Greetings and Welcome Back,

As we move ahead into our new school year, I visualize what our path to success entails. The journey we will take requires all of us to work together. Our school is great for so many reasons and we are doing so many things well. Looking ahead I want all of us to focus on our commitment to the vision and mission of Aurora Academy. Our staff are working diligently each day through their teachings to “provide a well-rounded, rigorous curriculum with high academic standards” for all students. I continually have conversations with our teachers and support staff centered on the philosophy we must “expect more” so that our students will “achieve more”. Please help support our efforts.

We are easing into the school year but soon classroom academic rigor and expectations will increase and homework will soon be coming home with your child. Please help support your child in his/her efforts and have positive conversations about the school day. Below are alternative questions other than “how was your day?” to ensure more descriptive responses.

What did you learn today? Tell me more about it.
What was your favorite thing about today?
What is something you learned about that you would like to know more about?
What book are you reading for AR? Do you like it? What is it about? When do you think you’ll finish it?
What did you learn in Music, PE, Art, or Technology today? What project are you working on? Are you proud of your work? Do you like what you’ve done?

What are you most proud of today?
How were you helpful to someone else?
What was the nicest thing you did for someone today?
What was the nicest thing someone did for you?
Who did you play with at recess? What did you play?

What we (staff, students, and parents) do here is important. Let’s have a positive year with positive interactions.

Thank you for your support. We are all excited for a spectacular school year!

With Kind Regards,

Mrs. Hoen
Principal

Aug. 17th Mandatory Forms Due to the Main Office
Aug. 21st, 22nd, & 23rd Girls Volleyball Tryouts
Aug. 21st, 22nd & 23rd Cross-Country Tryouts
Aug. 25th Volunteer Saturday & Uniform Sale @ 9am-12pm
September 3 NO SCHOOL—Labor Day
September 4 Dress of Choice—DOC
September 10 Latin Music Assembly @ 2:40 K-4th
September 10 Girls Volleyball Game @ 5pm (Away)
September 12 Girls Volleyball Game @ 5pm (Home)
September 12 Cross County Meet @ 5:15pm (Away)
September 13 Flag Football Game @ 5pm (Away)
September 17 Flag Football Game @ 5pm (Home)
Meet our Parent Board of Directors!

What is a Board of Directors?
Aurora Academy is a public charter school. As a charter school, we are governed by a Board of Directors who work with the administrative team. Aurora Academy’s Board of Directors is made up of parents whose students attend the school.

The role of the Board of Directors is to:
- Implement Aurora Academy’s mission statement
- Assist in upholding the school’s philosophy
- Establish policies
- Oversee budgets
- Establish and ensure the success of working committees
- Support and evaluate the administrator

We hold our Board of Director’s meetings every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00pm in the library. If you are interested in what the board does please come to a meeting, anyone is welcome to attend. We currently have 2 open seats on the board as well.

For more information or if you have any questions you may contact our board president, Amanda Jakl at ajakl@aacademy.org.

Amanda
President
James
Vice Pres 1
Courtney
Vice Pres 2
Bernadette
Treasurer
Zhivonne
Secretary

Kristin
Director
Montonzo
Director

We are looking forward to a great school year!

Looking for the PTA at Aurora Academy?
The CAC (Community Action Committee) is it!

The CAC is responsible for the fundraising, staff appreciation, classroom support, schoolwide activities and much more at AACS. If you are interested in helping out join us at CAC’s first meeting of the 2018/2019 school year to learn more.

Wednesday, August 22nd in the Library.
In the morning from 8:00 to 8:30am
OR
In the afternoon from 3:30 to 4:00pm

It is the same 30-minute kick-off meeting held at two different times and your children are welcome.
“Aurora Academy’s mission is to provide a well-rounded curriculum with high academic standards for Kindergarten through 8th grade students.”

Aurora Academy 2nd Annual Cash Drive is HERE!

- nothing to sell!
- nothing to deliver!
- 100% of the donations go to Aurora Academy!

Our goal is to raise $15,000!

With this amount we can enrich our children’s learning, host student and community events and support our hard working staff.

In order to reach our goal we are asking for a minimum donation of $30 per student. AAC’s families are not the only ones who can donate. Using the letter attached, contact your friends, extended family members, coworkers and other people in your communities to donate.

Donations may be made by cash, check (payable to Aurora Academy) or credit card (Online at aacademy.org).

