

"Lighting a Path for the World"

ASCENSION
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

THE ROAD

WINTER 2015 Volume 7, Issue 1

PROUD TO BE A LION



Students at ACH are proud of their new jackets that arrived just in time for the cold weather. Pictured left to right: Madison Bledsoe, Emily Millet, Ashlie McGowan, Alek Falgoust, Ian Carter, Paxton Page, Lainey Gamble, Brye Templet, and Caleb Bruno

Scores Continue to Rise

ACH students scored well on the PSAT and ACT. Recent scores from the PSAT indicate that 60% of the 11th grade students are on track to be college and career ready. The national average is 45.8%. This is good news for ACH! As well, the average ACT score for our 2014 graduating seniors is 20.7 whereas the state average is 19.5. ACH students also scored higher than the state average in all categories of the ACT: English, Algebra, Social Science, and Biology. More work is being done to help students improve. Some students are electing to take the ACT Prep class. We will monitor those students' scores to evaluate gains. Those results will be published soon.

AC's newest teacher

is Mrs. Aliesa Gourgues, a recent LSU grad. She teaches high school math, and she will be the cheerleader sponsor for 2015-2016. We are excited to welcome her to the faculty!



Winter and Spring Semester 2015 Events

ACH TIONS

ACH: Feed My Starving
Children Quarters Fund
Drive Jan 26-30

AC Jr. Beta Competition
Jan 31

ACH Baseball
Hit-a-thon
Jan 31

Dental Health Week
ACE K4-K5
Feb 2-6

ACH Job Shadow Day
Feb 2

ACT Testing
February 7

ACH:NHS Candy Grams
Feb 9-13

ACE: Love Thy Neighbor
Feb 13

Winter Break
February 16-18

Braveheart
K4-Jr. High
Feb 23-27

ACH: Save A Heart &
Spiritual Emphasis Week
Mar 2-6

ACE: Read Across America
K4-6
Mar 2

ACE: K4 K5
Wacky Wednesday
Mar 4

ACE Book Fair
Mar 9-13

End of 3rd Nine Weeks
Mar 13

ACH: Jr. Beta
Easter Basket Campaign
Mar 16-25

ACE: Bubbles In The Wind
K4 & K5
Mar 19

ACE Kite Day 1st & 2nd
Mar 19

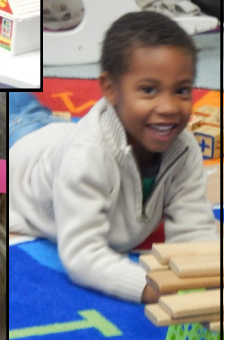
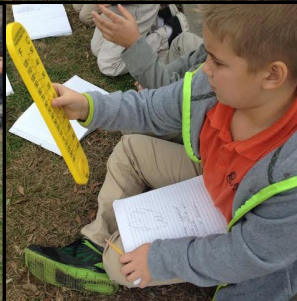
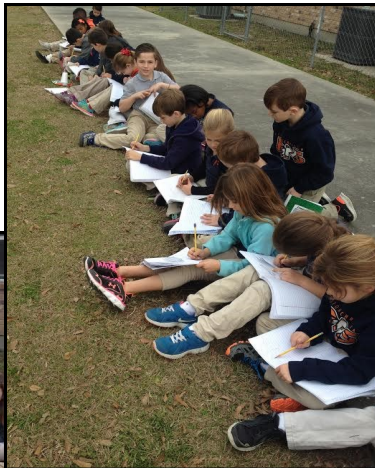
PROM: MARCH 7th

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

WEATHER BUGS

Mrs. Person's 2nd Graders

Students used hand made weather tools to collect data on temperature, wind speed, and wind direction. Students gathered the data to make predictions about the weather.

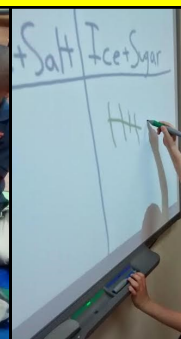


LEARNING IS FUN!

Experiments Are Fun!

K4: Mrs. Allred, Ms. Dinnel, and Mrs. Catlin

Students enjoyed learning through experiments using shaving cream. Also, students experimented with salt, sugar, and ice to make predictions about each. Many activities were scheduled for the 100th school day.



100th Day is lots of fun



K-4 Elephant Toothpaste



Recreating the aftermath of an oil spill on wildlife



Word Contractions



AC Lions & Legacy Gala

On May 1, 2015, Ascension Christian will hold its first fundraising gala. The purpose of the event is to raise funds to purchase value-added items that are not normally funded by school tuition. Superintendent Mark Pellegrin says the event is going to be a great time.

"I can assure everyone that it will be a blast to be at the gala. Lots of food, fun, and friends. I know it will be 'the' event of the season!"

The search is on for auction items. To donate something for the gala, please contact the event planner, Leah Barbato at ascensionchristiangala@gmail.com.

For tickets and information please visit www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/ACS.

