

## **Lunch/Recess Improvement Project**

The mission of the Captain's program is to promote a healthier and safer space for the entire student body to eat lunch and enjoy their recess. Through the collaborative effort of staff, parents, and students we will bring about an improved eating and playtime experience.

Students that have displayed an exceptional acumen for leadership, responsibility and teamwork will be selected by the Dean of Students to represent their grade as a "Captain." Read further for clarification around Captain Duties.

**Scope:** This project impacts Elementary, Middle and High School grades. Every student is expected to contribute to the cleanliness of their space.

### **Goals**

- Provide a cleaner, healthier and more relaxed space for the students to eat and play
- Highlight exceptional student behavior for merits as well as selection as "Captain"
- Foster a sense of teamwork in-between the grades as they contribute to the cleanliness of their area and space.
- Highlight and Recognize exceptional and students that display role-model behavior and are able to communicate with their peers with courtesy and respect
- Promote the proper culture and manners of eating and cleaning after ourselves
- Encourage respect for the rules and expectations of the school community

### **Introduction**

The purpose of the Arizona Cultural Academy Lunch/Recess Captain's Policy is to create a healthy and safe space during the Lunch-Time Period. This policy will also serve to highlight and coach individuals that display leadership ability. By having students step up into these leadership roles, our goal is to have the students recognize their vital role in keeping our school excellent.

### **What is a captain?**

A Captain is a leader of their particular grade and is considered the point person for a grade for the teachers to communicate with the rest of class

### **What is an example of a 'Captain Request'?**

*"Captain of Grade, please help line up your class"*

*"Captain of Grade, we are about to switch from Recess to Lunch, can you make sure everybody knows in your grade?"*

### **Who can be a captain?**

Anyone identified by the Dean of Students.

### **What grades are automatically captains?**

In order to promote proper expectations of the older students,, we have assigned 5th and 12th grade as Captains of the classroom

### **What are the expectations?**

Grades 1st-4th & 6th-11th are expected to clean up after themselves and underneath the table. Once their table section has clean tabletops and floors, they are to be remaining seated until a teacher dismisses them. 5th and 12th grades are expected to represent the grade school as “Captains of the Lunchroom” as they are the oldest. They are able to opt-out of this responsibility but they will not receive the reward for the Captains.

### **What are the rewards?**

As defined by the Dean of Students, they can either be given in the form of candy/food or non-tangible such as a dress-down day, etc.

### **Guidelines for Serving as Captain**

1. Treat your team with Prophetic kindness and consideration.
  2. Be considerate of others.
  3. Speak gently, softly and with respect.
  4. Leadership is through service. Lead by example.
5. You are responsible, which means if they don't clean, you clean.
6. Be a role model. If you have been selected for this position, it means ACA recognizes you as someone with the foundational abilities of leadership, prove us right.