

Arizona Cultural Academy & College Prep



WOLVES WEEKLY

Newsletter



AUGUST 21, 2026



Leadership Message

Assalamu Alaikum ACA Families,

As NWEA MAP testing wraps up, we are incredibly proud of our students and the effort they put into showing what they know. This testing session has highlighted the significant progress ACA has made over the last several years, with overall school performance continuing to improve. Student reports will be sent home soon, and we encourage families to review the results with their students, celebrate their growth, and identify areas to continue building. Our next MAP testing cycle will take place in December, inshaAllah.

Looking ahead, Picture Day is coming up next week, so this weekend may be the perfect time for a fresh haircut and a little picture-day prep. On Wednesday, South Mountain Community College will be on campus to speak with our 10th through 12th grade students about dual enrollment opportunities and how they can begin earning college credit while still in high school.

We also want to celebrate our Lady Wolves Junior High volleyball team, who started their season with a win. Our Varsity Lady Wolves will take the court on Friday afternoon against BASIS Ahwatukee. We encourage our ACA families to attend sporting events whenever possible and help us create a strong, supportive atmosphere for our student-athletes. Seeing our families in the stands makes a difference and is a great way to show our Wolves that their hard work matters both in the classroom and on the court.

Thank you for another strong week at ACA and for your continued partnership as we support our students in growing, achieving, and making the most of every opportunity.



PICTURE Day Is Coming!

There's Still Time to Enroll



Learning in Action



Buzz Around The Campus



Early Childhood

Little Scientists at Work!

Our early childhood students had a wonderful time exploring the world of science through a fun and engaging experiment! They made predictions, observed what happened, asked questions, and shared their ideas with their classmates.

Through hands-on experiences like these, our young learners are developing curiosity, critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a love for discovery. Science at the early childhood level is not about memorizing complicated facts—it is about building a foundation for lifelong learning. Every experiment gives children an opportunity to wonder, investigate, make discoveries, and understand the world around them



School Nurse Note

Hydration & Arizona Heat Safety

Arizona's extreme heat can put children at increased risk for dehydration and heat-related illness. Children can lose fluids quickly, especially during outdoor activities, physical activity, and prolonged sun exposure.

Hydration Tips:

- Encourage children to drink water regularly throughout the day, even when they are not thirsty.
- Provide water before, during, and after outdoor activities.
- Offer water-rich foods such as watermelon, oranges, cucumbers, and strawberries.
- Limit sugary and caffeinated beverages.
- Encourage children to use water bottles and take frequent water breaks.



Signs of Dehydration to Watch For: Dry mouth, Fatigue or weakness, Irritability, decreased urination or dark-colored urine

Heat Safety:

Encourage children to take breaks in shaded or cool areas and wear light, breathable clothing. Adjust outdoor activities based on the temperature and level of physical activity.

Reminder: Don't wait for children to ask for water. Consistent hydration throughout the day is one of the best ways to help children stay healthy and safe during Arizona's hot weather.

Announcements



ACA ATHLETICS

NEWS & NOTES:

— 8/21/26 —




The JH Girls Volleyball Team started the season off with a win over the South Point Griffins, 2-0 to move to 1-0! They will look to make it two in a row next Tuesday against Summit of Ahwatukee @4:30pm, here at the ACA Gym.

The Varsity Girls Volleyball Team lost in a scrimmage to EVAC, 3-0. They will look to rebound against BASIS-Ahwatukee today @5:30pm before they hit the road to take on Harvest Bible Christian Academy in their season opener, Monday, August 24th @3:00pm.



UPCOMING GAMES

TODAY	Varsity Girls Volleyball vs. BASIS-Ahwatukee	🕒 5:30pm 📍 Here at ACA Gym
8/24	Varsity Girls Volleyball vs. Harvest Bible Christian Academy	🕒 3:00pm (Away Game – Season Opener) 📍 2250 Highland Rd. Bullhead City, AZ 86442
8/25	Junior High Girls Volleyball vs. Summit of Ahwatukee	🕒 4:30pm 📍 Here at ACA Gym
8/27	Varsity Girls Volleyball vs. Skyline Gila River	🕒 6:00pm 📍 Here at ACA Gym
8/28	Junior High Girls Volleyball vs. Tri-City Christian Academy	🕒 4:00pm (Away Game) 📍 2211 W. Germann Rd. Chandler, AZ 85286



2026-2027 JH CHESS CLUB

- If you are in grades K-8th and would like to join the 2026-2027 ACA Chess Club, please see Coach Harper in Room F203 or contact him at aca.athletics@azacademy.org.

ONE TEAM  **ONE GOAL**

★ TOGETHER, WE BUILD CHAMPIONS ON AND OFF THE COURT! ★

Dual Enrollment Information Session

Want to earn college credit while you're still in high school?

South Mountain Community College (SMCC) will be at Arizona Cultural Academy (ACA) on August 26 at 8:00 AM for a Dual Enrollment Information and Sign-Up Session. This session is for ACA students in grades 10–12 only and will take place during the school day. It is not open to the public.

Students will learn about:

- How Dual Enrollment works
- Eligibility and enrollment requirements
- Available courses and costs
- How to register for college credit
- How Dual Enrollment can help you get ahead in college

The session will focus primarily on Fall and year-long courses for the 2026–2027 school year. Spring course information will be shared later.

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