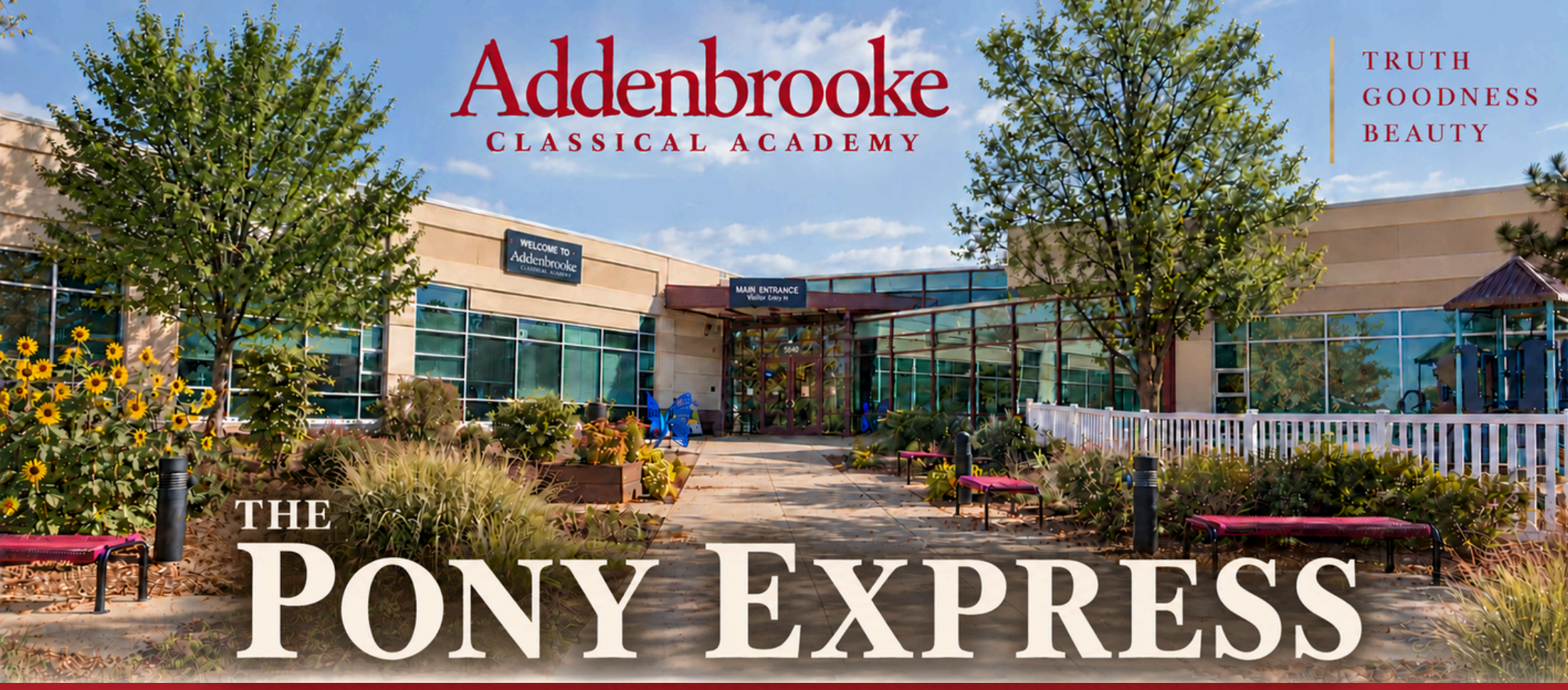


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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Curriculum Days & Events

Dear Addenbrooke Families,

Moving into the holiday season, it is evident how many traditions and parent opportunities we have at Addenbrooke. Mr. Kottenstette said he added up 118 events on our calendar that involve parent engagement!

It has been so great to see how comfortable our students have become in the classroom and how much effort our teachers are putting in to make every moment count. Teachers have been working hard on comprehension strategies and math word problems. I have definitely seen the fruits of their labor. When you hear third grade students discussing how they solved a math problem and how their way was different from a friend's, you can tell that they are developing higher-level thinking skills.

