

## Principal's News:

Dear Ararat Charter School Families,

It's amazing to know that we have completed our first trimester of the year. We will be having parent conferences this month for the first trimester of the year. This is a great opportunity to identify your child's strengths and weaknesses in order to help him/her be more successful at school. ACS has made changes to our report cards in order to incorporate California's new state standards. If you have any questions about the new report card or state standards, please speak to your child's teacher. December will be a short month due to our winter break, so we encourage you to take your child to the local library over the winter break so that they can have continuity in their reading practice.

We also want to encourage all parents to attend our monthly *PIC meetings* each month. Our meetings will be held on the last Friday of the month. Please look for communication in your child's Wednesday folder. This is a great opportunity for parents to get involved and provide their input on how to make our school a better place.

We would also like to remind you about the importance of student attendance at school. Students with few absences have a higher likelihood of being successful at school. We recommend that you set morning routines with your children so that they arrive on time. This helps teachers deliver their lessons without interruptions and also helps students fully understand concepts being taught as they get to be present at the beginning of the lesson.

## Parent Corner:

### Fundraisers and Events for School:

- Thanksgiving Food Drive – **Monday, November 14 – 21, 2016** – Thank you for making the food drive a great success
- PIC Bake Sale, **Friday, November 18, 2016** – A big thank you to all that helped make this event a success. Ararat Charter Family raised **\$340.99**.
- The next Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting is scheduled for **Friday, December 9, 2016 @ 8:00am**. Please join us in our efforts of supporting our students.
- **November 21 – December 2, 2016** – Worlds' Famous Chocolate Fundraiser

On behalf of our students, Ararat Charter School Staff and the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) we would like to extend our gratitude to every Ararat Charter School family and friends for all the help and support extended on behalf of our students.



# December 2016



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| October 3 – December 12, 2016       | Choir – Campus 2  |
| November 21 – December 2, 2016      | World Famous Chocolate Fundraising – Campus 1 & 2         |
| December 2, 2016                    | Parent-Teacher Conference – <b>No School for Students</b> |
| December 9, 2016                    | PIC Meeting – Campus 1                                    |
| December 16, 2016                   | Winter Program - Campus 1&2                               |
| December 17, 2016                   | Governing Board Meeting – Campus 1 – MPR                  |
| December 19, 2016 – January 6, 2017 | Winter Break  |
| January 9, 2017                     | School Re-Opens   |

## LAUSD Parent Trainings:

For more information call (800) 933-8133 or (213) 481-3350  
 Go to: <http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/643> for LAUSD Parent Training Schedule.

## Reminders:

### SCHOOL HOURS

School begins at **7:50am** and ends at **3:00pm** sharp. Please make sure that students are at school on time as class instruction begins promptly. Late arrivals disrupt class instruction.

### STUDENT LATE ARRIVAL

Parents must walk tardy children into the school’s office and sign them in.

### DISMISSAL/VALET

The safety of our students is our first priority. Please adhere to the school speed limit and DO NOT block drive-ways. Traffic safety officers will be patrolling as a result of high number of violations.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Monday – Friday: Ararat white polo shirt (short/long sleeve) – Navy blue pants/shorts/skorts
- Fridays’ spirit wear - Ararat blue T-shirt (short/long sleeve) – Navy blue pants/shorts/skorts
- Navy blue Ararat Hoodie / Ararat Caps only
- Avoid sending students with short skorts. Skorts should be slightly above the knees

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