

THE ACADEMY FOR CIVIC AND ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP/NOVEMBER 2010

November News @ACEL

It is hard to believe that we are already in to November, and we apologize for not restarting the ACEL-Insider sooner. As most of you are well aware, we have had a few unforeseen delays and challenges that have affected our schedules greatly. But, now that things are at least calming down a bit, we plan to issue the Insider on the first school day of each month. Of course, any time you have a question you are welcome to call the office at (559) 408-7077 or to e-mail the school at ichavez@acelfresno.org.

The first two months of school were certainly exciting, and we saw some great things happen in a short period of time. We re-opened the doors of the Passenger Building of the Fresno Station and began the first of our ten years that we have committed to the site. We welcomed new students, new teachers, and reacquainted ourselves with returning friends. We celebrated a ribbon-cutting and prepared for year two of our unique adventure.

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A Message from Mr. Childers

I wanted to say a quick thank you to all of the staff, teachers, students, parents, and community supporters that have made the last couple months incredibly exciting. Opening the school last year was a unique thrill, but this year has surpassed that - and then some. We have a great new (but historic)

building and a whole new energy with more students and teachers on campus. There continue to - and always will be - great challenges. But the support, patience, and enthusiasm that surrounds us reminds me every single day that ACEL is still a fantastic roller coaster ride that I love dearly.



Mr. Ogden and Mr. Durham got into the spirit of twin day by dressing up as and serving as referees for the three-legged race on the back patio. Congrats to Breylee and Song for winning with an incredible display of teamwork!



We kicked off Shark Week with "team day," and Mr. Childers decided to represent our friends and neighbors to the Southeast the Fresno Grizzlies. Here he is pictured with winners and original Sharks Alondra and Justin!



You have seen him on KMPH Fox 26, heard him on the Alan Autry Show on KYNO 940 AM, and he is now working with ACEL students every Tues and Wed afternoon - Mr. Bill Coate.

Please take note of the following



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Some other highlights of the school year thus far:

- ACEL-Fresno is officially a candidate for accreditation through WASC - and we will receive our first visit in January of 2011.
- Our students already have had an opportunity to attend the Fresno Pacific Business Forum and a job shadowing experience at Jeffrey/Scott Advertising - with more field trips, volunteer opportunities, and job shadowing experiences already being planned.
- One student, Micaela Clark, won first place in the Fresno County Boys and Girls Club video contest for a PSA that she produced regarding teenage pregnancy.
- Student laptops arrived last week and should be ready to distribute to students by next week.
- Teachers and students have been able to fully utilize an important component of our curriculum - Schoology.com.
- Slowly (but surely) we are getting

close to launching our new Student Information System - School Pathways. This will allow parents a separate log-in to the system to view attendance, grades, and other important school information from anywhere. We look forward to sharing all of this - and more - with you at Back to School Night. This year it will be held on Tuesday, November 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. We will be sending home more specific information on the event the week prior, including the schedule. We highly encourage you to attend to find out more about what is happening at ACEL, especially in each individual class that your child attends. In addition there will be information about the ACEL Booster Club, recruiting new students for next year, our book project with Mr. Coate and the Fresno Historical Society, and many, many other important items. We can't wait to see all of you there on November 16!

Now we must look ahead to the end of the First Semester - which is only six weeks away. The last day of school - and the last day that work will be accepted for students' grades - is Friday, December 17. Now is an important time for all students and parents to assess their progress and determine what needs to be done between now and December 17 to make sure that semester grades are the best that they can possibly be.

Thank you again for everything, and look for the next Insider on Dec. 1!

ACEL Info:

- Please remember that school starts at 8:15 a.m. Students that are not in their seats at 8:15 will serve detention after school to make up the time missed.
- Please also note that school ends at 3:00 p.m. Students will only be allowed to wait in front of the building for their ride until 3:15, then they will be signed into the After School Program.
- The After School Program can only be open until 5:30 p.m. each day. Please respect the time of the teachers by ensuring that all students have been picked up by that time. Thank you in advance!
- Lunches at ACEL are billed on a monthly basis, so please keep your eyes open for that monthly statement. We greatly appreciate your prompt payment, it allows us to continue to provide a great and nutritional lunch every single day!
- Here are updated office hours for ACEL. However, you may call (559) 408-7077 and leave a message at any time.

Monday-Thursday 7:30 - 4:00
Friday 7:30 - 3:30

On the Calendar...



Nov. 3 - Art Class Field Trip

Nov. 5 - Robinson School Carnival

Nov. 11-12 - No School (Veteran's Day)

Nov. 16 - Back to School Night

Nov. 17 - ACEL Board Meeting

Nov. 20 - African-American

Recruitment Conference (Fresno St.)

Nov. 22-26 - No School (Thanksgiving)

Dec. 17 - End of 1st Semester

Jan. 10 - Beginning of 2nd Semester