Throughout the past few weeks, most of the grades have completed at least one of their Core Knowledge Days. These days are the perfect culmination of all the learning they have done in a unit of study. If you haven't seen the curriculum map, check the grade level maps on this document.

Kindergarten-5th grade teachers are getting ready for Assessment day on 12/4 and their Service Project day on 12/18. Review their newsletters for more information!



Mrs. Julie Spencer

Mrs. Julie Spencer
K-8 Principal

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AROUND CAMPUS

Habit of the Month

PUNCTUALITY

As you continue practicing punctuality at home this month, encourage your kids to think about the relationship between time and priorities. Education is not simply about acquiring knowledge, but about developing character through the formation of good habits. Learning to use time wisely is an important part of that development.

For students, this might mean recognizing when it's time to put aside a favorite activity or how to transition promptly. These small practices help children learn that managing their time sometimes requires choosing what they ought to do over what they'd rather do. Try talking with your child about how they choose to spend their time. How can they make time for what they love and what they're responsible for? Helping children find a balance between priorities and preferences is one way to strengthen the habit of punctuality beyond the classroom.

Staff Spotlight



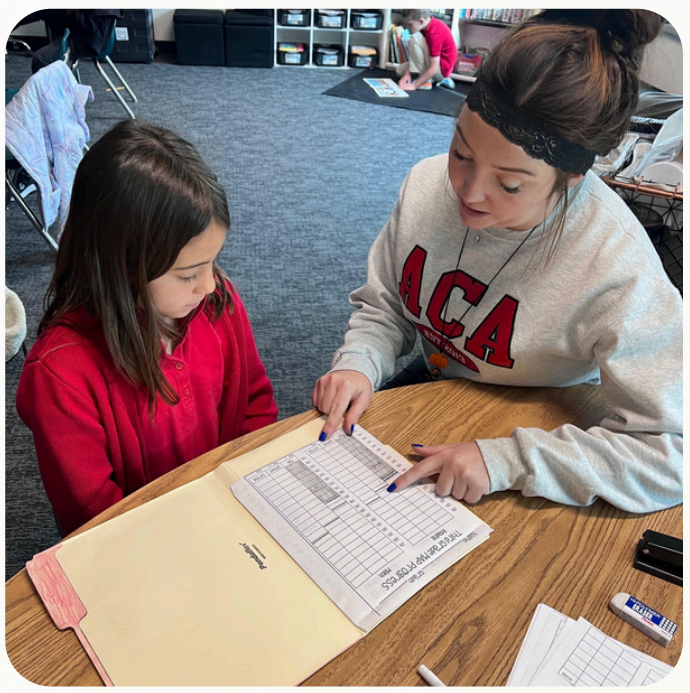
Ms. Emma Haglund

2ND GRADE TEACHER

Ms. Haglund came to Addenbrooke after graduating from Colorado Christian University, and this is her first year of teaching. She says she "absolutely loves the community and mission of ACA." She's a Washington native in her third year of living in Colorado. She enjoys time with her fiancé and friends, catching up with family in Washington, reading, writing, hiking, and exploring new coffee shops. She's enjoying a great year in second grade with spectacular students, and we're so glad she's here!

INSIDE THE CLASSROOM





MAP Testing & Goal Setting

In early December, Addenbrooke students will participate in their second round of MAP testing. Administered three times each year, these assessments help teachers measure students' academic achievement and growth over time, particularly in reading and mathematics.

To prepare, K–8 teachers are meeting individually with students to review their fall MAP results, celebrate progress, and set personal achievement goals for December.

By helping students understand their academic progress and identify goals for improvement, teachers encourage students to find motivation by outperforming their past selves, rather than competing with classmates or working toward external rewards.

At Addenbrooke, our goal is to develop lifelong learners who take ownership of their education. When students recognize how far they've come and are empowered to see how they can improve, they become active participants in their own learning and develop habits of reflection, grit, and personal responsibility that extend beyond testing season.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Nov

20 — **Pre-K–8 Pajama Day**
Wear your cozy, appropriate pajamas and bring $5!