Jr. High Students Publish

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) takes place every November. Students are challenged to complete a novel in 30 days beginning November 1. The word goal for the Young Writers Program allows 17-and-under participants to set reasonable, yet challenging, individual word-count goals.

The AC Jr. High students worked to set their own goals ranging from 5,000-30,000 words, and 90% of the students met or exceeded their set goal. Collectively, the 7th and 8th grade students wrote 476,403 words!

Some students have already published their novels while others plan to publish after completing revisions this spring.

Basketball seniors Allyson Cambre, Marc Sholar, Kagan Carter, and Thomas Gamble on Senior Night.



Ascension Christian Schools LIONS & Legacy

Gala & Silent Auction

FRIDAY - MAY 1, 2015

7:00PM

Household of Faith Church

10469 AIRLINE HWY, GONZALES

TICKETS \$25 • DRESS ATTIRE



Novelists Brooke Leblanc and Savannah Marcello with AC English teacher Vickie Elliott



Senior soccer player Makala Calhoun is honored by Coach Ray Linton on the final home game. Pictured with Makala are her mother and step-father, Brooke and Anthony Delatte.

ACE: Spring Pictures Mar 9-11

Staff Development Day
Mar 20

Spring Break
Mar 20-23

ACH: Lady Lions Softball
Invitational
Mar 27-28

ELC: Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 27

ACH: Jr. High Science
And Robotics Fair
Apr 1

ACE: Social Studies Fair
4th -6th
Apr 1

ACE: Easter Program
K4-6
Apr 2

ACH: Annual Serve Day
Apr 2

Easter Holidays
Apr 3-10

ACH: SGA Campaign &
Elections
Apr 13-17

ACH: ACT Testing
Apr 18

ACE: Earth Day &
Butterfly Release
K4-6
Apr 22

ACH: SGA/Beta Lock-in
Apr 24-25

ACH: State Literary Rally
Apr 25

National Day of Prayer
May 1

Teacher Appreciation
May 4-8

Jr. Beta Convention 6-8
May 7-8

ACE: Mother's Tea K4-2
ELC: Muffins with Moms
May 8

ACH: Spring Sports
Awards
May 11

ACE: End of Year Program
May 20

ACE: Family Picnic &
Water Day
May 21

ACH: Awards Day May 20

ACE: Awards Day May 22

Graduation: May 16

Lions & Legacy Gala May 1st

ACH Students—Bring Your Device

In the fall of 2015, 7-12 students will need their own electronic devices to school. The technology requirements for personal devices includes the following:

- Minimum 8" screen
- Physical keyboard
- 802.11g or better Wifi capability

The recommended device is a Chromebook. It comes with all of the requirements. They are also uniquely equipped to work the

Google Apps that Ascension Christian uses in the classroom. We recommend the Asus CB3-111-C8UB Chromebook. It is available at Best Buy and online retailers. It uses the latest Wifi standard, with 8 hours of battery life and weighs less than 3 pounds. This Chromebook retails for about \$200.

iPads and android tablets are acceptable but will require a physical keyboard and case.

Enabling Students to Find Their Place

Craig graduated from high school as the valedictorian. He had earned a 4.0 grade point average, but why shouldn't he? His dad was a doctor, and his mom was an accountant. He came from great stock and everyone assumed he'd go on to earn multiple post-secondary degrees. In fact, most assumed he'd become a doctor like his father. So off to college Craig went. [read more...](#)



Dr. Tim Elmore is a leading authority on how to understand the next generation and prepare tomorrow's leaders today. For more information on Growing Leaders check out his website at [Growing Leaders...](#)

Feed My Starving Children

Students raised over \$2700 in one week for the "Feed My Starving Children" campaign. The funds purchased meal packs. ACH partnered with Children's Cup, a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The campaign was simple: children and adults hand-packed meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, then shipped the meals to nearly 70 countries. After raising the money to buy the food, ACH students assisted with packing the meals for shipment. Thanks to our students and families for making a difference around the world!



Right: District Beta winners: Ashley McGowan, Natasha Kelley, Hannah Blanchard, and Nicholas Schexnayder

SUPERSTARS



Jr. Beta District winners: Hayden Cashat, Easton Stelly, Noah Blair, and Levi Rogers with sponsor, Mrs. Elliott

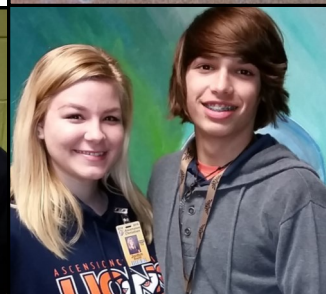


Beta State Winners: Jordyn Blazier, 2nd in Art, Noah Hoover, 3rd in Color Photography

SUPERSTARS



Students at play in 2015



Surprise baby shower for Mrs. Jennings



ACH Color Guard and Cheerleaders at the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl in Orlando L to R: Lainey Gamble, Kenedi Falgoust, Alayna Sanchez, and Mallory Carpenter