The Whisker

The mission of Alexandria Country Day School is to provide a challenging learning culture where all students can become Creative, Innovative, Future Leaders.

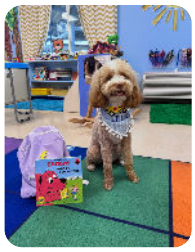
SEPTEMBER EDITION

Welcoming Willow

September 8th was a very special day at ACDS as we proudly welcomed Willow, our certified therapy dog, to the Tiger family!

Willow spent her first day on campus visiting every classroom, from PreK3 all the way to 8th grade. She met students, explored her second home, and received plenty of love and attention along the way. We are so excited to have Willow as part of our ACDS family!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Emerson Luo
Margo Moreau
Sarah Halle
Oliver Hinson
George Crotty
Walter Vanderlick
Steven Keil
Isabelle Pridgeon
Jax Clark
Hana Habib
Madalynn Russo
Ethan Blalock
Evelynn Brown
Thoman Pridgeon
Griffin Tarver
Cason Gauthier
Kaisen Grant
Josiah Fuselier
Ethan Wyatt
Daniel Sanghani
Cole Puckett
Logan Hennessey
Ana Willis
Clara Harris
Hudson Naremore
Quynh Nguyen
Demye-Vaughn Peters
Mattia Banzola Magnelli
Roman Mondragon

Dot Day

On September 16th, we made our mark on Dot Day! Tigers from pre-K through 8th grade gathered in the gym to celebrate this special day about creativty and making your mark on the world. Mrs. Lisa read "The Dot," sharing its inspiring message. After the story, students were given a fuzzy dot gift and were encouraged to think about their own talents and the positive difference they can make in the world. It was a fun and meaningful celebration that reminded us that even the smallest dot can spark something big!







Find the Friend!
Look within this edition to find the hidden Head of School, Dr. Zachary!

Abracadabra







ACDS students recently enjoyed a special visit from a talented magician- Bec-O! He brought plenty of magic, laughter, and surprises to campus, and everyone watched in amazement as he performed a variety of tricks and illusions, leaving everyone wondering, "How did he do that?"

The performance was a fun and exciting opportunity for students to experience the art of magic up close. With plenty of audience participation and unexpected moments, Bec-O kept students entertained from beginning to end. It was a memorable visit filled with wonder, curiosity, and a little bit of magic!

Chick-fil-A at Country Day



The Chick-fil-A mascot came to ACDS and surprised our Tigers with a very special visit during morning carpool! The fun surprise left our littlest Tigers speechless with excitement as they enjoyed seeing the beloved cow. It was a moo-velous surprise that brought plenty of smiles.



Student Council



Meet our 2026-2027 Student Council! These students will represent their classmates, serve our school, and help make a positive difference throughout the year!

President: Brooks Lewis
Vice President: Sutton Smith
Secretary: Luke Ganey
Treasurer: Mudasir Olatinwo

Class Representatives: Walter Vanderlick, Hudson Naremore, Emily Bartlett, Camille Velotta, Atharv Gulati, Addie Rose Newsom, Emma Doughty, Jack Halle, Angela Parsons, and Grayson Bobb

Congratulations to all of our Student Council members! We look forward to seeing their leadership, ideas, teamwork, and Tiger Pride throughtout the year!

6th Grades Tuck Boxes

Inspired by Ronald Dahl's "Boy: Tales of Childhood," students in Mr. Mayeux's class learned about Dahl's experiences at boarding school, including tuck boxes, a small chest that students used to store personal treasures, keepsakes, and snacks from home. ACDS students designed and personalized their very own tuck boxes, each one filled with creativity, personality, and a little bit of Tiger spirit!






8th Grade Buddies

Country Day has a unique and special activity that pairs eighth-graders with kindergarteners as buddies throughout the school year. These buddy pairs enjoy fun activities together, such as reading books, coloring, playing games, and eating lunch. Friendship is an important part of creating a welcoming school community, and the Buddy Program helps students of all ages feel connected. Eighth-graders have the opportunity to show kindness, leadership, and responsibility, while kindergarteners have an older friend to look up to and learn from. These buddies are a wonderful example of the caring and connected community that makes our school so special!





