

Cougar News

October 22, 2007

Upcoming Events

10/19	Senior Play 7:00 p.m.
10/20	Senior Play 7:00 p.m.
10/19	Volleyball JV State Tournament Times TBA
10/22	Volleyball Varsity Regional Tourn. Times TBA
10/23	Volunteer Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
10/25	Senior Formal Pictures 9:00 a.m.
10/26	Volleyball Varsity State Tourn. Times TBA
10/31	Fall Parties – Elementary Details in notes home
11/6	No School - Teacher Professional Day

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Fall Festival

Thank you to the many individuals who helped to make this year's Fall Festival a huge success. The weather was good, and there was great food and fun for all. Whether you supported the festival by attending, volunteering, donating or any combination of those, your support is greatly appreciated. Be sure to look on our website for pictures of the festival and other recent events in the photo gallery. (www.aiexcellence.com)

Volunteers

Volunteers are one of the Academy's greatest assets, and we are grateful for their work and dedication throughout the year. One of the ways that several of our volunteers serve is by committing a set time on a regular basis to work in the school office or a sponge room.

If you are one of those individuals who would be interested in volunteering on a regular basis at the school, please contact the school office at 267-6187 or Pam Brown at pblake@rescare.com. Each volunteer is asked to complete training before beginning their service. Training times are available now.

Layers

Each year as the seasons begin to change, there will be temperature variances throughout the day. A building our size does not allow the ability to adjust to accommodate the changes as they occur. For this reason, please encourage your child to wear

layers to allow for the temperature changes, and to maintain their comfort.

Homework

Now that most families have settled into the school year, it seems a good time to review AIE's homework policy. Teachers at the Academy do not assign homework to children in the lower grades and only on a limited scale in the upper grades. This policy was developed to allow each family the opportunity for family time on a consistent basis.

Our homework policy does not mean to suggest that pursuit of activities outside of school that could be considered academic in nature or mind building are not valuable. AIE strongly recommends these types of activities for its students. The amount of time given to these types of activities varies according to the age and ability of the child, however, a typical range is 30 minutes for younger children to 1 ½ hours for older children. The activities should be designed around the natural interest and abilities of the children. An activity involving a parent or other family members not only encourages intellectual growth, but also the growth of relationships. Examples include reading, cooking, puzzles, building models, scrap booking. Be creative and have fun. If you need ideas, please contact your child's teacher.

Just a reminder, according to various studies reading and eating dinner as a family are still considered accurate indicators of academic success in children.

