

April 2018

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## A Note from Our Principal

We have two amazing employees who will be honored this weekend at the annual DCSD Apple Awards.

**Mrs. O'Keefe** is our registrar in the front office and the first face you see each day when you walk in the door. She is always friendly and knowledgeable. She works hard to ensure all of our new students have all the information they need to get started at our school. She knows all of our students, and makes sure they get ice packs, tooth fairy boxes, lost items, messages from parents, and, of course, a smile. We appreciate her everyday!

**Mr. Poland** is our 6th grade Discovery teacher at Acres Green. He is known for the many educational, fun, engaging projects he pursues with his students each year. Mr. Poland is also known to get out on the playground and participate in a game of football or basketball! It is clear that he has made an impact--many of his former students stop by to visit!

Thank you to Mrs. O'Keefe and Mr. Poland. We are lucky to have you at AGE! It is an honor to celebrate your accomplishments.

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### Library News

Thank you so much for all that you have done to make this year so great! As the school year comes to an end, we have some fun things planned! For the last quarter AR goal, students are reading their way to an Ice Cream Party!! The party will be May 18th in the cafeteria. In order to come, students need to meet their goals by May 16th and must have all of their library books returned. We are asking for donations for the party. If you are able to send in treats, or are interested in volunteering, please sign up at: [tinyurl.com/ageicecream](http://tinyurl.com/ageicecream). Thank you for your help!

Our Makerspace supplies are running low. This is a space for students to get creative and use their imaginations. If you find any of the following supplies during your spring cleaning, we would love to add them to our collection:

- Clothespins
- Hot glue guns/sticks
- Tape
- Markers
- Glue
- Tissue Paper
- Styrofoam balls
- Popsicle sticks
- Rubber bands
- Miscellaneous Crafting Items

### Survey

Dear Families,

As a Leader in Me Lighthouse School, we spend time each year reflecting on our culture and climate.

We are looking for your input to help us gain a community-wide perspective of our school.

**Please consider taking ten minutes to fill out this survey.** You can also fill it out on your phone by scanning the QR code below.



Your responses will contribute to our 360° view of Acres Green Elementary!

**Thanks in advance!**

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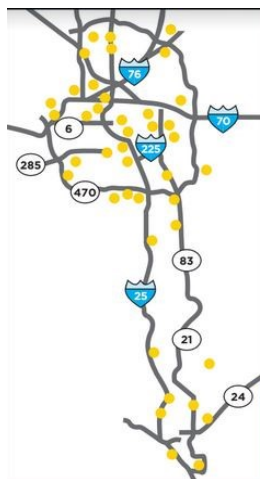
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## Classroom Happenings

### 2/3 Discovery: Mrs. Azgur

Currently our class is working on a Poetry Unit. Students are learning all about the following types of poetry: acrostics, cinquains, clerihews, limericks, haikus, and concrete poetry. While learning about poetry, we are also focusing on figurative language which involves students making their own board game to play as a review of the different types of figurative language. In learning all about the different types of poetry students are writing their own poems for each type that they are learning about, and they will be making a poetry book that will contain all of their work.

Some of the field trips that we have attended so far have been to the Denver Zoo, the Earth Ball, and the Nature & Science Museum. We have two more upcoming field trips and they are: rock quarry tour and an iMax movie.

In Science, students recently created a brochure to answer the following prompt: You are a weather forecaster and have been chosen to report on the effects of weather and seasons on a local environment. Students used a template as a guide to complete their research. Then they used that research to create a brochure, which they will be presenting to their classmates.



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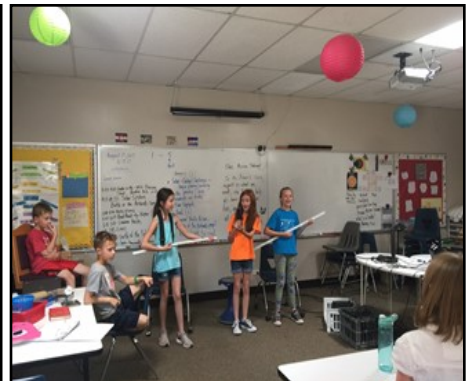
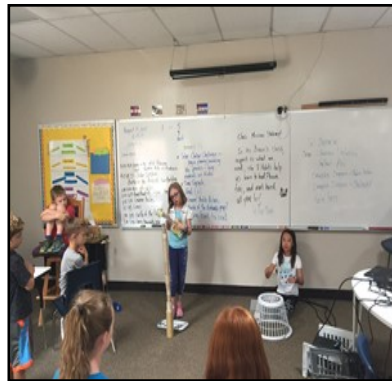
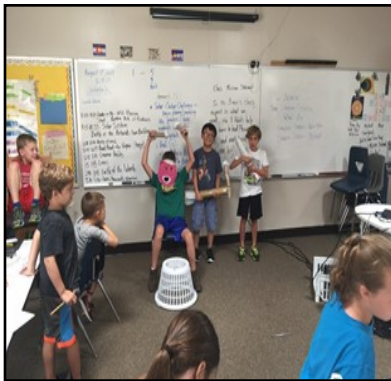
### Classroom Happenings

**3/4/5 Discovery** is a buzz with everything Colorado lately! We've been on field trips (to support our science and social studies curriculum) in and out of the building almost monthly since school started.