Cross Country

The ACDS cross country team traveled to Brusly to compete in the Brusly Middle School Invitational. They worked hard, never gave up and put their all in what they did! Our boys placed 2nd overall and brought home a trophy! Some notable individual finishes:

Michael Laidler: 1st Overall Boy, with a 12:20 PR
Liam Keil: 5th Overall Boy
Addie Rose Newsom: 4th Overall Girl

We are extremely proud of the entire team! Go Tigers!




Nothin' But Net

ACDS basketball is off to an exciting start! Our Tigers have been bringing energy, teamwork, and determination to every game this season. The boys' team has been on a winning streak, winning every game so far, while the girls' team has also had an impressive season, winning all but one of their games. Keep it up, Tigers! We are proud of you and can't wait to see what the rest of the season brings!




A Wild Time in the Multi!

The eighth-grade environmental science class recently had the opportunity to hear from Cliff Dailey, a wildlife biologist who spoke about Louisiana's wildlife and how it has changed over the years. He discussed conservation efforts, laws, and policies that help protect the state's natural resources. His presentation also informed students about Louisiana's different ecosystems, including coastal marshes and bottomland hardwood forests. Students gained a better understanding of why protecting these habitats is important and how wildlife biologists work to preserve them for future generations.




LOWER SCHOOL EVENTS

All Aboard the Kindergarten Train!

Our kindergarten class had a special treat when Billy Fuller, Mrs. Lisa's husband, came to read “Clifford and the Railroad Crossing” to them. It was National "See Tracks, Think Train" week, and Mr. Fuller brings 43 years of experience as a railroad engineer and manager. We also met his friends, Sly Fox and Birdie, who taught an important lesson about train safety through a fun video. Each child was given a copy of the Clifford book to take home. Thank you to Mr. Fuller for spending time with our kindergarten Tigers and teaching such an important safety message!





Once Upon a Time...

To finish off their unit, PreK-4 through 2nd grade students dressed up as their favorite fairy tale characters and enjoyed a magical feast! They ate Paul Bunyan’s Giant Pancakes, Babe the Blue Ox Berries and Royal Juice. Then our little storybook characters headed to the Happy Hall to read stories to some of our youngest Tigers. We absolutely loved seeing their joy and their imagination shine!





Upcoming Events

Dates to Remember

Oct. 5th – Seventh Grade Field Trip
Oct. 6th – Home Basketball Game
Oct. 6th – Whole School Rally
October 8th – Fall Make-Up Pictures
October 9th: – End of 1st Quarter
October 14th – Half Day | PTC
Oct. 15-16th: – Fall Break | No School
Oct. 19th – Home Basketball Game
Oct. 20th – Fall Sports Pictures
Oct. 23rd – Monster Bash | No School
Oct. 27th – Home Basketball Game
Oct. 29th – Home Basketball Game

A Little Inspiration

“Energy and persistence conquer all things.”
— Benjamin Franklin

Apple Day



Dressed in labcoats and safety goggles, our little scientists dove in to Apple Day brain first! Using the scientific method, they created bubbling apple volcanoes! The experiment was a fun, hands-on way to learn about reactions and observation and everyone loved watching their volcanoes fizz and foam! They also got to taste-test some applesauce and apple juice. It was a sweet day of science, snacks, and smiles!



Tigertastic Students

Meet the most recent Lower School Students of the Week:

First Grader Carson Barton: Everyone knows how kind and gentle he is. He consistently makes good choices, not because people are watching, but simply because it is the right thing to do. He is respectful of his friends, classmates, and teachers, both inside and outside the classroom.

First Grader Chloe Brady: Chloe is cheerful, responsible, and caring. She sees a need before she is asked and always jumps in to help. She is a leader and her friends can always count on her for help.





A Message from our Head of Middle School



Stacy Lewis

“After nine years at Country Day, I can truly say there is no better school. For me, it’s always been about the students. Getting to know them, watching them grow, and celebrating their accomplishments has been joy. I’m grateful to be a small part of their stories. They are such a big part of mine!”