



The Census

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Have you ever wondered if ACA were a village of 100 people, how many would be like you? The Enrichment group wants to find out! On March 17 and March 24, we are taking a Census of our school. ACA Census workers will be coming to your classroom to ask you about, well, you! We will create a digital presentation of our results and will make it available to your teachers. This project is modeled after the 2010 U.S. Census.

The 2010 U.S. Census will be mailed to your family in mid-March, so that you can fill it out on April 1, also known as Census Day 2010. In past years, people have not participated in the Census because they have said it is too long and overwhelming. This year, the Census is the shortest in history – only 10 questions! Since the Census has been shortened this year, we hope that students will fill out the Census forms with their parents. We know what you're thinking: *'What will they do with all this information about my family and me?'* Well, the Census data will be used to determine how many representatives your state will get in the U.S. Congress and your community's representatives in your state's legislature. The data will also be used to help decide how to spend more than \$400 billion. The Census is very important for you and our country, so make sure you participate!

Quill Corner

A writing sample from Quill Society member Faith Delle, 7th grade:

I never thought there'd come a day Running and laughing
When the light would go out With him by my side
And the music was silenced.

In my mind I'd imagine He never really knew
Growing up and growing old He had meaning in my life...

Financial Education Workshop

Attention Parents of 3rd-5th Graders: Teaching your kids the value of money is easier than you ever imagined. Parents now have the opportunity to take part in a no-cost, convenient workshop – *What's on the Menu? Financial Education for Families.*

What happens at the Parent Workshop?

It only takes 60-minutes to teach moms and dads easy activities you can do with your elementary-aged child at home to boost their money sense and basic math skills. Through games and exercises, plus a take-home activity kit created by Scholastic, families learn together how to better manage money and create sensible family budgets. You'll use items such as measuring cups and a mock "restaurant bill" to make learning fun.

When is the free Workshop?

Sign up now for our school's *Financial Education for Families* workshop, sponsored by Volunteer USA and SunTrust Foundation. It will be held on Wednesday, March 24th, from 6:30-9:30. Visit www.volunteerusafoundation.org to learn more.

Yearbook Pictures

General pictures for each grade are still needed for the yearbook. The yearbook deadline is March 15th, so all photos must be submitted to Joanne Kao by March 12th at the latest.

2010 Walk for ACA

Despite the chilly weather fun was had by all. The middle schoolers, administrators and parents loved their walk to school while the elementary children had a great time with their 1/4 mile lap around school. Our top money earners were: K-2 - Phillip Tusing \$300 and 3-5 - Genia Sprinkle \$600. Both received Orlando Science Center tickets. The top earner for 6-8 was Christian Best \$325. He received Kennedy Space Center tickets. Congratulations! The total money collected was \$14,229.00 with about \$2200 in outstanding pledges. Reminder - please send in all outstanding donations ASAP. 90% of the money raised covers Academy expenses and a 10% tithe will be used for the Haitian families who have suffered the in the recent earthquakes. Certificates were awarded to students who walked the most laps from each class. NUTS days are awarded to students who collected donations equal to \$50.00 or more. The NUTS day dates are as follows: March 18th, March 22nd, March 26th, and March 30th. NUTS day for eighth grade only - March 19th. Please adhere to dress policy.

Thank you to all who helped with the Walk. It could not happen without each and every one of you. Special Thanks to Charlene Sachs for all her assistance and in the success of the T-shirts.

My time at ACA is coming to a close as the last of my children will be graduating. Thank you to all who have supported my efforts as fundraiser coordinator. -Connie Connor

Thank you to our awesome Walk-for-ACA t-shirt and water bottle sponsors: The Higginbotham Family - Autotrader.com, The Giaimo Family - **Jacobson's**, The McRorie Family - **Celebration Orthopaedic**, The Leavy Family - **Harvest Meat Company**, The Johary Family - **Wekiva Springs Dental Care**, The St. Germain Family - **St. Germain Chiropractic** and The Votey Family - **Mellow Mushroom**. Don't miss out on the ongoing t-shirt deals at Chik-fil-A and Semoran Skateway. Need more info? Check out the t-shirt deals page on the Walk-for-ACA link at www.annunciationacademy.org.

Lenten Outreach Update

We continue to collect money for the people of Haiti. The devastation from the earthquake has affected so many people. They are just beginning to be able to rebuild their lives and they need our support. So please consider giving generously to our Haiti relief efforts. As you know, our Lenten theme is Jesus, Our Rock. Last Friday, the reading for the day was from Matthew and discussed how the cornerstone was the stone that the builders had rejected. In a reflection on the reading in *Children's Daily Prayer* it says "We call Jesus the "cornerstone" of the Church. The cornerstone is the first stone placed when constructing a new building. The foundation stones are the apostles, and each one of us is a living stone in this great building." We can be a living stone by reaching out to those who are in so much need.