All donations are DUE NO LATER THAN September 26th to be considered for prizes.

Please turn in donations to your home room teacher in a sealed envelope.

Questions? Email CAC@aacademy.org
August 14, 2018

Dear ____________________,

Aurora Academy Charter School’s annual fall fundraiser is here! From August 14th to September 26th we will be holding our 2nd Annual Fall Cash Fund Drive.

Aurora Academy’s Cash Fund Drive is our primary fundraiser for this school year sponsored by the Community Action Committee (CAC). All proceeds raised will help Aurora Academy continue to enrich our student’s learning, host student and community events and support our hard working staff. A few of these activities are:

- Educational Student Assemblies
- Staff Appreciation dinners and events
- Student Jamborees
- Classroom supplies support
- 3rd grade and Kindergarten continuations and celebrations
- Falcon Fest (end of year field day)
- Any funds over our goal will be put towards our Playground Fund

Our goal this year is $15,000. We are asking each student to fundraise a minimum of $30 each to help us reach our goal. Would you please consider donating an amount to help our student(s) reach their goal? Donations may be made by cash, check (made payable to Aurora Academy) or credit card (visit www.academy.org and click on the donate button). Your donation is tax deductible, please provide your email address on the donation slip provided below or online to receive a receipt.

Thank you so much for your consideration in supporting our school and students.

Sincerely,

Aurora Academy Charter School
Community Action Committee, Families and Staff

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: ___________________________ Date: ____________________

Email Address: __________________________

Donation Amount: ________

Student’s Name: __________________________

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10251 E. 1st Avenue  Aurora, CO 80010-4308  303-367-5983  fax 303-367-5820
### Aurora Academy

**2nd Annual Cash Drive**

(Please PRINT and fill out completely)

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**TOTAL DONATIONS TURNED IN:**

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Your donation is tax deductible, please provide your email address on the donation form or online to receive a receipt.

### Prizes

**$30 Donation - Special Dress of Choice Day!**

Every student to collect and turn in a minimum of $30 earns a Special Dress of Choice Day!

**$200 Donation - Bounce Party**

Every student to collect and turn in a minimum of $200 earns an invitation to a Bounce Party!

**Class Reward**

Every class to collect a minimum of $800 earns a class Popcorn Movie/Activity Party!
SOARing Students

AACS PBIS: Following our school-wide positive behavior support system, at Aurora Academy, we clearly outline the school community’s expected behaviors using the acronym; SOAR. Strive, Own-it, Achieve, Respect. We teach, re-teach, reward, use restorative practices equitably, and model the behaviors daily to help students learn and achieve the expected behaviors.

We also teach core virtues each month in each homeroom classroom, beginning with the virtue for August and September. That virtue is Responsibility.

Doing what is expected and required of you.

When you agree to do something, do it.
Answer for your own actions.
Take care of your own matters.
Be trustworthy.

Elementary School: Staff throughout the building will award a student with SOAR slips when they demonstrate “above and beyond” behaviors. They take this SOAR slip to the front office, deposit it in a box according to grade-level and can then choose a pencil or sticker before returning to class.

Each Friday morning over the announcements, names will be chosen and called from that SOAR Slip deposit box; one from each grade level. That student is cheered for throughout the building and then comes down to the front office to pick from the “Friday Prize Box”. We will then take a polaroid picture to put on the “Soaring Student” bulletin board to remain there for that quarter.

At the end of each quarter, students; both elementary and middle school will once again be rewarded for their positive behavior (as long as they have not received a demerit during that quarter) by be-

Middle School:

6-8th graders earn SOAR Bucks rather than SOAR Slips. These bucks can then be spent weekly at the SOAR Stand :)

Students earn money each week with their paycheck and individual bucks each day. To earn the most money, students must:

Come to school
Earn good grades
Maintain good behavior
Have weekly progress reports signed by parents and returned
Occasional locker and binder checks for organization
Achieve individual academic/personal goals

Students can also lose money when issued tickets for things such as running in the halls, being tardy to class, not having their progress report signed, and being unprepared.
If needed, take a moment and complete a beginning of the year needs assessment that will help communicate any changes or specific needs of your student(s)/family. Your information and feedback will also help guide the counseling program and services for this school year. (If the link does not work, it can be accessed on the website under the referral form tab on the counseling page).

