



ACS Athens Elementary School Principal's Coffee
March 12, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Parent Positive Feedback

"The teachers create a loving classroom that thrives on support and kindness. Students have learned to encourage each other during successes and failures. This is a wonderful thing to witness! The children feel nurtured and loved!"

1. Parent Questions:

- a. Parent ID cards were ready for pickup in the Admissions Office 2 weeks after photos. Starting 2019-2020 the ES will be assuming the responsibility to pass out parent cards as soon as they are ready.
- b. Action plans for scanners at entrance will be determined by upper administration. Dr. Gialamas has addressed this at his parent meeting last month.
- c. 3:45 pm is dismissal and no exceptions can be made at this time to watch children. Please find families to carpool with, contact for help to monitor children after school or escort groups of children to extracurricular activities. If you know in advance there will be a delay, please contact the homeroom teacher, ES Office, Principal & Vice Principal via passport messages, emails, and/or early phone calls of expected tardy so we can help your child and chaperon him/her to the after school activity.

2. Revisit Homeroom Parties and Room Parents:

- a. Intermediate grades help is only needed to set up, not during party.
- b. 1-3 maximum room parents in JK – 2 grades.
- c. Thank you all for your cooperation at the Valentine's Day celebrations. We received messages of appreciation and gratitude from parents who are not able to be at school due to working hours.
- d. All classrooms – healthy treats are a must!

3. Clear Hallways: Parents are still huddling outside of classrooms after school and in some cases in the classrooms at 9:00 am. Kindly adhere to the rules as every bit of classroom instruction matters. Keeping hallways open & clear is also a major safety rule.

4. Hand dryers: Old units in the ES hand dryers were replaced with brand new units in all toilets.

5. Student Exhibits of Learning & Literacy Festival: This month you will witness some grade levels and special classes contributing to the Literacy Festival with homeroom exhibitions on Wednesday, March 27th. Hope to see you there if you can make it!

ACS Athens Mission Statement:

ACS Athens is a student-centered international school, embracing American educational philosophy, principles and values. Through excellence in teaching and diverse educational experiences, ACS Athens challenges all students to realize their unique potential: academically, intellectually, socially and ethically — to thrive as responsible global citizens.

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6. Field Trips:

Grade	Field Trip Options/ Location
JK	Attica Zoo
JK	JK Pedopolis, Gyfada, Athens
KG	Botanical Garden/Eleftherios Venizelos Airport & Fire Department
KG	Oaka Fire Station, Athens
KG	Supermarket (walking trip)
1	Hadrian's Gate/Temple of Zeus
1	Natural History Museum
2	Action Aide, Plaka/Turtle Rescue Center
2	Children's Museum, Plaka
2	Kid's Cooling Club, Glyfada
2	Chrysalida Politistiko Parko, Rafina
3	Lavrio Mines (rock mineral solution), Lavrio
3	The Ranch, Korinthos OR Hippolysis Equine Therapy Center
3	Paleontology and Geology Museum for Fossil Study, Zografou
3	Eugenidio Astrological Museum, Glyfada
4	Nursery (Landscape Architecture/design)
4	Kallimarmaro Stadium, Athens (PE TRIP)
4	Planet Physics (Magnetism and Electricity)
4	Ergastiri Pilou (Modern and Ancient Olympic Games)
5	Heraklidon Museum
5	Clean the Beach at Aghios Nikolaos
5	Acropolis Museum/Ancient Agora

Additions this year and last year:

- American Science Festival
- City Lab for NGSS activities – EVERY Grade allotted 2 trips this year
- Benaki Museum Tactical Museum
- Tatoi Vasilika Ktimata (King's Garden)

Upcoming Events in March

15 – Student Council School Sprit continues with Crazy Hair/Hat Day

20 – Staff Development 1/2-day classes, Student dismissal at 12:00

22 – Pajama Day

25 – No School in observance of Greek Independence Day

27 – Literacy Festival 3:45 – 5:45

18 – April Last day of school for Spring Break - **1st May** – (Greek Labor Day)



2 – May School Resumes