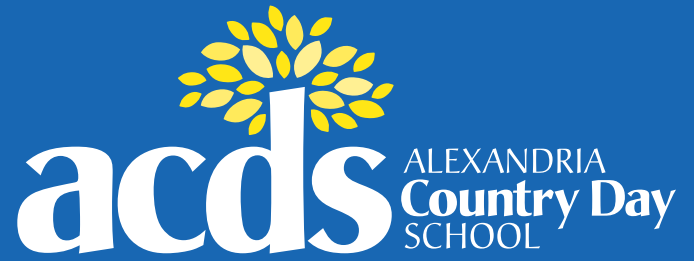


Growing Bright Futures...



From The Headmistress

Welcome 2011!

The new year at Alexandria Country Day School began with a variety of activities that offered something for every student: Intramural basketball, Geography Bee, boys' baseball, girls' softball, D.A.R.E. for 5th graders, our musical production Chitty-Chitty Bang Bang, Science Fair, and Mathcounts. Preparations for District Rally are underway with other activities soon to follow. Country Day is full of energy as we prepare for spring. Be sure to check our Edline calendar so that you don't miss a thing! Our students study hard, play hard and learn from every experience. I hope that you can become a part of the activities that you feel would be of value to your children.

2011 is full of promise for ACDS. In January, our school participated in the Strategic Planning Process which was led by Mr. John Littleford. An expert in the field, Mr. Littleford assists school families in all parts of the world as they determine significant need in independent schools, and he then aids stakeholders as they develop an action plan. Mr. Littleford spent three days with us while meeting with different Focus Groups and compiling his findings. Student groups, parent groups, faculty/staff groups, board member groups and community members all had an opportunity to answer Mr. Littleford's questions and to share their



opinions of the strengths of our school and of suggestions for improvements. I am most grateful to those who gave their time to serve on Focus Groups. Mr. Littleford acknowledged the many positive programs that Country Day has to offer, a most impressive list. Based on the data that Mr. Littleford gathered, he also presented the strategic areas that our stakeholders saw as those of greatest need. These areas, or strategic themes, were then prioritized. Committees have been formed to develop an action plan, and strategy results will be released in the near future.

The new year is an excellent time to reflect and set new goals. Through the Strategic Planning Process we have taken a look at our wonderful school. We have acknowledged the circle of excellence that currently exists, but must now look at the areas that will enable us to sustain such excellence, improve upon it, and continue to add that which will make it stronger. We must be progressive in our planning. I am extremely excited about the direction that ACDS is taking. Let's join the ranks of the top independent schools across our great nation! We are already off to a great start.



Drama!

Chitty-Chitty Bang Bang

The 2011 ACDS Drama Production, Chitty-Chitty Bang Bang, under the direction of Laine Berry Miller, was another unbelievable show. The Country Day Drama Students, along with some outstanding alumni, did a “fantasmagorical” job! Of course, “the show could not go on” without the team of faculty and parent volunteers who work so hard every year behind the scenes. Congratulations to the cast and crew and to Ms. Laine for their success.



Giving Back

6th Grade Philanthropy

The ACDS 6th graders, known for their philanthropic acts each Christmas, donated \$500 to the Rapides Parish Food Bank’s Back Pack Program last December. However, their generosity did not stop there.

The students’ Christmas Party included a visit to the food bank, where they volunteered their time packaging food items. Kudos to these students for giving back to our community!



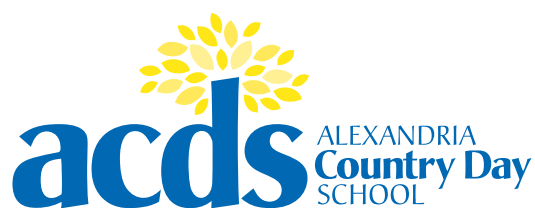
SOCCER



Go Tigers - Country Day has a soccer team once again! The team is composed of boys and girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Their first season was a great experience as they competed against other junior high teams in Central Louisiana.

BASKETBALL

The Country Day Basketball Coaches are proud to report that our teams had another fun and successful season. Lee Sanders, our Athletic Director and coach of the 6th grade and 7th and 8th grade boys teams, wishes to thank all of the parents and teachers who volunteered their time and talent, helping to make this season more enjoyable for all.



