



Parent Newsletter for the Accelerated Achievement Academy  
May 2017

**Congratulations to the Academy for being recognized by the state of California. The Academy has been awarded the 2016 California Honor Roll Award. We were one of 137 schools given this award. This is such an honor for our high performing students.**

**Note from Mrs. Herbst:** Please remember that students are to complete community service hours before the end of the school year. Hours are due May 31st. 4th and 5th grade students need to earn 15 hours and 6th-8th grade students need to earn 20 hours. If you need a list of possible places to volunteer, please let me know.

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR!!!!** Congratulations to **Cynthia Ito** for earning the Teacher of the Year Award! Your hard work does not go unnoticed!

**State Science Fair:** Congratulations to **Samantha Slykas** for placing in the top 18 and **Molly Moniz** who earned Honorable Mention.

**Sumdog Contest:** Congratulations to **Emma Franks!** Out of 19,356 students participating in the National Sumdog Contest, Emma is ranked 10th. The Academy is ranked 121 out of 2,985 classes.

**Hollister Police Department 5K Run and 1 Mile Run:** Here is an opportunity for students to earn 4 hours of community service hours. On May 13th the Hollister Police Department will have a 5K run and 1 Mile run starting at 9:00 a.m. I will be participating in the 5K run and I would like to have a AAA team. The cost is \$35.00 for the 5K and \$25.00 for the 1 Mile. All participants need to register online.

**Calendar Change:** Just a reminder that Thursday, May 4, 2017 will be a minimum day as always. However, there will a time change for this day. School will start at the normal time, 8:05 for middle school and 8:10 for elementary. However, **DISMISSAL TIME WILL BE AT 12:00** to allow our teachers to collaborate with other teachers throughout the district. Please put this time change on you calendar.

**ELAC:** Please join us on **Friday, May 5, 2017 at 9:00**, as we continue to discuss programs and strategies that can be done with your children, both at home and at school.

**Gator Gathering:** The Academy started having a Gator Gathering on Monday's from 8:05-8:30 in the library. This is a time that we get together as a school and discuss what it means to be a GATOR, give announcements, review behavior expectations, and announce the students of the week. I also announce the student of the month and class of the month. **During testing, Gator Gathering will be on Friday's at 1:15.**

**Students of the month:**

Aaron Rodriguez (November)  
Eden De Alba and Nina Rodriguez (December)  
Katelyn Sotelo (January)  
Maria Russo (February)  
Devin Espinoza (March)  
Diego Rocha (April)

**Class of the month:**

5th grade (December)  
7th grade (January)  
8th grade (February)  
6th grade (March)  
4th grade (April)

**YEARBOOK:** The Academy Yearbook is now on sale! Students were given information on how to order their yearbook online. If you did not receive this information, please let me know. The cost for the yearbook is \$25.00.

**8th grade promotion pictures are on Tuesday, May 2nd.  
Please check the attached calendar for important dates.**

## May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 SBAC Testing  SSC Meeting 3:15-4:15  <b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b>	2 SBAC Testing  <b>8th Grade Promotion Pictures</b>	3 SBAC Testing	4 SBAC Testing  <b>12:00 Release Time</b>	5 SBAC Testing  ELAC 9:00	6
7	8 SBAC Testing	9 SBAC Testing  <b>Day of the Teacher</b>	10 SBAC Testing	11 SBAC Testing  Ride your Bike to School (wear your helmet)	12 Gator Gathering  SBAC Testing  Free Dress Day: Nerd Day	13
14	15 SBAC Testing	16 SBAC Testing  Girls Inc. Information Night 6:00	17 SBAC Testing  Reclassification Dinner 4:30-6:00	18 SBAC Testing	19 Gator Gathering  SBAC Testing	20
21	22 Make Up Testing	23 School Board Meeting	24	25  <b>AAA Open House-PBL Night 5:45-7:00</b>	26 Gator Gathering  Los Dichos	27
28	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	30	31 <b>Community Service Hours DUE!!!! NO LATE HOURS ACCEPTED!</b>			