

THE PONY EXPRESS

K-8 NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Fall Traditions

Dear Addenbrooke Families,

Kids are ready for the special events happening on campus next week! The energy is quite high with Halloween just around the corner and the students have two opportunities to wear their costumes around school.

First, we hope you'll join us for the Fall Fest on Tuesday evening (kids should wear costumes). Then, students can wear costumes to school on Friday, October 30th for the Halloween parade and party. Remember that K-5 students should have their regular school outfit under their costume. Middle schoolers may wear their costume all day.

I love the Halloween parade. It is amazing to see the parent connections as you all come to watch little princesses and ninjas parade around the school. The parade will start promptly at 8:15 a.m. Parents are invited to come watch by standing around the outside of the building.

There are so many Addenbrooke traditions at this time of year. Watch for all of these special moments in the newsletter. We're so glad you're here!



Mrs. Julie Spencer

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K-8 Principal

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Habit of the Month

PERFECT EXECUTION

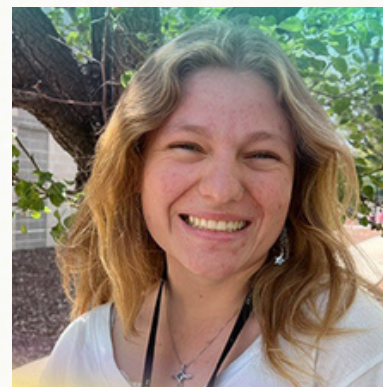
We've been practicing the habit of perfect execution at school, and students are showing progress. Thank you for your support by practicing this at home.

Students who hold themselves to high standards in the small things will find that they have the tenacity, attention to detail, and persistence to tackle bigger projects later in life. If this is a difficult habit to practice at home, remember that skills are built through consistent practice *over time*. You don't have to make changes overnight.

This week, consider building this habit in your home by telling your child about how you practice this habit. Share an example of a time in your life (or this week!) when you had to be persistent and re-do something in order to produce your best work.

Kids are watching you and love to know you're experiencing the same growth and challenges they are!

Staff Spotlight



Mrs. Mackenzie Blanco
6TH GRADE ELA TEACHER

Mrs. Blanco is our new 6th grade ELA teacher. This is her first year teaching, and we're so glad to have her at Addenbrooke. She recently got married, and she loves to hike, play card games, and spend time with friends.

Mrs. Blanco likes a good matcha or chai, and anything lavender. She says she's ecstatic to be teaching at Addenbrooke this year and for many years to come. Welcome, Mrs. Blanco!

INSIDE THE CLASSROOM



Enrichment

In place of elective courses, middle school students choose from a variety of teacher-led enrichment classes based on their interests.

Enrichment classes meet once a week for about 8-10 weeks. By choosing a new enrichment topic three times a year, students explore new hobbies, develop skills, and connect with classmates outside their regular academic subjects.

This semester's enrichment options included woodworking, an entomology study, jewelry making, a class called October Sky, yearbook, and more.



UPCOMING EVENTS



23

2nd Grade Ancient Asian Curriculum Day

Teachers have provided information to parents. Please sign up!

Students will watch a Dragons & Lions dance performance and then do classroom activities.

23

Candy Drive Donations Due

Drop off at the front desk.

See PACS announcements for information about the candy drive and fall festival.

27

Kindergarten Field Trip

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Urban Garden

Teachers will send communication about parent volunteers and trip details.

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Fall Festival and “Boo”tique

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. | K-8 Campus Gym, Field & Playground

See PACS announcements for activities and details.

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Grammar School Halloween Parties

8:15 - 9:30 a.m. | Pre-K–8 Campus

Join for the sidewalk parade at 8:15 a.m. or RSVP for classroom parties at 8:30 a.m.

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PACS Pumpkin Drop

2:00 p.m. | Pre-K–8 playground

Raffle tickets for students can be purchased at Fall Festival. All students may attend.

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4th Grade Field Trip

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. | Morrison Natural History Museum

Two classes will go on the 3rd and the other two classes will go on the 4th.

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6th Grade Outdoor Lab

All day | Off Campus

Teachers will send communication about event details.

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Prospective Parent Meeting

6:00 p.m. | Library

Prospective families with students in Pre-K–8th grade are invited to learn about Addenbrooke.

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Dad’s Book Club

7:45 – 8:15 a.m. | Library

Dads are invited to attend. Reading list is: K-1st, The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats | 2nd-3rd, My Father’s Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett | 4th-5th grade, Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O’Dell

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Scholastic Book Fair

Times will be listed in the school newsletters and sent home with students.