**AACS Student Needs Assessment**

**Banana Bunch:** Every Thursday, students from each grade level will be selected by randomly drawing their name from the “SOAR Box” to eat lunch during their lunchtime with the school counselor, Mrs. Smith. The students who are new to Aurora Academy will be chosen for the first round. “Banana Bunch” is a great way we build relationships and community at Aurora Academy.

**High School transition:** A few changes with the ICAP (Individual Career and Academic Plans) as we are switching to Naviance which is a college and career readiness platform that enables self-discovery, career exploration, academic planning, and college preparation. APS, CCSD, and DPS also use Naviance; this will allow for another ease of transition for our students.

Our high school fair date is TBD as this year we are inviting other local charter schools and their families to host the fair collaboratively.
Parents

Within the first week of school, your youngest student will bring home a Welcome Back Packet. In the packet, you will find a New Parent/Student Handbook, and various forms we need you to complete by August, 17th 2018.

Required Forms:
- Census Verification Form (one per student)
- Student Health Information Card Blue (one per student)
- Parent Contract Form (one per family)

To be completed only if applicable:
- Permission to Walk Form

Please return all completed forms to your student’s homeroom teacher by Friday, August 17th.

Prizes:

1st entire grade level to return forms = pizza
2nd entire grade level to return forms = ice cream
3rd entire grade level to return forms = popcorn

Friendly Reminder from the office:
If you have moved and have a new address please bring your proof of address to the main office.

There are important school papers that are sent home to families through mail.

Proof of address includes utility bill, current signed lease or rental agreement

*If you have any questions about proof of address please contact our main office at 303-367-5983 or rreyes@aacademy.org
APPLY FOR FREE & REDUCED MEALS ONLINE!

Please take a minute to click on the link below to apply for the Free and Reduced Price School Meals 2018-2019 School Year.

Go to aurorak12.payschools.com to complete an application. It’s very easy and convenient plus get quick results!

¡HAGA SU SOLICITUD EN LÍNEA PARA RECIBIR ALIMENTOS GRATIS O A PRECIO REDUCIDO!

Por favor, tómese un minuto para visitar el siguiente sitio para enviar su solicitud de alimentos gratis o a precio reducido para el ciclo escolar 2018-2019.

Acuda al sitio aurorak12.payschools.com para completar su solicitud.

¡Es muy fácil, conveniente y obtendrá resultados rápidos!
DRESS OF CHOICE AND JEANS DAY

Dress of Choice
2018-2019

FROM THE 2018-2019 PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK:

“Dress-of-Choice days occur on one designated day of each month as a reward for those students who have not received a demerit in the previous month. On Dress-of-Choice days, students are to follow these general rules:

- No skinny pants/jeans (i.e. tight to the leg, thigh and calf)
- Jeans must be in good repair.
- T-shirts must not have any sayings that relate to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or gangs, or have any offensive phrases, as determined by Administration.
- Bare midriffs are not permitted.
- Shirts must have sleeves.
- Length of shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must follow the length specified in the Dress Code.
- Clothing must be the appropriate size.
- Dress Code rules regarding hair and cosmetics are still applicable.”

Dress of Choice is the first Tuesday of each month:

September 4th
*October 2nd (Individual Student Pictures)
November 6th
December 4th
*January 8th
February 5th
March 5th
April 2nd
May 7th
*June 4th (Last day of school)

*Bold text indicates either these dates occur after a long holiday, after a Monday when there has been no school, or on a special day.

School Fund-raiser Jeans Day every Friday

- $2.00
- Starts Friday, August 17th
- No skinny, frayed, or torn jeans
- No embellishments, prints, or adornments
- Plain Blue/Black denim only
Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here’s what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our school’s Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It’s a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child’s reading habits.

**Book Fair dates:** September 17, 18, 19, 20, & 24  
**Shopping hours:**  
- Mon., September 17: 2:30pm – 4:00pm  
- Tues., September 18: 7:45am – 7:30pm  
- Wed., September 19: 7:45am – 4:00pm  
- Thurs., September 20: 7:45am – 7:30pm  
- Mon., September 24: 7:45am – 4:00pm

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit your school library.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Combest  
Librarian
Girls on the Run is for EVERY girl
COMING THIS FALL

What is Girls on the Run?
Girls will be inspired to a lifetime of self-respect and a healthy lifestyle through an innovative program that combines running with a fun, health education curriculum. This program promotes individual achievement and self-confidence. Girls gain self-esteem and learn healthy lifestyle habits while training for a 5K run/walk race.

