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WELCOME BACK FROM SPRING BREAK!

Message - From Dr. Zak Palsha, School Director

Dear ACST Community,

Welcome back from Spring Break! I wanted to take a moment to welcome you all back from the break as we gear into **the final stretch of our school year**.

Included in this issue of the newsletter, you will find some important information about: Board Elections, PTO events, the 2024-2025 New Faculty biographies, Financial Aid information, and details about the brand-new Parent Partnership Program.

I am equally excited to welcome everyone to the **upcoming Association General Meeting (AGM)** this **Wednesday, April 17 at 8:10 am in the Theater**. You will learn more about the Board candidates that are running for the Board and also progress towards the goals set forth by the Board and my Board approved goals for this academic year. Additionally, I will be sharing the draft calendar for SY 25-26. I hope to see you there! I continue to remain available to the community and want to continue to build on the positive two-way communication and culture here at ACST.

Have a wonderful start to your week.

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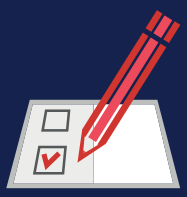
YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE: ACST BOARD ELECTIONS

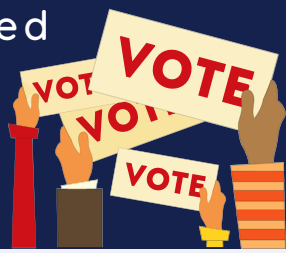
The Board of Governors invites interested parents to consider candidacy in the upcoming Board Elections.

Elections are scheduled to commence on **April 17, 2024**, at the **Annual Association General Meeting**.

If interested in joining the ACST Board of Governors, complete **this survey**.

For any questions about serving on the Board, refer to the detailed job description provided or contact us at **vote@acst.net.**







MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17	Association General Meeting
THURSDAY, MAY 02	Board & Director Parent Coffee
TUESDAY, MAY 07	Board Meeting
THURSDAY, MAY 30	Board & Director Parent Coffee
TUESDAY, JUNE 04	Board Meeting

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Spring into Wellness

The FIRST ACST Family Well-being Fair

Saturday, April 20, 09:00-12:00 AM, ACST

Group sessions for adults and students
Yoga, Vinyasa, Meditation, FitFam
(activities for kids and parents)

Individual sessions
Magna Wave, Human Design, Massage, Hypnotherapy

Talks
Nutritionist
Psychologist
Life Coach

Wellness related vendors exhibit

Inspirational video Installation

FULL PROGRAM HERE

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PTO HAPPY HOUR



EXCLUSIVE TO PARENTS & TEACHERS

🥤 Soft drinks and juices on the house.🥤
🥂Alcohol available for purchase.🥂
🍔 Savor delicious finger foods🍔
🤝 Connect with fellow parents and teachers🤝

TUESDAY
APRIL 23

TIME
6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

WHERE
MIA ZIA
(GOLF COURSE)

🔔 Limited spots available.
Please RSVP so we have an exact number of people to accommodate.

Click here to sign up

PTO FARM TRIP

SATURDAY 27 APRIL, 2023

🌟JOIN US FOR A FANTASTIC 3-HOUR TOUR WHERE YOU'LL ENJOY:🌟

- 🕙 10 a.m: Arrival
- 🕥 10:15 am: Presentation of the domain
- 🌿 10:30 am: Organic olive grove visit
- 🏭 11 am: Organic mill visit
- 🍷 11:15 am: Academic tasting
- 🍽️ 12 pm: Brunch
- 🕐 12:45 pm:🐐 Visit to the milking parlor



Adults: 60d
Children: 45d

To sign up, you have the option to drive directly or take the school bus.

ACST meet up will be 9 AM.

For additional information and to reserve a spot, please click here.

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GROUP COACHING FOR PARENTS

HOSTED BY WELLBEING AND MINDSET COACH, PHILINE CHUCRI

FROM OVERWHELM TO CALM AND IN CONTROL

Tuesday, April 16: 8.15-9.00 (E101)

Are you overwhelmed with daily life? Let's explore how you can slow down, gain clarity on your priorities and gain back control.

ENERGIZE YOUR LIFE

Tuesday, May 14: 8.15-9.00 (E101)

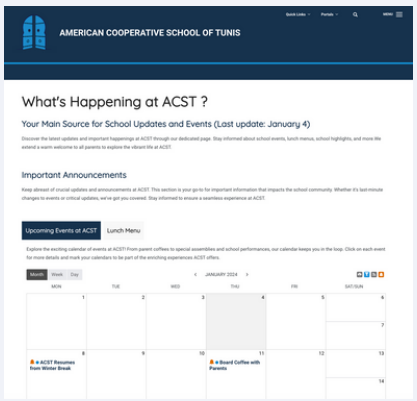
Stop focusing on managing your time and your to-do list!
How to master your energy instead and show up as the best version of yourself so you can achieve your goals with ease.



CHECK THE ACST PARENT PORTAL

YOUR MAIN SOURCE FOR ALL SCHOOL UPDATES AND EVENTS!

Explore Now



ARE YOU IN OUR WHATSAPP CHANNEL YET?

Join us for daily updates on 'What's Happening Next Week', school lunch menus, and reminders.

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STEPPING THROUGH THE BLUE DOOR

Check the 2024-2025 New Faculty biographies here



Zeina Abou Rousse
Educational Psychologist
Lebanon



Brian Beard
Secondary English
United States



Adam Benabbess
Elementary French Teacher
France
Morocco



Shay Brown
Elementary EAL
United States



Laura Buchan
Middle School Generalist
Canada



Katie Darty
SS Librarian
United States



Lauren Dillard
Curriculum, Instruction,
and Assessment Coordinator
United States



Nora El-Shewy
Grade 5 Teacher
United Kingdom



Katrin Fischer
Grade 4 Teacher
United States



Dan Haynes
Secondary Science
United Kingdom



Sam Starkey
Elementary EAL
United States



Andrew Melton
Secondary Music Teacher
United States



Jen Van Ness
ES Library Media Specialist
United States



Baya Vuong
Grade 2 Teacher
United States



Ian Windsor
Grade 1 Teacher
Canada



Elisabeth Windsor
Permanent Substitute
Canada

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FINANCIAL AID

Every year the Board of Governors sets aside a portion of the budget for financial aid. Financial Aid is intended to help families who are experiencing temporary financial constraints. Families wishing to apply for financial aid must do so by contacting Feriel Helal at fhelal@acst.net. She will provide the Financial Aid Application.

Applications require a substantial amount of paperwork and supporting documents, so it's best to get started early, if you wish to apply.

All Financial Aid applications must be turned in to the Admissions Office by May 17, 2024, at 3:00 pm in order to be considered for aid.



PARENT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Parent Mentorship Program at the American Cooperative School of Tunis is an initiative aimed at enhancing the supportive framework within our community. This program offers returning parents the opportunity to serve as mentors, extending guidance and support to new families (mentees) as they integrate into the ACST environment.

Mentors will leverage their diverse experiences to provide assistance across various domains, including academic guidance, social integration strategies, parental challenges, and cultural adaptation. Through meticulous pairing based on shared interests, preferences, and availability, the program ensures tailored mentorship experiences for all participants.

Our objective is to foster meaningful connections, promote cultural understanding, and empower individuals within our community to excel.

The program will be launched in the re-enrollment survey, and interested parents will be contacted shortly after that.