Grandparents Day

Alexandria Country Day School's Grandparents Day was held on December 10, 2010. Grandparents visited their grandchild's classroom, had their photos taken with them, and went on a shopping trip to the Scholastic Book Fair held in the ACDS Library.

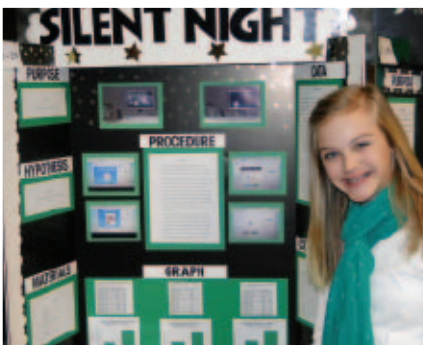
We wish to thank all ACDS Grandparents for their support and for their attendance. You helped to make Grandparents Day a resounding success!





ACDS & Regional Science Fair

Congratulations to Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Brown, and the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students for another outstanding year of science projects. Their hard work was evident. The first, second, and third place winners of the Country Day Science Fair qualified to move on to the Region 4 Science Fair Competition held at LSUA on Saturday, February 19, 2011. ACDS sent 37 students to the Regional Science Fair and received 34 awards including the Region 4 Science Fair Sweepstakes for the Junior Division! First place winners are now qualified to compete at the State Science Fair in Baton Rouge on March 22 and 23, 2011.



ACDS Science Fair Winners:

ANIMAL SCIENCE

1st Place.....Hannah Lewis
 2nd Place.....Josh Frazier
 3rd Place.....Will Hilburn
 Honorable Mention..Rachel Trimble

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

1st Place.....Abby Carlton
 2nd Place.....Pranav Bhargava
 3rd Place.....Taha Ahmed
 Honorable Mention...Annie Johnson

BIOCHEMISTRY

1st Place.....Erin Johnson

CHEMISTRY

1st Place.....Ali Bordelon
 2nd Place.....Hunter Lewis
 3rd Place.....Taylor Morgan
 Honorable Mention.....Caroline May

EARTH & PLANETARY SCIENCE

1st Place.....Grant Porter
 2nd Place.....Hannah Jones
 3rd Place.....Drew Cowen
 3rd Place.....Garrison Grant
 Honorable Mention....Chloe Howard

ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION

1st Place.....Brandon Couch
 2nd Place.....Connor Westbrook
 3rd Place.....Wilson Hamilton

ENGINEERING: ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL

1st Place.....Sara Head
 2nd Place.....Hunter Wellan
 3rd Place.....Chase Tillman
 Honorable Mention..Jordyn Merchant

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

1st Place.....John Duck

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

1st Place.....Jack Miller
 2nd Place.....Salim Lutfallah
 3rd Place.....Raymonde Armoo
 Honorable Mention.....Brooke Tassin

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCE

1st Place.....Hunter Morehouse

MEDICINE & HEALTH

1st Place.....Danielle Dauzat
 2nd Place.....Caroline Searcy
 3rd Place.....Colin Ashby
 Honorable Mention..McKinsey Meeker

MICROBIOLOGY

1st Place.....Mea Ashby

PHYSICS

1st Place.....Zachary Smith
 2nd Place.....Logan Brown
 3rd Place.....Heath Hilton
 Honorable Mention.....Hunter Howell
 Honorable Mention.....Ben Shelton

PLANT SCIENCES

1st Place.....Austin Green
 2nd Place.....Madeline Marcantel
 3rd Place.....Jordan Rayburn
 Honorable Mention...Nicolás Brown

TEAMS

1st.....Caleb Frost & Blake Tillman
 2nd.....Benjamin Kaplan & Shira Kaplan
 3rd.....Brandon Obey & Austin Steepleton
 Honorable Mention.....Jarrod Vercher & Joel Vercher

Regional Science Fair Winners:

ANIMAL SCIENCE

1st Place.....Will Hilburn
 Broadcom Masters Award
 Academy of Applied
 Science: Naval Science
 Award

BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCE

1st Place.....Taha Ahmed
 Broadcom Masters Award
 Honorable Mention..Pranav Bhargava

