

WARRIOR WORD



Summer 2011

A Year in the Life of an ACA Teacher: A Parent's Perspective

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Lyndsay and Jack Day

It was around this time two years ago that my husband and I decided to enroll our daughter, Kylie, at ACA. Our first year was wonderful and without hesitation, we signed her up for first grade (which has been incredible this year with Mrs. Carpenter!). But apparently word had gotten out that I have a teaching background and two weeks before school started, I went to pay tuition and was asked whether I wanted a job. Without hesitation I replied, "No Way!" But the conversation that followed was the beginning of an adventure that brought me to teach at ACA this past year. It started with my first day of in-service. I was surprised by my excitement, and my excitement turned to amazement as I listened to the hearts of administrators, board members, and fellow teachers. Instead of listening to hours of droning on and on about how to make the school look better, the test scores look better, and the administration look better (as I had been used to when I taught in public school), I was overwhelmed by a day of scripture, prayer, and inspirational talks on how to love the students, instruct them, and guide

them in a way that reflected God's love for them. At times that day I was moved to tears of joy and gratitude. I was amazed by the depths of the love the teachers and administrators had for our children. When I entered the classroom, I found the students were eager to learn, well behaved, and a joy to be with each day. Throughout my year of teaching, I learned that ACA is full of people that believe in the mission and truly love our children. They spend countless hours of their own time in the evenings and on weekends working for our children, many times sacrificing valuable time with their own families. The teachers and administrators also participate in challenging and rigorous professional development courses: writing papers and working towards certification through ACCS. If you aren't personally passionate about learning, you won't last long as an ACA teacher! But above all, I learned that the teachers and administrators cover our children and their families in prayer more than you can imagine. That is the commitment of an ACA teacher. This past school year has brought me great joy and insight into ACA, but I am eager to return to being "just a wife and mother." I am especially grateful to my husband and daughter for allowing me this opportunity. I will forever remember my year as an ACA teacher with fondness.

Summer News



Message from the Headmaster

Summer is ending and excitement is building as we gear up for back to school! Over the summer months many positive

changes have occurred. We have added 4 new board members, a new Director of Advancement, a new receptionist, 4 new teachers, a new sign, a technology upgrade, and LOTS of new students and families. It is truly exciting to see Annapolis thriving despite the

significant challenges of an unstable economy and the tide of cynicism, apathy, and worldliness sweeping our nation's youth. And, while our local public school system continues to slip further down the slope toward academic mediocrity and unacceptability (see The Caller Times article from July 29th) while promoting a worldview of agnostic secularism and a philosophy of "teaching to the test," it is truly a comfort to know that Annapolis exists to provide an academically excellent education that equips our children with the biblical wisdom and Christian values necessary to impact the world for God's glory!

New Faculty & Staff

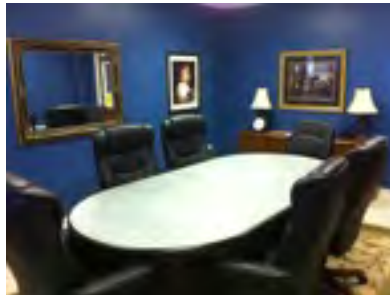


Welcome to our new faculty and staff: Mrs. Pat Kinner (Grammar Principal), Mrs. Lindsey Colston (PK3), Mrs. Alice Garanzuay (PK4), Mrs. Amanda Garcia (2nd grade), Miss Rebecca Lyons (secondary literature), Mrs. Misty Anderson (school receptionist, a.k.a. "Director of First Impressions") and Mrs. Beth Kingsbury (Director of Advancement). We are excited about the potential you bring to our academy!

Accreditation Report

In June, Annapolis' accreditation was renewed for five years with ACCS. Mission accomplished!

New Board Members



In addition to Tonya Webber and David Crossland, we are blessed to add 4 new board members for 2011-2012: Frank Dodson (Vice-chair), Bill Avery (Treasurer), Sarah Borchardt (Secretary), and Jeanine Denais. Welcome aboard!

New Sign



Check out the new Annapolis sign on the Staples frontage!

Technology Upgrade



Over the summer, Annapolis received two grants -- one from the Behmann Brothers foundation and one from the Optimist Club -- to purchase new computers for our grammar teachers and a mobile multimedia cart equipped with a high resolution projector and high definition speaker system. In addition, we are installing a new administrative network and firewall security system.

Rummage Sale

Ready to clean out your garage? Donate your high quality rummage to Annapolis and help us raise money for scholarships! Contact Beth Kingsbury for info at advancement@aca-cc.org.