AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM Drincipal Bill Cecchine

With so much confusion and concern in the news about the limiting of group and individual choices and opportunities in education and society, please know that the *Arts Academy Charter Middle School* will steadfastly remain a welcoming beacon of inclusion that celebrates the diversity of our community and fights to ensure equity for all our students, families, and staff. Regardless of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, or disability, our school will continue to provide equitable opportunities for all students to achieve their highest potential. We do not now know, nor will we in the future review, the citizenship status of any of our students. This is because we know that every population is stronger when it includes a wide variety of backgrounds and viewpoints. That is why we are committed to ensuring all students have access—without discrimination—to all course offerings, counseling services, and extracurricular activities, and that each of them can access whatever reasonable accommodations they might need not only to survive but to thrive.

The federal government may be stepping away from its pledge to ensure DEI, but please know that their actions will change neither AACMS's commitment to small classes nor our ongoing efforts toward creating a strong, fact-based, and inclusive curriculum. We will proudly continue teaching the stories that have and will continue to impact our culture, from the horrors of slavery and the Holocaust to the ongoing legacies of the Civil Rights Movement both as it flourished in the 1960s and the way it continues through comparable efforts today. This dedication to holistic individual development is why we will also proudly continue encouraging students to expand their educations in areas that uniquely compel them through extracurricular clubs and activities, including Student Council, Math Club, Spectrum Club, the School Musical, and the Fellowship of Christian Artists. It is also why we as a school will continue to recognize and celebrate Black History Month, Women's History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, and the comparable celebrations that champion the indelible value a society gains by wholeheartedly embracing its diversity.

The US Constitution enshrines the right for people in this country to think for themselves, for citizens to vote for and elect whichever leaders they deem best suited to lead our country, and for everyone to share their opinions on these and other matters without fear of reprisal. We at AACMS hold these beliefs dearly and try to instill an appreciation for them in our students. Among the goals of this institution is to help raise a generation of students who—by studying both the Sciences and the Arts—are prepared to ask questions, to treat important matters seriously, and to consider deeply what they see in the world around them; in other words, *to think for themselves*.

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A A C M S Announcer

<u>Upcoming Events</u> March

- **3–19 Philly Pretzel Fundraiser**
- **10 No School** (Teacher In-Service)
- 11 PTO Meeting 6pm
- **12 Open House for Prospective Students •** 6pm
- **13 Dine to Donate at Copperhead Grille •** 5pm–9pm
- **15 Car Wash Fundraiser** 9am–12pm
- 17 School Board Meeting 6pm
- **20 Dine to Donate at the West** End Taproom • 5pm–9pm
- 28 Early Dismissal 11:30am
- 29 TRUE Dance Challenge

April

- 2 Dine to Donate at Chipotle 4pm–8pm
- **5 Bugsy Malone Musical**
- **10 8th Grade Trip to Baltimore**

View our complete calendar <u>here</u>.

A reminder that there is NO SCHOOL on Monday, March 10th for Teacher In-Service.



Arts Academy Charter Middle School





Dance • Instrumental • Literary Media



We are looking for performers for our Spring Arts Celebration at the Hangout Stage!

If you or someone you know is interested, please email a VIDEO SUBMISSION to Ms. Muzerall-Lynch by Friday, April 18th.

<u>lmuzerall-lynch@arts-</u> <u>cs.org</u> PERFORMERS WANTED

Friday, May 16th 5:45pm-7:30pm

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Support Our Students

Arts Academy Charter Middle School Dine to Donate Thursday, March 20th • 5pm-9pm

- Food
- Drinks
- Live Music from our AACMS Community!

Show our Flyer so AACMS gets 15% of all food purchased!

West End Taproom · 2114 Tilghman St. Allentown, PA 18104

West End



Visit <u>arts-</u> <u>cs.org/fundraisers</u> to print out Dine to Donate Flyers and get more details on all of our Fundraisers!



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ARTS ACADEMY CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL 25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND | 4-8PM 1870 AIRPORT RD, ALLENTOWN, PA, 18109

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE 66JM6QV OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify, \$150 minimum event sates required to receive any donation.



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