CHEMISTRY

2nd Place.....Taylor Morgan

EARTH & PLANETARY SCIENCE

1st Place.....Grant Porter
 Broadcom Masters Award
 2nd Place.....Garrison Grant
 3rd Place.....Drew Cowen

ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION

1st Place.....Heath Hilton
 Broadcom Masters Award
 2nd Place...Brandon Obey & Austin
 Steepleton (Team Event)

ENGINEERING: ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL

1st Place.....Caleb Frost & Blake
 Tillman (Team Event)
 Broadcom Masters Award

ENGINEERING: MATERIALS & BIOENGINEERING

2nd Place.....Garrett Brown
 3rd Place.....Sara Head
 Honorable Mention...Hunter Wellan

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

1st Place.....Raymonde Armoo
 Broadcom Masters Award
 2nd Place.....John Duck

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

1st Place.....Salim Luthfallah
 Honorable Mention.....Jack Miller

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

2nd Place.....Hunter Morehouse

MEDICINE & HEALTH

1st Place.....Colin Ashby
 Broadcom Masters Award
 2nd Place.....Caroline Searcy
 Honorable Mention..Danielle Dauzat

PHYSICS

1st Place.....Logan Brown
 Broadcom Masters Award
 Overall Junior Division
 Project Award

Thank you Staff and Donors



100% PARTICIPATION!

The ACDS faculty and staff show their dedication everyday by inspiring our students to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to them for giving in every way and, once again, participating 100% in our Annual Fund Drive.

We would like to express our deep appreciation to those donors who have already given to the 2010-2011 ACDS Annual Fund Drive. As you can see, we are only a quarter of the way to our goal. Please help us reach our goal of \$200,000! Your participation is VERY important and every dollar makes a difference. Country Day is dependent upon the generosity of board members, faculty and staff, friends, grandparents, alumni, and parents to support the school. The gifts provided by the Annual Fund Drive are important to the long-term well being of ACDS. Please be a part of our ongoing **“Circle of Excellence.”**

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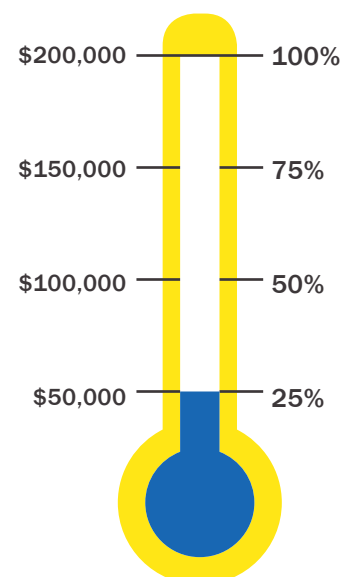
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Country Day **ALUMNI EXCEL** at the University Level

Congratulations to the following Alexandria Country Day School Alumni for making the Fall 2010 Dean's, Chancellor's or President's List as full time students at the following universities:

Louisiana State University

Chancellor's List (4.0 GPA)

Eric Bergeron
Barrett Murphy

Dean's List (3.5 - 3.9 GPA)

Hascal Bossier
Abby Downs
Melissa Norman
Carter Ward
Sally Willis

Louisiana Tech University

President's List (3.8 or above GPA)

Lauren McCalmont
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Dean's List (3.5 or above GPA)

Barrett Brown
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President's List (3.8 or above GPA)

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Dean's List (3.5 or above GPA)

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Dean's List (3.5 or above GPA)

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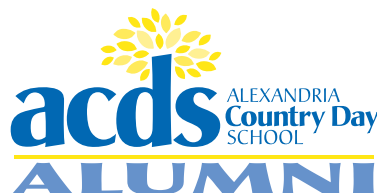
Jennifer Ballard

Dean's List (3.5 - 3.899 GPA)

Jamie Bell

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from you...*

Let us know what
Alumni News
you'd like to share!



Alexandria Country Day School now has an Alumni Association. To become a member please contact Beth Arsenault at (318)448-1475 or barsenault@acdsonline.org.



Alexandria Country Day School, Pajamas and Mt. Kilimanjaro...