Students have been researching and writing about the different regions and digging deeply into who traveled into this beautiful state and why. Famous Coloradans came to life in our Living Museum last month. Students are now designing and building a model of their own Boomtown for one of the regions they just studied. We'll culminate our year with the Colorado Musical on May 10th. "Colorado, Colorado! It's called the Centennial State!" It's going to be a great performance with all of 4th grade!

Our 20-Time Projects before winter break were a huge success. Students created everything from a "Comma Rules" pamphlet, to a "Calm Down" book filled with jokes, calm down strategies, and blank paper for drawing/doodling. We taste-tested the ultimate homemade pizza for a better health choice instead of frozen pizza, and a student made a gadget that would hold shoelaces in place. These projects were real-world with the goal of empathy for others.

Team Building Activities are embedded in our school day. Students really enjoyed "Battle of the Airbands" where they were grouped and then performed for each other.



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### Classroom Happenings

#### Continued 3/4/5 Discovery.

We started the year with our Solar Cooker Challenge to make the yummiest S'more! It was an all day affair and fun! It's been a great year!



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At The Westin Denver Downtown enjoy 50% off your second room, with connecting rooms based upon availability. Plus kids eat free with delicious and nutritious options.



## Classroom Happenings

### 6th Discovery: Mr. Poland

Our class is busy with a number of projects this time of year. Currently, the class is creating catapults out of 2 X 4s to launch either a tennis ball, lacrosse ball, or golf ball. Our unit began with students learning basic trigonometry terms and using sine, cosine, and tangent to create a blueprint of their catapult before constructing it out of wood. After assembling, the real fun begins as students launch and relaunch their catapults to fine-tune for accuracy. It's a great culminating activity for our studies of physics.

We're also preparing for a couple of geology related fieldtrips. We will walk 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets in downtown Denver to observe and learn more about historic buildings like Union Station, Equitable Building, Boston Building, and Brown Palace.

Last, students will close out the school year with their final oral presentation. Students will come to school dressed in period costume of the famous Latin American whom they studied to present to the class. After presentations, we'll enjoy lunch from a local Latin America restaurant.

## Jumpstreet Indoor Trampoline Parks Celebrate Kids of All Abilities



**April is National Autism Awareness Month but Jumpstreet celebrates kids of all abilities every month!**

Jumpstreets across the country host a special semi-private event on the first Saturday of every month, including Saturday, April 7. Children with special needs and their siblings are welcome to enjoy the park one hour before it opens to the public.

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## Acres Green B.A.S.E. Calendar May & June 2018

Monday – 5/28	Tuesday – 5/29	Wednesday – 5/30	Thursday – 5/31	Friday – 6/1
<b>NO B.A.S.E.</b> Memorial Day	<b>NO B.A.S.E.</b> Prep Day	<b>Tour of Pepsi Center</b>  12:00 noon – 3:00 pm	<b>\$ Fat Cat's Fun Center*</b> Arcade & Bowling  10:00 am – 3:00 pm	<b>Arts on Fire @ BASE</b> <b>Smallcakes Cupcakery Trip</b>  10 am – 11 am, Noon – 2 pm
Monday – 6/4	Tuesday – 6/5	Wednesday – 6/6	Thursday – 6/7	Friday – 6/8
<b>Bring Your Own Wheels @ BASE</b>  10 am – 11 am	<b>Centennial Center Park + Splash Pad SS</b>  10:30 am – 2:30 pm	<b>Hudson Gardens</b>  10:30 am – 2:30 pm	<b>Cinzetti's* + Tour of State Capitol</b>  10:30 am – 3:30 pm	<b>Walking Trip to Sweetwater Park</b>  10:30 am – 1:30 pm
Monday – 6/11	Tuesday – 6/12	Wednesday – 6/13	Thursday – 6/14	Friday – 6/15
<b>Tie-Dye Day @ BASE</b>  <b>Bring a white shirt!</b> 10 am – 11 am	<b>Civic Green Park + Splash Pad SS</b>  10:30 am – 2:30 pm	<b>Cheyenne Mountain Zoo</b>  9:00 am – 3:00 pm	<b>\$ Skate City*</b>  11:30 am – 3:00 pm	<b>Walking Trip to Incredibles 2</b>  Time TBD
Monday – 6/18	Tuesday – 6/19	Wednesday – 6/20	Thursday – 6/21	Friday – 6/22
<b>Pajama &amp; Movie Day @ BASE</b>  10 am – 11 am	<b>Surfside Splash Park SS</b>  10:30 am – 2:30 pm	<b>Adam's Mystery Playhouse</b>  10:30 am – 2:30 pm	<b>\$ Rockies Game</b>  12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Un-Birthday Party* @ BASE</b>
Monday – 6/25	Tuesday – 6/26	Wednesday – 6/27	Thursday – 6/28	Friday – 6/29
<b>Kid Favorites* @ BASE</b> Dart Warz on-site 11:45 am  10 am – 11 am	<b>Paradise Island Water Park SS</b>  10:30 am – 3:30 pm	<b>Chatfield Botanic Gardens</b>  10:00 am – 3:00 pm	<b>Colorado History Museum</b>  11:00 am – 3:00 pm	<b>Walking Trip to Krispy Kreme</b>  11:30 am – 1:30 pm

