

October 5, 2016

Dear Parents & Guardians,

First I would like to thank everyone for participating in our annual Cherrydale Fundraiser. Our top sellers will be announced

are: **1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jahmir M.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Gabrielle D & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Tahir J.**



Again we appreciate all of your support and thank you for your amazing sales!! Items will be back in 4-5 weeks.

**DID YOU KNOW??? October is National Bullying Prevention Month.**

To get prepared, check out these bullying prevention resources:

- App available for download to your Smartphone or Tablet:

*KnowBullying* by SAMHSA

- Websites:

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/cyberbullying>

<http://cyberbullying.org>

I also want to invite all AFPCS families to our 1<sup>st</sup> **Family Unity Night (F.U.N.)** on **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** at the Lower School. The theme is a Family Bingo Night!! Light refreshments will be served!

Harvest Festival is on the way and this year's theme is: **AFPCS RODEO**. All students are encouraged to dress to our theme. (No horror, demonic, scary costumes allowed) We are asking for donations of candy, juice boxes, fruit snacks, individual bags of pretzels, popcorn, chips, and snacks. Each child will receive a goodie bag during Harvest Festival from your donations.

I hope to see you there! Thank you for your support and partnership as we continue to strive for Excellence!

Mrs. Joanna Hightower

Chief Executive Officer/Principal



Join us on **Thursday,**  
**October 6<sup>th</sup>** for  
**FAMILY UNITY NIGHT** at  
**5:30pm** in the Lower School.

The theme is Harvest Bingo! Enjoy playing with your children and winning lots of fun harvest prizes. Light Refreshments will be served!  
See you there!



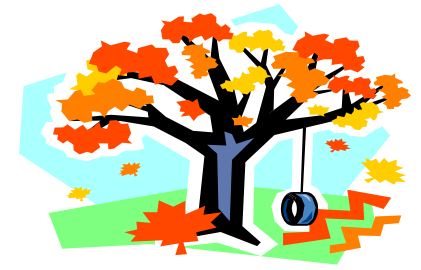
*Week of October 3-7*




FALL into READING this October with some new books. Our book fair will be held in the **Lower School Bldg** all week! (US students can buy books too.)

*On Thursday, Oct. 6 the book fair will also be open during Family Unity Night from 5pm-6:30pm. You can also purchase books from our book fair ONLINE until 10/9! Visit [www.afpcs.org](http://www.afpcs.org) for the link!*



# OCT-NOV 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OCT 2 BOOK FAIR OPEN ALL WEEK --->	3 E-Day Applications available for 2017-18 NEW STUDENT lottery	4 F-Day	5 A-Day *WED. FOLDER-Pls Sign *Progress Reports SENT HOME - PLEASE SIGN & RETURN TO SCHOOL	6 B-Day Family Unity Night (FUN) - Harvest BINGO 5:30pm—LS	7 C-Day Pretzel Sale \$0.50	8
9	10 NO SCHOOL COLUMBUS DAY	11 D-Day	12 E-Day	13 F-Day	14 A-Day *Pretzel Sale \$0.50 Dress Down Day \$2 "FALL ORANGE"	15 High School Fair
16	17 B-Day	18 C-Day	19 D-Day *WED. FOLDER-Pls Sign	20 E-Day	21 F-Day Pretzel Sale (US ONLY) *LS Trip to Shady- brook Farms (K-3)	22
23	24 A-Day	25 B-Day *PAB Meeting 5pm LS Cafeteria *AFPCS Board Meeting 6pm LS Lab	26 C-Day *8th grade trip to Frank- lin Institute	27 D-Day	28 E-Day *Pretzel Sale \$0.50  Theme: AFPCS Rodeo	29 
30	31 NO SCHOOL STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	NOV 1 F-Day *Picture Day  PICTURE DAY	2 A-Day *WED. FOLDER-Pls Sign	3 B-Day	4 C-Day Pretzel Sale \$0.50	5

“TECH-KNOWLEDGE-Y is POWER!”



# The Lower School



**PROGRESS REPORTS WERE SENT HOME TODAY!**

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THEM!**



**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BOOK FAIR!**

**THURSDAY NIGHT FROM 5:30-6:30PM!!!**

**OUR GOAL IS THAT EVERY STUDENT BUYS  
AT LEAST ONE BOOK!!!**



**LOWER SCHOOL TRIP!  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>.**

**\$15.00 PER CHILD**

**PLEASE SEND MONEY AND A  
PERMISSION SLIP ASAP!**

**NO SLIP = NO TRIP!**

Do you have a computer or tablet at home? Sign your children up for [zearn.org](https://www.zearn.org) for FREE and watch their math skills soar!





## Upper School News (Grades 4 – 8)

# SHOUT OUT

to our top Cherry Dale Sellers!

TOP SELLER: Jahmir M. (7<sup>th</sup>)

2<sup>nd</sup>: Gabrielle D. (8<sup>th</sup>)

3<sup>rd</sup>: Tahir J. (4<sup>th</sup>)

Thank you for  
your support!

### ATTENTION 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade community service programs will start in collaboration with the YMCA Leaders Program next week. Please keep an eye out for more information. (Note: Students can earn service hours through this program in addition to the hours earned in our Get Hype Philly club).

Please reach out to Ms. Lloyd ([tlloyd@afpcs.org](mailto:tlloyd@afpcs.org)) with any questions.

### DBIS REMINDERS

- Students are NOT permitted to wear boots to school. Please review the uniform policy in your Parent Handbook.
- Merit Monday participants: Students MUST be in jeans, AFPCS polo and SNEAKERS.

Thanks for your support with these expectations!

### PARENT PORTAL

Please remember to log in to the Portal (via [www.afpcs.org](http://www.afpcs.org)) to get important messages and calendar reminders from your child's teacher!

Also, please be sure to download the Parent Portal phone app and sign up for e-mail notifications so you can receive weekly updates on your child's grades in each class. Information on how to sign up for the app and weekly notifications has been posted on the Portal.

If you need help with your login information please e-mail Mrs. Asher at [masher@afpcs.org](mailto:masher@afpcs.org) for support.



# Alliance for Progress Charter School

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## Parent Right-to-Know Letter

Parent Right to Know Information as Required by The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)] and the Every Student Succeeds Act [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)]

10/5/2016

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

Your child attends **Alliance for Progress Charter School**, which receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child.

At **Alliance for Progress Charter School**, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additionally right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include
  - subject matter tested,
  - purpose of the test,
  - source of the requirement (if applicable),
  - amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
  - time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact **Mrs. Hightower** at **Alliance for Progress Charter School** at 215-232-4892 or email me at [jhightower@afpcs.org](mailto:jhightower@afpcs.org)

Sincerely,

**Mrs. Joanna Hightower, CEO/Principal**