ACA Musical – Save the Date

Mark your calendars as you are not going to want to miss the upcoming musical production, by the ACA Middle School Drama Cast and Crew, of “Thoroughly Modern Millie Junior.” You will be sitting on the edge of your seats, wanting to get up and dance the Charleston as our students perform this high spirited musical. Show dates and times: Friday, April 23rd at 7:30pm, Saturday, April 24th at 2:00pm, and Saturday, April 24th at 7:30pm.

Ticket sales will be announced soon, so go ahead and make plans for a family night out and support our talented and hardworking cast and crew! You won't be disappointed! Get a sneak preview at the Fish Fry tonight at 6:00pm.

Props Needed

Two props for the Thoroughly Modern Millie production are still needed. These items are:

- a desk - older looking wood that is not too large
- a set of plastic dishes that include dinner plates, coffee cups, and saucers in white...10 of each.

If these items are something you can donate, contact Jen Rakoczy directly at - jennifer.rakoczy@gmail.com.

Gold Stars:

★ Gold stars to **Jenny Wharry** for winning the district free throw competition. She will compete March 13th for the state level championship, so let's all wish her luck!



★ Congratulations to **Michael Domi** who won the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition in the Twelve Year Old category again! It was a nail biter, with two extra shoot-outs, but Michael managed to pull out a win for the Regional Competition. The final State Competition will be held on Saturday, March 13th, at Bishop Moore. We're rooting for you, Michael!



★ Gold Stars to **Mrs. Fox** for helping Curious George visit our school each morning during the book fair. He couldn't have done it without her!

★ The Bulls basketball team consisting of: **Blake Burkey, Nick Chmelir, Jonathan Hamilla, Parker & Hunter Kwiatkowski, Austin McKeogh, Ryan Missigman, Nathan Rosmarin, Garrett Toepp** and **Trevor Zimlich** won the K-1 Hoopsters Championship Game with Winning Ways. The team pulled off a perfect season with a record of 10-0! The team was coached by: **Stephan Burkey, Ryan Kwiatkowski** and **Greg Toepp**.

★ Gold Stars to **Cameron Ugan** because for the fourth year, she has requested donations for the SPCA (in lieu of gifts) for her birthday. This year Cameron raised \$150 for the SPCA. Over the past four years, she has raised \$1,100 for this organization. We are very proud of you, Cameron!

★ A big thank you to all of the families who donated juice boxes, chips, and money for the WALK-4-ACA picnic. Also, thanks to all of the great volunteers who helped prep and serve food for the picnic. It was a big success!



★ Gold Stars to **Katarina Svetz** who donated her hair to Locks of Love for the second time. We are proud of you!

Calendar

March 16:	Mass Day 8:30am Parents Welcome
March 17:	Pastor Appreciation Day
March 18:	End of 3 rd Quarter
March 24:	Lenten Reconciliation Service 2 nd -5A Principal's Coffee 6 th -8 th 8:05am in the Cafetorium Final grades, conduct and comments available for viewing on Edline after 3pm
March 31:	8 th Grade to Chrism Mass
April 1:	Holy Thursday – No School
April 2:	Good Friday – No School
April 5-9:	Spring Break – No School
April 12:	School resumes
April 20:	Mass Day 8:30am Parents Welcome

SCRIP is Changing for You

Thank you for your feedback on how we can make SCRIP easier to use. The SCRIP team is excited to offer order drop off and pick up in the same week! Orders received on Monday by 8:00am will be ready for pick up on Friday... the same week! **NEW HOURS EVERY FRIDAY** - after Morning Prayer and before pick up in the afternoon. Come pick up your order and shop our gift card inventory from 7:30am to 8:15am and from 2:30pm to 3:00pm. If you can't make it to pick up your orders on Friday, just let us know and we will work with you to find a better time. **Shop with SCRIP now... Pay less tuition later.**

March is “Music in Our Schools Month” and Kudos to the ACA Band

Congratulations to the students who participated in Solo & Ensemble Festival who received superior ratings: Ines Botto-Flute Solo, Allison Huss & Melanie Halem- Flute Duet, Carmen Tutorino- Alto Sax Solo, Catherine Ridgeway- Trumpet Solo, and William Trimble- Trumpet Solo. Congrats on a job well done!

All Star Endowment Auction/Ball

Preparations are in the final stage! The hard work shows in the beautiful artwork from each class, and in the gorgeous auction baskets on display in the front office. Please stop by to view, select your favorites, and prepare to outbid the competition at the ball! Remember, if your significant other can't make the date, grab some friends and book a Flying Solo table. Check out the online link at the ACA website. Only 8 days to...

Endowment Ball Auction Items Up for Bid NOW -

NEW - beginning March 17th select items are open for bid, allowing anyone to bid on them prior to the Ball. The top bid at school will be the starting bid at the Ball. Art Work, Baskets, Gifts from the Heart, One Parking Space, 8th Grade Graduation Seats, and Middle School Advisor available for bid now! Place your bid in the Front Office or email it to missigman@earthlink.net. All submitted bids are binding. Please note that while you are able to bid on these items, you are not guaranteed the item. If you questions, send them to Ogierhouse@aol.com.



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