
The ACLC Newsletter

Alameda Community Learning Center
Parent Asset Committee Publication

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Center Phone Number (510) 521-7543

❖ Calender ❖

(also located at <http://alamedaclc.org/>)

October:

- 20 Healthy Lunch
- 24 PAC meeting at the New Zealander; 6:30 p.m.
(corner of Webster & Central)
- 25 CCEF meeting; 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Make Up Picture Day – 8:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Green Room
Leave at 12 p.m. for Ultimate tournament
- 28 – 29 Cold Fusion Ultimate Frisbee tournament, Eugene, OR
- 30 Staff development day; No School
- 31 Deadline for submission of General Mills Box Tops

November:

- 1 Governing Board Mtg.; 7:00 p.m.
- 2 16th Annual Citywide College Night at College of Alameda; 6 – 8 p.m.
- 3 Healthy Lunch
- 10 Veterans Day holiday
- 11 – 12 Sean Ryan College Ultimate Tournament, UC Santa Cruz
(Dark Meat and Sweet Meat only)
- 14 - 15 Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure";
EHS Drama plus ACLC students; 2:00 p.m.
- 17 Healthy Lunch
- 18 PSAT – 10th/11th graders; 9 – 11:30 a.m.
- 21 – 22 Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure";
EHS Drama plus ACLC students, 2:00 p.m.
- 22 – 24 Fall Recess
- 26 Personnel Committee; 12:15 – 1:00 p.m.
- 28 PAC meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- 29 CCEF meeting; 6 p.m.

December:

- 1 Healthy Lunch
- 6 Governing Board Mtg.; 7:00 p.m.
- 8 12:15 p.m. dismissal; ACLC Staff Development day
- 15 Healthy Lunch
- 12/18 – 1/1 Winter Recess

This month's newsletter is an abbreviated edition. In the future, the newsletter will be published at the beginning of the month.

News from CCEF

Thanks to the many families who have generously donated to CCEF during the current donation letter campaign. We are continuing our campaign throughout the fall and encourage those who have not designated their charitable contributions yet to consider CCEF for the upcoming year. Remember, you can also donate monthly through Network for Good. Go to our Website www.friendsofacle.com as your porthole to website donations through Amazon, Barnes and Noble and other on-line shopping sites. Percentages of these sales will come to CCEF. We are still active with Escrip (sign up your Safeway care), Boxtops and Albertson's Card. If you regularly shop at any of these places regularly, consider adding CCEF for your donations.

CCEF has just developed a process for CCEF funding requests. If you have an idea which needs funding consideration from CCEF, please contact Roger Brady at (415) 350-9999 or RogerBrady@sbcglobal.net to receive the funding request form and instructions. We are looking forward to funding requests for projects that build or enrich the ACLC community. The upcoming CCEF meeting dates are Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

News from PAC

PAC (Parent Asset Committee) is the parent volunteer organization. This group helps to manage volunteer activities such as: the Graduation Committee, Healthy Lunch, Educational Enrichment, Facilities, Parent Forum, etc. If you are interested in becoming involved as a volunteer for any of the numerous ACLC volunteer groups, please join us monthly, or as often as you can attend.

Sign up to Volunteer: Bright pink sign up sheets are available next to Juanita's desk for parents to sign up for any of the PAC committees or activities that are of interest. Or you may contact this year's two PAC co-chairs: Erica Neuman at Erica@mindfultyos.com or Fran Kahane at fkahane@comcast.net

Graduation Committee Chair(s) needed ASAP. Traditionally 11th grade parents organize and volunteer for this event so that 12th grade parents may enjoy the day, but it is important for the senior class learners and their families to participate early in the planning process to make it a success. Please contact Fran Kahane to volunteer.

Healthy Lunch Menu - coming up:

Oct. 20 st	Comfort Food Macaroni and Cheese, Sliced Sausages, Rolls, Fruit Salad and Chocolate Desserts
Nov. 3 rd	Chilly Chili Chili with Meat or Vegetarian Cornbread, Green Salad, Pumpkin Desserts

EHS drama, including ACLC performers:

"Measure for Measure" (comedy by William Shakespeare)

All performances will be outdoors in Encinal High School courtyard near the media center
Sat & Sun October 21 & 22 at 2:00 p.m.

The Winter show is "Crimes of the Heart" (performance dates to be announced)

The Spring musical is "Footloose" (audition and performance dates to be announced)

Attendance Requirements:

The staff would like to remind everyone that all learners in grades 6-12 are required by California state law to attend school from the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those learners who have college classes are eligible for our Off Campus Contract, but their request to leave campus to attend classes must first be approved by the Curriculum Committee of our Governing Board. The necessary paperwork was handed out last Wednesday and must be returned and approved before learners can legally be away from the ACLC during the school day.

Those learners without college classes or other eligible Off Campus activities are expected to be at the ACLC by 8 a.m. each school day. Those who have an unexcused tardy, will be assigned detention. Habitual tardiness may result in more serious consequences.

Please help the ACLC abide by the state laws for compulsory school attendance by getting learners to school on time and reminding them to sign in each day.

If your Learner is taking ANY courses at Encinal High school, you must call Encinal High at 510-748-4023 to report all ABSENCES AND TRADIES FOR THE PERIOD TAKEN.

