hallways once again. We wrapped up the week with our spelling bee. All our 6th grade participants did a fantastic job. A HUGE congratulations to Tristan who will be representing ACES for winning our school spelling bee. A congratulations as well to our second place winner Ahlyzza and third place winner Victor.

Our students did a great job with AIMS testing this week. We will be transitioning to NWEA MAP testing (K-6 students) next week.

Our weather is quite frigid. Please ensure to send your child(ren) with the appropriate attire for outside weather. Also note that when temperatures are this extreme we do indoor recess for students. We make this determination on a daily basis. Here are some reminders:

- Continue to monitor your child(ren) for symptoms. If they display any please contact our school nurse, Brandi Delaney at [bdelaney@y115.org](mailto:bdelaney@y115.org)
- Please provide your child with a back up mask in their bookbag. There are times where masks may break or get wet and it is helpful to have a backup mask of the style your child prefers.

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

## 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)

### 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  
Week 19: Rigorous

### Week 19: Attire



## 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.

- Boys Basketball - Practices will be held the weeks of February 7, 14, and 22.
  - Registration will close on 1/31/22
- Co-ed Soccer - Practices will be held the weeks of April 19, 25, and May 2.

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.

\*Please be mindful that if your child has had covid in 2021 you are required to provide a waiver signed by your physician and submit the form to the nurse. You can email her at [bdelaney@y115.org](mailto:bdelaney@y115.org)



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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](#)



### 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



### 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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#### January 2022

- 13 - 6th Grade YMS Parent Presentation
- 14 - Teacher Institute Day - No School!
- 17 - Martin Luther King Day - No School!
- 18 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00 PM Via Zoom
- 19 - Restaurant Night @ Panera
- 17 - Early Release @ 2:35 PM



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:

[January 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 January 18, 2022**. 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](http://aces-pto.com)  
ACES PTO Facebook Group - [facebook.com/groups/ACESPTO](https://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](http://www.y115.org/aces)

STAY CONNECTED