STAY CONNECTED FOR MORE EVENT DETAILS

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



SCHOOL CALENDAR

addenbrooke.org/calendar



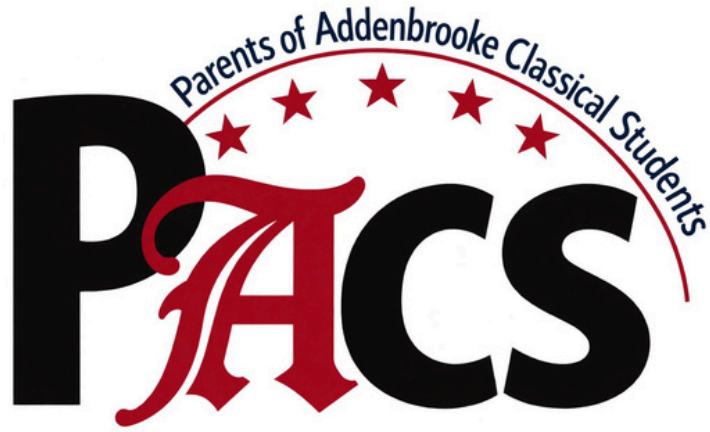
INSTAGRAM

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FACEBOOK

[Addenbrooke Classical Academy](https://www.facebook.com/AddenbrookeClassicalAcademy)



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, November 13th at 8:00 a.m.
in the Grammar School Commons

TEACHER TREATS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
ON BOTH CAMPUSES

Once a month, staff receive treats as a special “thank you” for all they do. These treats are donated by you! Help shop in advance, donate tasty treats, or volunteer to set up and clean up.

addenbrookepacs.org/pacs-snacks

FALL FEST

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
5:30 - 8:00 PM

Join us to celebrate fall! We’ll have a petting zoo, Boo-tique vendors, trunk-or-treat, food trucks, Pumpkin Drop raffle tickets for sale, and MORE!

addenbrookepacs.org/fall-festival-boutique

CANDY DRIVE

DONATIONS DUE TOMORROW,
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

Help make Fall Fest a success! We are collecting individually wrapped candy to use for Trunk-Or-Treat at Fall Fest. Please drop off candy donations at the front desk. Thank you for supporting this fun community event!



BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Addenbrooke! Students will have the opportunity to shop a wide selection of books during their library time and after school. More details, including dates and volunteer opportunities, are coming soon.

BULLETIN BOARD



Send Your Veteran Photos

Each year, we honor Addenbrooke family veterans with a photo display in the middle school commons. To include a veteran in this year's display, please email a photo to mleyva@addenbrooke.org by November 6. Photos submitted in previous years are already on record and do not need to be resubmitted.



November 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Save the date for Addenbrooke's Fall Art Show! Join us for an evening featuring artwork from Pre-K–8th grade students, handmade jewelry, a gratitude tree, and fun activities for the whole family. [Click here to volunteer.](#) More details coming soon!

Dad's Book Club

NOVEMBER 5TH AT 7:45 A.M.

Dad's Book Club is coming up! K-1st grade should read *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. 2nd-3rd grade should read *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett. 4th-5th grade should read *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell.

After-School Homework Help

FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS

Junior National Honor Society members will be available to help 3rd–5th grade students with homework on Tuesdays until 4:00 p.m. Students who want to participate can head to Room 200 after dismissal. Parents, if your student would like to attend, please email your child's teacher!

Halloween Parade & Parties

K–5 Halloween festivities will be held on Friday, October 30. There will be an outdoor parade from 8:15 – 8:30 a.m. followed by classroom parties. Parents attending classroom parties must RSVP by Monday, October 26th. No RSVP is needed to watch the outdoor parade. Please remember the school's costume guidelines: no face paint, no masks, no blood or gore, no weaponry of any kind.



Class Shirts

They're Almost Here!

Middle school class shirts have arrived. K–5 shirts are on their way, and Pre-K shirts should be here by Thanksgiving. If you ordered one, check your email for a link or log into Infinite Campus to pay for your shirt today. Select JeffCo Student Fee Payment on the right side of the page (not Fees on the left) to pay for your student's shirt.



Cereal Drive

Help our Junior National Honor Society reach their goal of collecting 1,000 boxes of cereal by October 23rd for families in need! Students can bring cereal donations to school, and the class or advisement that collects the most will win a cereal party.