20 — **3rd Grade Rome Curriculum Day**
All day | Individual Classrooms. Teachers will send communication about event details.

20 — **Preschool Thanksgiving Feast**
Preschoolers enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast in their classrooms.

23-27 — **No School: Thanksgiving Break**
School is closed for Thanksgiving Break. Classes resume Monday, November 30.

Dec

1 — **High School Prospective Family Night**
6:00 p.m. | Prospective high schoolers are invited to the high school campus to learn about the school. Invite a 9-12th grade friend!

3 — **Dad's Book Club**
7:45–8:15 a.m. | Library. Dads and students discuss the book in small groups by grade.

3 — **Prospective Parent Meeting**
6:00 p.m. | Prospective Pre-K–8th grade families learn about Addenbrooke's K–8 campus.

4 — **Winter K–5 Assessment Day**
Teachers will send sign-ups. 6th–8th grade students have a regular school day.

4 — **Preschool Assessment Day**
Individually scheduled. Teachers will send sign-ups for preschool students.

4 — **Kids' Movie and Craft Activity/Parents' Night Out**
4:00–7:00 p.m. | Hosted in Grammar School Commons.; must pre-register and pay $20 fee.

7 — **2nd–3rd Grade Music Performance**
6:00–7:00 p.m. | Gym

STAY CONNECTED

FOR MORE EVENT DETAILS

For the most up-to-date information, subscribe to our school calendar.

SCHOOL CALENDAR
addenbrooke.org/calendar

INSTAGRAM
@officialaddenbrookemustangs

FACEBOOK
Addenbrooke Classical Academy

PACS is a parent-led organization that supports Addenbrooke through community events and volunteer opportunities. All parents are welcome!

Join our next meeting on Friday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Grammar School Commons

WINTER WORKSHOP

SAT, DECEMBER 12 FROM 9-12

Winter Workshop is an event where your family makes pre-packaged, personalized crafts to gift this holiday season! Kits are available for purchase in advance. On 12/12, collect your kit on campus between 9am - noon. Instructions and supplies are provided. There's even a wrapping station so you don't have anything left to do when you get home.

Click here to learn more.

FUNDRAISER

Red Robin
GOURMET BURGERS AND MORE

Join us TONIGHT, 11/19, at Red Robin for a school fundraiser. Stop by or order to go, mention the fundraiser, and 20% of your purchase will go back to Addenbrooke.

3244 S. Wadsworth Blvd.
Lakewood, CO 80227

GIVING TREE



TEACHER WISHLISTS ARE READY FOR YOU!

Our annual Giving Tree is an opportunity for families to support Addenbrooke teachers by purchasing an item a teacher wants for their classroom. Families are invited to choose a teacher and purchase a gift.

Click here to learn more.

kids night out

ACA Middle School Student Government is hosting a holiday pajama and movie party on **Friday, December 4, from 4–7 p.m.**
Enjoy a parents' night out while your kids enjoy pizza, treats, holiday movies, and crafts!
Cost: $20
Drop-off: K–8 elementary front entrance
Registration deadline: December 2
Space is limited to 50 students. No walk-ins accepted. Click here to sign up today.

BULLETIN BOARD



School Accountability Committee



Immunization Deadline

DECEMBER 10

All required immunization documentation for the 2026–2027 school year is due by December 10. If you have received a notice from the clinic indicating that your student is not currently compliant, please submit documentation ASAP to the nurse or front desk. If you have questions or would prefer to submit your paperwork digitally, contact abrown@addenbrooke.org.

Calling All Grandparents!

Grandparents, cool aunts and uncles, and friends of Addenbrooke, the School Accountability Committee (SAC) needs you! SAC needs a community or business representative. If you're not an ACA parent, but you're invested in this community, please apply here!



Pack a jacket!

