



# Panther's Call

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## Principal's Message



### Greetings Panther Parents!

Dear Parents,

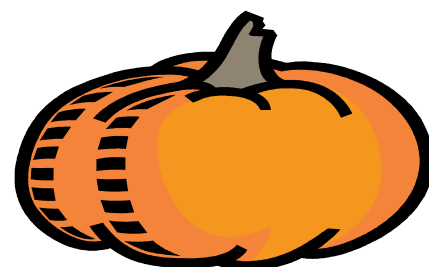
We have come to the end of the first six-weeks of school. I am impressed with what I have observed. Thus far our teachers also equally as excited by the quality of work being produced. I would ask that you maintain the level of communication with your child's instructors throughout the year. We appreciate the support that you are giving the school. It is very rewarding to have actively engaged students

that are motivated. One of our new initiatives this school is to schedule four parent-back-to-school nights this year. Each night will focus on a specific core subject area. Our first back-to-school night gave parents the opportunity to meet their child's teachers and to follow their child's schedule. The 2nd back-to-school night will focus on mathematics. I will give more detailed information at the PTO meeting on Thursday, October 6. Finally, I'd like to encourage you to support our fundraisers. Our Casino Night field trip to Oklahoma is on October 7, a week from this Friday. There are still a limited number of seats available. Please call Mrs. Benavides at extension 207. Thanks You!

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**Mr. Roger Fisher with Remax NE, awards our Volleyball Team with an undisclosed donation.**



Welcome to Fall. The weather has been beautiful allowing our students to have a lot of fun this past month. We have taken many adventures. Some of these adventures were close to home and some were further away. This month, students, teachers, and staff members at ACTCHS will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month.

The Spanish Club and Foreign Language department jointly sponsored a Hispanic Celebration on Friday October 7 at 10:30 am in the Cafeteria of the school.



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# October 2011

## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>ACT Hispanic Celebration</i>	8
9	10 <i>Columbus Day</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>Field Trip Mc Nay Museum</i>	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

- Oct. 1st SAT Test
- Oct 3rd—Begin 2nd 6 Weeks
- Oct. 6th—PTO Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 7th—Casino Trip @ 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 17th—Hispanic Celebration @ 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 12th—PSAT @ 8:00 a.m.
- Oct. 18th— TAKS Exit Retest ELA
- Oct. 19th—TAKS Exit Retest Math
- Oct. 19th—Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20th—TAKS Exit Retest Science
- Oct. 21st—TAKS Exit Retest Social Studies
- Oct. 22nd—ACT Test
- Oct. 24th—28th—Spirit Week
- Oct. 31st—Halloween

## Volleyball Team

**Go Panthers Go!** The girls volleyball team served up their first win against Austin CAN Tigers. The Panthers lost the first set 25-16 and tied in the second set with 25-14 win.

Yannel's vigorous serves gave the Panther s a strong lead over the Tiggers. Courtney's energetic and aggressive hits and blocks contributed to the



tie-breaking win in the final set 15-9. Overall, the Lady Panthers played a nail biting, breathtaking game.

## Student Council Service Project

The student council is doing its first service project for the new school year. We are returning to the day care center. We are going to take the kids Halloween treat bags again on October 28th. We are excited as they really enjoyed it last year. We need your help. They have 120 kids. We need to fill bags with candy. So we would like you to donate candy. Just pick up a bag and bring it to room 12 before October 25th. Thanks for your help.





WANTS YOU! TO JOIN CLUBS



### High School Biology Club

Club meets every  
Wednesdays after school at  
4:05 in room # 11

### High School Spanish Club

Club meets every second  
Tuesday of each month after  
school at 4:05 in room # 18 .



### High School Writers Club

Club meets every Tues-  
day (except the 2nd Tues-  
day) at 4:05 in Rm. 7.

### High School Robotics Club

Club meets Wednes-  
days afterschool.

### High School Art Club

Club meets  
every first  
Tuesday of the  
months after  
school at 4:05  
in room # 17



## Red Ribbon Week

### FRESHMEN and SOPHOMORES

We hope that all students classes are going well, but if your child is experiencing difficulty, encourage him or her to see the teacher immediately to discuss the situation. You are encouraged to contact teachers with specific questions about courses or your child's progress, only after the student has spoken with your teacher. In addition, please feel to call your child's school counselor with any other question or concerns you may have.

Sophomores interested in taking the PSAT should see their counselor to register and receive test preparation materials.

### JUNIORS

Juniors who plan to attend college after high school should take the PSAT on Wednesday , October 12 at 8:00 A.M. at ACTCHS. All juniors received the PSAT/NMSQT bulletin and information. Students need to register and signing up with Mr. Harris in the Counselors office. We strongly urge students to take the practice test in the booklet they received and to study the test taking tips provided therein. The more familiar students are with the test and the directions, the more time they will have to devote to answering questions.

Spirit week is scheduled for October 24-28. Red Ribbon Week is the celebration that brings awareness to alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention, early intervention, and treatment services.

What did one jack-o-lantern say to the other? "Cut it out!" ... and, how do you *repair* a broken jack-o-lantern? Buy a pumpkin patch, of course!



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