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>CALL</u>
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M-Z	510-748-4023 x 3109 Theresa Lee



Facilitator Class Messages



HUMANITIES

by Lynn Kameny, Jacob Powell , Lora Lewis & Syl Gibson

Humanities 9: Everything is still the same as the last newsletter. We are working on the Of Mice and Men trial and learners are working on media projects. To see the class calendar for this class, check www.schoolnotes.com. Once you are on the site enter the school's zip code, look for Lynn Kameny, and click on your learner's class. **(from Lynn)**

English 10-11: We are about to get started writing (practice) college admission essays. This is a great time for learners to think about what colleges they are interested in after high school. Learners can choose to write to the UC topics, which I will provide, or they can bring in topics from a college or university of their choice. Those learners who are applying to colleges that do not require essays, can either use this as an opportunity to develop their essay writing skills, or they can propose an alternate writing assignment. To see the class calendar for this class, check www.schoolnotes.com. Once you are on the site enter the school's zip code, look for Lynn Kameny, and click on your learner's class. **(from Lynn)**

Honors Junior English: Learners are revising their compare/contrast essays about The Awakening and The Scarlet Letter and they are finishing up reading The Color Purple. Our next book will be Upton Sinclair's The Jungle. To see the class calendar for this class, check www.schoolnotes.com. Once you are on the site enter the school's zip code, look for Lynn Kameny, and click on your learner's class. **(from Lynn)**

OTHER CLASSES and CENTER ACTIVITIES

Visual Communication: Progress reports will be mailed home in the next couple of days. Learners in my class know that they should be submitting their assignments to their learner folder in our class media library folder that is on our network. I have let learners know that if they received a "D" grade on their progress report it is because there is insufficient work in their learner folder for me to review and grade. What I am attempting to communicate to learners with a "D" grade is that if they continue to work at their current rate then they are not

working at an efficient enough rate to get assignments in before the quarter grade deadline. The final deadline for current assignments is at the quarter grade which will be submitted during the first week of November. Assignments submitted after the quarter grade are gladly accepted but will not be eligible for a grade above a "C". Assignments given after the second week of October will not be considered toward the quarter grade. This will allow learners another long stretch of time (about 6 weeks) to complete 2nd quarter assignments. Thanks, parents, for discussing time management with your learners at home. - **Carrie Blanche**

DVS: The pitch room is open! The learners of TV Media 1 and the DVS Wheel class have been pitching their ideas for a variety of stories in and around ACLC. They're getting ready to tackle subjects like the mandatory flag law for schools, the plight of the blue rolling chairs and we even have a couple of students from Encinal who are polling the students, teachers and administrators of our neighboring school about the need for an hour-long lunch period.

The new and improved DVS has seven new computers, bringing the number of IMac G5s to a whopping ten. That is serious computing power that will help end our logjam in the editing room. The new Wheel class has been a pleasure. The seventh grade learners are all enthusiastic and excited about making films and videos to show to the community.

The real world has also found its way into our classroom in the form of a fifteen minute television piece, commissioned by the program Frontline World, that recently took me to Uganda. The story of Kiva.org has been a great tool for teaching learners about the hectic pace of television production from the start, barely two weeks ago, to the finish, when the piece airs on October 31st on PBS (check local listings). The story follows the two founders of the web site to Uganda where they first conceived of the idea of creating a place where people could log in and read about the stories of entrepreneurs in the developing world, and with \$25 and a paypal account, make a difference in their lives by lending them money for their small businesses. Be sure to watch the program on Halloween night with the whole family and log on to www.kiva.org to learn more about micro-credit and the scores of small business people that are the back bone of economies in the developing world. – **Josiah Hooper**

Ultimate News:

10/28 - 10/29 - Cold Fusion Ultimate Frisbee tournament - Eugene, OR
11/11 - 11/12 - Sean Ryan College Ultimate Tournament, UC Santa Cruz
(Dark Meat and Sweet Meat Only)

ACLC will be sending 3 teams to the Cold Fusion Ultimate Frisbee tournament in Eugene, Oregon. Dark Meat (Varsity), Raw Meat (JV) and Junior Meat (Middle School) will be competing. All teams will be co-ed. There will be a total of 16 teams playing.

from Gail

There is a great new website that Cal State University uses called CSU mentor. (www.csumentor.edu). This site has information about all the Cal States and links to the UC's. The really great thing about it is that learners can begin entering in the courses they have taken at ACLC and the site helps track a-g requirements for the CSU's and UC's which are the graduation requirements for ACLC. Learners can begin doing this as freshmen. There also is information about financial aid, majors that each CSU and UC offers and much more. It really is worth checking out for both parents and learners. If learners have the courses entered portion filled in they can transfer that section to the online application. It makes the application process much easier! This helps those learners applying to the Cal State University's.

A good tool for getting assistance with the SAT's and ACT is the UC website (www.UCCP.org <<http://www.uccp.org/>>). There you will find free online SAT/ACT exam prep. Seniors must have all their tests taken and sent to the colleges they are applying to in December. The last SAT test date for seniors is Dec. 2 '06 and the last ACT test date for seniors is Dec. 9 '06. Juniors and some sophomores will be taking the PSAT here at ACLC on Wed. Oct. 18 in the morning. Hopefully, everyone intending on taking the test has registered with me.

I check in with the college and career counselor at Encinal on a regular basis to find out about college information sessions that happen there. I let the learners at ACLC know about these on the board outside my office. It is important for our learners to register with Ms. Allegrotti before they come to the sessions. We want to remain on good terms with her so she will keep inviting us to come to these sessions! Don't forget the 16th Annual Citywide College Night at College of Alameda, Thursday, Nov. 2 6 – 8 p.m. Many colleges will be represented that night, including most UC's, CSU's, Stanford, Harvard to name a few.

Lynn Kameny responded to the email sent out about assistance with the essay portion of college applications. I remind everyone that she works with sophomores and juniors in the Fall (mid-October) familiarizing them with writing their personal statements and helping them to practice writing personal statements. This is an important piece of the application and learners should spend time with this.

IMPORTANT TEST DATE

PSAT Wednesday, Oct. 18 at ACLC

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