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SS = swimsuit, \* = lunch provided, \$ = spending money optional (up to \$10)  
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## Acres Green B.A.S.E. Calendar July 2018

Monday – 7/2	Tuesday – 7/3	Wednesday – 7/4	Thursday – 7/5	Friday – 7/6
<b>Spider Monkey</b> <i>Need waiver!</i>  9:00 am – 1:00 pm	<b>\$ Pirate's Cove</b> <b>Waterpark SS</b>  10:30 am – 3:30 pm	<b>NO B.A.S.E.</b> Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!	<b>NO B.A.S.E.</b> Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!	<b>\$ Walking trip to</b> <b>Chuck E.</b> <b>Cheese*</b>  10:30 am – 1:30 pm
Monday – 7/9	Tuesday – 7/10	Wednesday – 7/11	Thursday – 7/12	Friday – 7/13
<b>Bring Your Own</b> <b>Wheels @ BASE</b> <i>Need helmet!</i>  SPA CLUB 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<b>APEX</b> <b>Center SS</b>  10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Jump Street <i>Need waiver!</i>  9:30 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Butterfly</b> <b>Pavilion</b>  9:30 am – 2:30 pm	<b>Halloween</b> <b>Festival</b> @ BASE* <i>Wear a costume!</i>
Monday – 7/16	Tuesday – 7/17	Wednesday – 7/18	Thursday – 7/19	Friday – 7/20
<b>LEGO Day</b> @ BASE <b>GIANT LEGOS</b>  WILDERNESS CLUB 11:30 am – 1 pm	<b>Buck Recreation</b> <b>Center SS</b>  11:45 am – 3:15 pm	<b>\$ Skate City</b>  11:30 am – 2:30 pm	<b>Laser Quest*</b>  10:30 am – 1:30 pm	<b>Game Day</b> @ BASE <b>Bring your favorite</b> <b>board game!</b>  Video Game Truck on-site @ 12:30 pm
Monday – 7/23	Tuesday – 7/24	Wednesday – 7/25	Thursday – 7/26	Friday – 7/27
<b>Track &amp; Field</b> @ BASE <i>Bring sneakers and</i> <i>active clothing</i>  SPA CLUB 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Ben Franklin</b> <b>Pool SS</b>  11:30 am – 3:30 pm	<b>Dart Warz</b> <i>Need waiver!</i>  12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Denver Art</b> <b>Museum,</b> <b>Lunch at Bubba</b> <b>Gump's*</b>  9:00 am – 2:00 pm	<b>Winter</b> in JULY @ BASE  <i>Cookie decorating,</i> <i>crafts, and more!</i>
Monday – 7/30	Tuesday – 7/31			
<b>OPPOSITE Day</b> @ BASE <i>Electronics' Day!</i>  WILDERNESS CLUB 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Bay Aquatic</b> <b>Park SS</b>  10:30 am – 2:30 pm			

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### Acres Green B.A.S.E. Calendar August 2018

		Wednesday, 8/1	Thursday, 8/2	Friday, 8/3
		<b>\$ Dave &amp; Buster's*</b>  10:00 am – 3:00 pm	<b>JUMANJI Day</b> @ BASE  <i>Party Safari Reptile Zoo on-site</i> 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	<b>Walking Trip to UA Meadows Movie Theater</b>  <i>Movie / Time TBD</i>
Monday, 8/6	Tuesday, 8/7	Wednesday, 8/8		
<b>Annual Summer Carnival*</b> @ BASE  <i>Bouncy castles, face paint, and more!</i>	<b>Wet N' Wild</b> @ BASE SS  <i>Water balloons, slip n' slide, car wash</i>	<b>NO B.A.S.E.</b> Prep	<b>Happy First Day of School!</b>	

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Leadership Day  
Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
9:00-11:00

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- April 20 **No School**
- April 25 Science Fair
- May 4 Run 4 Funds
- May 9 SAC Meeting
- May 9 PTO Meeting
- May 15 Leadership Day
- May 18 AR Ice Cream Party
- May 18 Run4Funds Prize Day
- May 24 Kindergarten Graduation
- May 25 6th Grade Continuation Ceremony
- May 25 **Last Day of School**



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