



From Gorham Mountain toward Otter Cove
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Acadia Team Newsletter

September 1, 2023

Car Wash & Bake Sale!!



Come help us NEXT SATURDAY MORNING!

Our first, funniest, and wettest fundraiser is next Saturday 9/9. Last year we raised over \$2000! We rely on lots of students, siblings, parents, grandparents and friends to make this a success. The more baked goods the better. We go through a ton of them. We need people (#1) trays, baked

goods, dog biscuits, big sponges, and brushes.

If you and your child can't come, baked goods can be brought on Friday.

Team Acadia loves volunteers!

Our team does quite a few field trips and in school events. We have been blessed with parents, grandparents, etc who help make that possible. It's a great way to be a part of our school, see what it's really like, and make a real difference. We use our volunteers as enrichments for our classes. For instance, we had many guests last Spring as they told us of their experience as immigrants. We have had volunteers in the past help teach a crazy range of topics including first aid, ice harvesting, self-defense, canoeing, insects, fishings, marine biology, gold panning, wild foods, and fire dancing. **Please consider signing up as a volunteer.**

Guests welcome on team Acadia

Unless there is something that prevents it, we welcome parents/guardians visiting team Acadia. You can come in and just observe or perhaps help with a class. Contact us if you are interested. We welcome guests any time of the day.

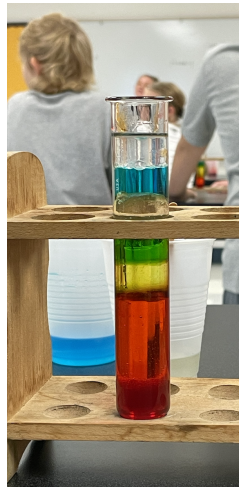
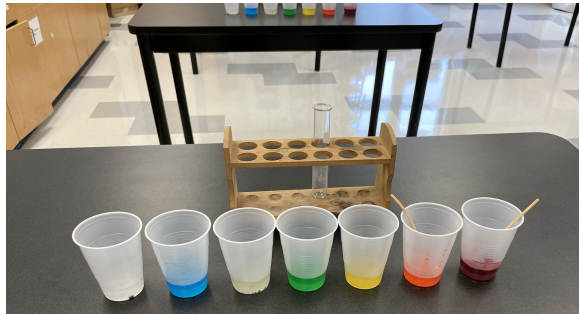
Mindfulness

We are committed to beginning most classes with practices that help both students and teachers be settled and intentional. It may be a moment of

silence, movement, responding to a quote or video or guided breathing.

Welcoming our newest Acadians:

On Wednesday, we welcomed our sixth graders to the team with a science experiment. Students created density columns. Students were curious why the fluids didn't mix and the colors separated - even for those groups that accidentally missed directions and had mixed the column ingredients. This will tie into our Forecasting the Future class, as we learn more about air density, temperature, Galileo Thermometers, and weather systems.



On Thursday we came together as a team: We spent time with team-building activities, such as an inside/outside circle, a circle march, and playing Magical Beans. Students also had time to seek out books (everyone is to have a book with them on team, every day). Our students reflected on the values that drive them each day, on who they are as people, and on what they need to be their best selves.

We also completed a "Wacky Relay," dressed in togas like the Greek Gods we'll be learning more about in Myths and Legends.



On the Horizon:

9/4- Labor Day,
no school

9/6 - High School Meet and
Greet 6 PM

9/6 - School Board Meeting
6:30 PM

9/9 - 9 am to 12 PM Car Wash

9/13 - Parent Zoom meeting 7
PM

9/14 Summer Reading Work
due

9/27 - Half Day for Students

10/6 - No School for Students

Needs on-team:

- Copies of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
- Car Wash volunteers
- Baked Goods for 9/9
- C cell batteries (1, 4 pack)

In our classes:



Earth Systems:

Day 1 we went outside to start digging into our planet. Lab groups looked for what made up the contents of holes they dug. What was organic and was inorganic, how did it get there and what was it made from?

Students got their hands dirty and their minds going.

Hero's Journey: We haven't met yet, but we will be working on learning about our values, our heroes, and how

the lives of our heroes reflect our values. By the end of the trimester, students will be creating a multimedia project about their values and their heroes.

Myths and Legends: Our class today was introduced to the idea of mindfulness. Together we developed guidelines for the mindful moments that will begin all of our classes together.

Math Classes:

On Friday, all math classes began with introductions and then completed the first I-Time Lesson of the BARR program. Students watched a video of Maya Angelou who talked about being rainbows in someone else's clouds and used ideas on how others have made our lives better to develop group norms. Check out the video here:

[▶ Dr. Maya Angelou: "Be a Rainbow ...](#)