Your daughter will...
- Understand her place in the community
- Have a strong sense of identity
- Learn how to give and receive support in a group
- Learn to stand up for herself in a healthy manner
- Have an improved body image
- Complete a 5K run/walk event in the community

Practice Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday 3:40-5:00
First Day of Practice: September 11, 2018
Fee for 10-week Program: $40
Site Coordinator: Anna Gates
Email: agates@aacademy.org Phone: 303-367-5983
Registration opens on: August 13, 2018

Visit our website to learn more: www.girlsontherunrockies.org
Aurora Academy’s Co-Ed Flag Football Team

Flag Football Tryouts
August 21\textsuperscript{st}, 22\textsuperscript{nd} and 23\textsuperscript{rd}
3:30pm – 5:00pm
5\textsuperscript{th} – 8\textsuperscript{th} Graders
(boys and girls)
Meet on Playground at 3:30pm
Contact our Athletic Director, Ms. Starkey at mstarkey@aacademy.org if you have questions

Aurora Academy Girls Volleyball Team

Tryouts:
August 21st, 22nd & 23rd
3:30pm-5:00pm
Meet in the gym
Contact our Athletic Director Ms. Starkey at mstarkey@aacademy.org if you have questions
SAT., OCT. 6TH
FALCON 5K

Event Description
Join Aurora Academy for their annual Falcon 5K as we walk, run and ride through the community. Upon completing the trail, join us in the cafeteria for a delicious continental breakfast! Be sure to pre-register by Friday, September 21st for a Falcon 5K t-shirt. T-shirts will not be available to purchase after pre-registration closes. Please note that this is a fundraising event and therefore, no refunds will be issued.
After school Art Club!

Who: 4th-8th Grade
When: Wednesdays (8/22-10/10)
Time: 3:30-4:30pm

There will be a $10 art fee for materials.

There is a sign-up sheet outside of the art room.

Volunteer Saturday & Used Uniform Sale

Having a hard time getting your volunteer hours in during the week? Volunteer Saturdays are here to help! One Saturday a month Mrs. Twombly hosts a volunteer Saturday were parents and family members over the age of 18 can come in a help around the school.

When: Saturday, August 25th and Saturday, September 15th
Time: 9:00am—12:00pm

If you would like to sign up or have questions please contact Mrs. Twombly at gtwombly@aacademy.org
Hello! I’m Ms. Stallings and I’m entering my 6th year of teaching. I’m beyond excited to begin a lovely journey here at Aurora Academy. I received my Education degree from Stevenson University in Maryland. I’ve been in a classroom ever since and it’s my true passion. Teaching is what I love!

I love adventuring, hiking and traveling. Learning about new cultures and experiencing different parts of our world makes me feel more connected to society. During my travels, I’ve learned many things that I’m able to incorporate into the classroom! I can’t wait to share this with the kiddos here at Aurora Academy.

Miss. Richardson — 5th Grade

Why wouldn’t you want a pig as your favorite animal? This is the question I ponder as the new 5th grade teacher here at Aurora Academy. My name is Miss Christy Richardson and this is my 14th year teaching, and my first in the 5th grade. I am a Colorado native who graduated from the University of Denver with a business degree and then pursued my master’s degree in elementary education. I taught for 8 years in the Cherry Creek School District and 5 in Colombia, South America. I LOVE to travel, be adventurous in the outdoors, and hang out with friends and family. From my one, older brother, I have an almost 2-year old niece and a nephew that was born July 30th who are in Wisconsin. I’m looking forward to a fun and successful school year...go Falcons!

Michael Rivera—7/8 Writing Teacher:

I’m originally from New Orleans, Louisiana. My wife and I moved to Colorado this summer and are excited to start this new chapter in our lives. So far, we have enjoyed hiking, driving through the mountains, and the general lack of humidity. My passions include running, hiking, music, photography, and sports – I love the Saints and the Rockies. This is my 6th year teaching 8th grade English Language Arts. I received my BA in Education, with a focus in Secondary English, from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette in 2013 - Geaux Cajuns! I also received a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Holy Cross in 2018. I am excited to teach Writing, coach Flag Football, and further become a part of the Aurora Academy community.
# Bell Schedule

## Bell Schedule – Full Day (Lunch)

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## Bell Schedule Half Day (No Lunch)

**Friday, April 19th and Tuesday June 4th**

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