

# Aurora Academy Charter School

Falcon Flash

AACS Falcon Flash October 2nd, 2023

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# UPCOMING PTO MEETINGS

SEPT 12	SEPT 26	OCT 10	
OCT 24	NOV 14	DEC 12	JAN 14

MEET US IN THE CAFETERIA FOR OUR PTO MEETINGS. WE BEGIN AT 4PM! PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR NORMAL PTO MEETINGS HAPPEN THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH STARTING IN NOVEMBER!

PTO meetings begin at 4:00. Meet us in the Cafeteria.

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## AACS Sports Announcements!

Flag Football: Game is Wednesday, October 4th at 4:30pm at Rocky Mountain Prep Noel  
5290 Kittredge St, Denver, CO 80239, USA





**DESTINATION  
IMAGINATION.**

## Parent Volunteers Needed

Earn 30-40 hours of Volunteer time

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Team Manager/coach
- Materials and Preparation coordinator
- Team Building manager and tournament helper
- Photographer

### About DI

- \* Who: Students K-8 Teams of 2-7 members
- \* What: A science competition that challenges students in different areas
- \* When: Practices once a week in October-March  
Competition in March - Date TBD
- \* Where: Practice at school  
Competition at a local area school

### Contact Mrs. Greenwood if interested

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[agreenwood@auroraacademycharter.com](mailto:agreenwood@auroraacademycharter.com)  
303-367-5984 ex.155

Students develop social-emotional skills such as self-confidence, empathy, and resilience.



### Why Destination Imagination

Students improve in creative thinking, critical thinking and collaborative problem solving. They experience the creative process, develop new friendships and learn to work together. Students have shown improvement in their grades, school performance, self confidence, become better communicators and improve their creativity and problem solving skills.



For additional information please email Mrs. Greenwood at [agreenwood@auroraacademycharter.com](mailto:agreenwood@auroraacademycharter.com)

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**Click on picture above to pre-order your student's pictures.**

School Name: Aurora Academy Charter School

Picture Day Date: Tuesday, October 3

Picture Day ID: EVTTRKVQW

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# GLOW PARTY


## Roller Skating Fun

### Aurora Academy


**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**6-8pm**  
**Admission \$7.00**  
**(skate rental \$4.00)**

Bring your friends and family for a GREAT back-to-school skate party event, just for the students, staff, family, and friends from the school!

Pre-purchase your admission and skate rentals for an expedited entry inside the night of the skate party! [Click HERE](#) to purchase your admissions and rentals today!

 Glow sticks, flashlights, and GLOW products available for purchase and giveaways throughout the event!

**AURORA**  
15100 E. Girard Ave.  
303-690-1444  
[www.skatecitycolorado.com](http://www.skatecitycolorado.com)



### Yellow for Respect Day!

On Friday, October 6th Students can wear a plain yellow color t-shirt that represents Respect, October's Core virtue.

Students can pay \$2 to wear jeans or athletic bottoms. Students must adhere to dress of choice guidelines.

Respect - Will accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them.



**Counseling Corner**  
**All About Trustworthiness**

# All About Trustworthiness

Parents,

Hello! Here at school, we have been very busy learning about trustworthiness- what it means and how we can be a trustworthy friend! Learning happens best when it is done both at school and at home. Below are many ways that you can help your child continue to learn about the theme of trustworthiness through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it! We have really enjoyed exploring this topic at school, and I hope your family will enjoy it just as much!

## Read About It!

Here are some books to help you learn more about trustworthiness:

- Ricky Sticky Fingers by Julia Cook
- The Boy Who Cried Wolf by B. G. Hennessy
- The Secret Olivia Told Me by N. Joy

## Practice It!

Use building blocks to build a tower with your child. Each time you add a block to the tower, talk about one thing that can build trust. Every so often, talk about something that would break trust. Then, knock the tower down. Repeat the activity as desired. Talk with your child about how trust can be built and destroyed.

## Talk About It!

Here are some discussion points to help you talk about trustworthiness with your child:

- What do you think trustworthiness means and why is it important?
  - Do you think you are trustworthy? Why or why not?
  - Do you think your friends are trustworthy? Why or why not?
- Tell me about a time when you were tempted to lie or do something that wasn't trustworthy. What happened?
  - Has anyone ever lied to you? How did it make you feel?
  - Are there any secrets that you shouldn't keep?