Last December, the ACDS faculty and staff received an e-mail from Mrs. Rials, our Headmistress, requesting that no one buy Christmas gifts for her.

She went on to say, "If you must spend money, please donate it to a worthy cause or charity. I have always supported Cancer Research, and just lately am also supporting a charitable cause that will impact 5 mission schools in Africa. (Some of you know of my aunt who is climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise money for these schools.) I will forward her newsletter to all of you at some point. I am just amazed that there is someone in my family who is doing something like this!!"

Her aunt, Diane Molitor Palmer of Wichita, Kansas, embarked on a charity climb to scale Mt. Kilimanjaro, elevation 19,340 feet, on January 16, 2011.

After her request, the ACDS staff and faculty collected money and were prepared to send Diane a \$500 donation. This inspired faculty member and Student Council club sponsor, Wendy Diaz del Valle. She realized we could do a little more!

The Student Council decided a Pajama Day would be a fun way to raise money. All students and faculty could pay \$5.00 for the privilege of wearing pajamas to school. Through the generosity of our staff and our Country Day families we collected another \$2000 and were able to send Diane a check for \$2500! Her goal was to raise \$15,000 and ninety-six to one hundred percent of the money would directly benefit the children of Africa. We are proud to have been able to help Diane in her endeavor. She made it to the top! You can visit her blog and learn more about this exciting undertaking at www.adventurediane.blogspot.com.



Country Day Connection

Quick Bites...



ACDS MATHCOUNTS

The ACDS MATHCOUNTS Team, under the direction of Mr. Gerald Crooks, placed 1st in their division at the January Math Competition at DeRidder Junior High School. Two of our students won individual honors: Caroline May - 2nd Place and Blake Tillman - 1st Place. The team went on to compete in the MATHCOUNTS Competition held at LSU on February 26th where they received 2nd place. Blake Tillman won first place in the entire competition!

MATHCOUNTS is a national math coaching and competition program for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. The MATHCOUNTS Club at ACDS is led by Mr. Gerald Crooks, our 7th and 8th grade math teacher. MATHCOUNTS provides students with the opportunity to have fun while exploring areas of math which may not be part of their normal class curriculum. The competition program begins in the second school semester. Schools receive math problems and activities which they can use to prepare for local and state competitions. Thank you to Mr. Crooks and congratulations to these students for their accomplishments!

Off to Washington!

The following students have been invited to attend the Junior National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. - Mea Ashby, Maggie Bagwell, Sanjana Badhya, Regan Brewer, Tess Brown, Hannah Hassel, Sophia Martin, Nia Passman, Alyssa Urbi, Madalyn Verzwylt, André Arsenault, Beau Crenshaw, Benjamin Kaplan, Jacob Leblanc, Will Passman, Benjamin Shirvinski, Ashton Sweat, and Duy Khan Trinh.

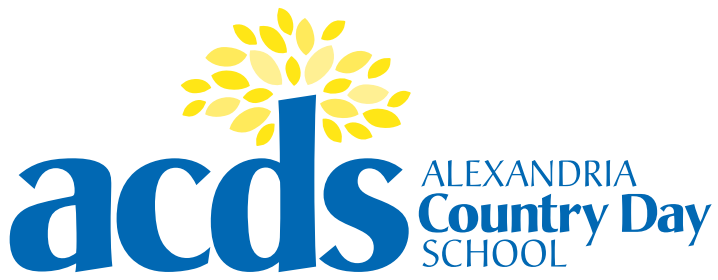
Student of the Year Competition

Country Day eighth grade student Amelia DeWitt and fifth grader André Arsenault were chosen to represent ACDS in the Louisiana Student of the Year Competition. André was then selected as the non-public District Fifth Grade Student of the Year. He went on to compete at the regional level in Baton Rouge on February 8, 2011. André also took first place in the Country Day 4th – 8th Grade Geography Bee.

Heart Heroes

Congratulations to all the students in 1st through 6th grade who participated in Jump Rope for Heart on February 11, 2011. ACDS raised a total of \$4,654 for the American Heart Association! These students are truly “Heart Heroes.” Country Day earned bonus points through the program for the purchase of new P.E. equipment. These points have been donated to Cameron Parish Schools which are still suffering from loss of materials during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.





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