As the weather changes, please ensure that your child has appropriate cold-weather clothing so we can continue spending time outside every day. We won't go outside with our K–5 students if the weather is too wet or below 20 degrees. During the winter months, we encourage boots when there is snow (bring a pair of tennis shoes to change into while in the building).

Art to Remember

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ORDER NOW!

Looking for a gift idea? Order personalized art that your child made on any number of items! Students were sent home with a personalized QR code. If you need it again, email Ms. Leyva or Ms. Troudt.



FIRST RESPONDERS BREAKFAST

First grade is hosting a breakfast for all first responders on Dec 18. ACA students are invited to bring a loved one for a special program and breakfast. Contact first grade teachers for details or register here.

BULLETIN BOARD



Download ParentSquare

GET THE APP TODAY

In January, Addenbrooke is moving to ParentSquare for all-school communications. Downloading the ParentSquare app now will allow you to set notification preferences, choose your preferred language, and receive messages in a mobile-friendly format.

If you don't take any action, you'll continue to receive school calls, texts, and school emails, but download the app today to more easily navigate school communications.

Join Our Team

We have open staff positions. Join our Addenbrooke team! Click here to review the postings.

Hearing & Vision Screenings

Hearing and vision screenings will take place on Monday, December 14 for students in PK–3rd, 5th, and 7th grades, as well as any new students and students with an IEP. If you would like your student to opt out of screenings, please contact the school nurse at abrown@addenbrooke.org.

ABOVE BOARD

Board of Directors Letter

The Board of Directors publishes a monthly letter to the Addenbrooke community that was sent to your email. If you haven't read it yet, click here.

Invite a Friend to Addenbrooke

Enrollment and re-enrollment open on December 1!
Tell a friend about our upcoming enrollment events.

K-8 Prospective Parent Events

Prospective Pre-K–8 families are invited to attend to learn about Addenbrooke. Hear from Principal Spencer, learn about our tuition-free classical education, and discover how we partner with families.

Click here to learn more.

High School Prospective Family Event

Prospective 9-12 graders, along with current 6-8 graders, are invited to attend to learn about Addenbrooke High School. Explore classrooms, meet teachers and students, and hear from Principal Byrne.

Click here to learn more.

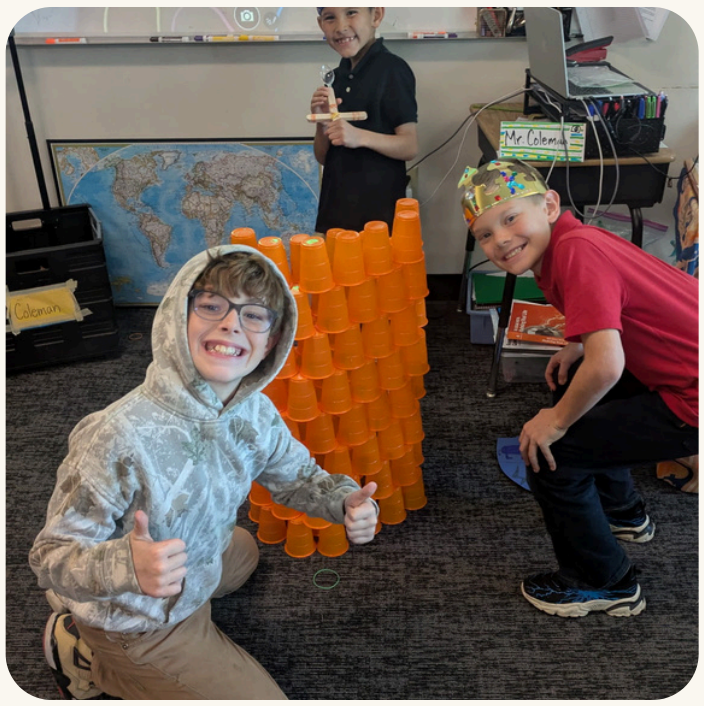
MUSTANG MOMENTS



4th Grade Medieval Curriculum Day







5th Grade AmeriTowne Field Trip