## Exciting things happening in Technology!

At Aurora Academy, we believe that 21st century skills are vitally important for our students to learn. To that end, we have been working on several things this first quarter. Primary Elementary students (Grades K-2) are about to be introduced to circuits, Intermediate Elementary students (Grades 3-5) have begun an interactive coding program, and now Middle School has begun to engage in a STEM engineering platform.

As you can see from the photographs, students are very engaged as they construct their first project, a simple inclined plane. This can be used to calculate Ideal Mechanical Advantage (IMA), the assumption that no energy is lost to friction, wear, or resistance. We see this in our world everywhere, in disability access ramps, furniture dollies, and highway on/off ramps. Students are completing projects to demonstrate how different IMA can be achieved by adjusting ramp height and length using these great kits from Sphero. Keep an eye out for future STEM project updates!





## 8th Grade "Keystone" Field Trip

The 8th grade class went back to Keystone Science School... sort of. Students went camping with Keystone Science School staff for more outdoor, experiential learning, but this time in Golden Gate Canyon State Park. They took part in team building activities, learned about Colorado watersheds, went on a nature hike, and discussed the significance of water management in Colorado and the Southwest United States. They braved the elements, learning how to camp in tents, and had fun forming memories and friendships to last a life time.





## Folk Tails Cast List

Character:	Actor:
Actor 1, Storyteller, Rooster	Eidana
Actor 2, Robber 1	Caesar
Actor 3, Storyteller, Skunk	Calli
Actor 4, Storyteller, Robber 2	Xavier
Actor 5, Storyteller, Monkey pal	Ikraam
Actor 6, Storyteller, Lion	Xy'naja
Monkey, Cat	Andoni
Anansi, Coyote	Valeria
Turtle (In Anansi), Tiger 1	Nathan
Donkey, Tiger 2	Briellea
Crocodile 1, Deer Mouse	Harper
Dog (in Bremen) , Turtle (in Dog story)	Matthew
Fox, Porcupine	RJ (Rameesh)
Elephant, Crocodile 3	Robel
Monkey (in dog story), Wolf	Eliana
Rajah, Storyteller (Monkey's story)	MJ
Crocodile 2, Dog (Dog's story)	Azul







## Community Eligibility Form

**Did you know your kids can get Free meals!**

**Starting July 1st you can complete the Community Eligibility Form.**

**Scan the QR Code or go to [payschoolscentral.com](https://payschoolscentral.com) to complete the Form.**

**What are the benefits of completing an Eligibility Form?**

**Benefits to filling out the Form may include:**

- **Reduced Fees Athletics/Activities and other non-school programs**
- **High School Testing (i.e. Act, IB, etc.)**
- **Low income Internet (i.e. Comcast)**
- **Possible Pandemic EBT food Benefits**
- **Other School and District funding (i.e. Title I, E-rate)**



**Questions? Call Nutrition Services  
303-343-0295**

Our goal this year is for 100% of our families to complete the Free & Reduced Lunch (FRL) application before October 1st, 2023.

**Click on the picture above to apply online**

### Unlock Opportunities with FRL Application

We would like to emphasize the significance of completing the FRL application. While every student receives free meals, filling out the FRL application can open doors to even more advantages:

- **Reduced Cost Field Trips:** Imagine your child exploring the world beyond the classroom at a fraction of the cost!
- **SNAP Benefits:** Qualifying families can access valuable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.
- **Reduced Cost Technology:** Providing your child with the tools they need for a successful education without straining your budget.

### Act Today!

Don't miss out on these incredible opportunities. Apply for the FRL program today by clicking on the image above.



# NOW HIRING

**Part Time Jobs starting at**

**\$15.26/hour**

**Monday to Friday**

**Flexible Hours**

**No Nights, Weekends  
or Holidays**

**2-5 Hours  
a day while  
your kids  
are in  
School!**



**apply online:**

**<https://hr.aurorak12.org/>**

**Please contact  
Bianca Mendoza  
303-343-0295 ex. 28553**



## Parent Board

### Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, October 9th, 2023 at 6pm in the AACCS Library for our monthly Board of Directors meeting.

You can find the Board Agenda and Minutes on our website: [AACCS Board Agenda & Minutes](#)

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