

THE ACE JOURNEY



The newsletter of ACE Academy - Austin's first and only school dedicated to understanding, engaging, and nurturing the gifted child.

FEBRUARY 2013



PETER PAN SOARS AT SKY CANDY



ACE WOWS WITH SCHOOL-WIDE PRODUCTION

On Saturday, January 19, ACE students presented a magical production of Peter Pan, directed by the dynamic duo of Akina Adderley and Robin Grace.

Drawing standing-room only, sit-behind-the-stage-only crowds, the play delighted the audience with its story of the joys of childhood and the

price of growing up. With impressive stunts on aerial silks provided by the venue, Sky Candy, the ACE actors enthralled as pirates, lost boys, mermaids, fairies, and precocious children alike.

Very special thanks go to the Lind Family Charitable Foundation for their generous gift to our produc-

tion, as well as Andy Ange, Bethany Summersizzle, and everyone at Sky Candy Austin; Aydin O'Leary, Grace Protzmann, Graham Protzmann, Nick Erichson, Shira Folberg, and Kiran Tomlinson for technical assistance; Robert Moncrieff; Caroline Poe; Dr. Nance Riffe, Sarah Cook, and Sara Protzmann.

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UPDATES

LEGO LEAGUE ADVANCES

The ACE First Lego League team advances to regional competition on Saturday, February 2, at Westlake High School.

Team BOSS (Better Operations for Senior Success) consists of students David Cox, Will Gutierrez, Eden Hanlon, and Jake Medina. Designing robotic devices to enhance the lives of seniors, our elementary school team held their own against middle school competition at their last tournament, placing 13th out of 170+ teams.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 17, 2013



6-10 PM

Saengerrunde Hall

1607 San Jacinto

Click **HERE** to buy tickets!

FEBRUARY

- 2/4-8 ACE Spirit Week
- Mon. 2/18 Student and staff holiday
- 2/21-23 City Science Festival

MARCH

- Sat. 3/2 Destination Imagination Competition

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SATURDAY WONDERS KICKS OFF IN EAST AUSTIN

Saturday, January 19, marked the inaugural day for Saturday Wonders on the campus of Huston-Tillotson.

Offering classes two Saturdays a month and funded by a grant from A Glimmer of Hope, Saturday Wonders is our outreach program serving low-SES gifted students who are unable to come to ACE or Summer Wonders.

Students enjoyed classes such as Rise of the Radio DJ and Monsters and Myth.

To learn more about Saturday Wonders, please visit www.summerwonders.org.



Students building fire pyramids in Way-Too-Wacky Science.

GLOBAL FESTIVAL



Top, from L-R: Peo Webster, Joelle Andrien, Teagan Krewson, Anika Patel, Miranda Moser, and Caroline Cox sing at the Global Festival

This year's Global Festival featured maybe the most rousing rendition of "America the Beautiful" ever sung. Skillfully directed by Mrs. Adderley, the Primary and Elementary choirs featured wonderful ensembles and solos, and the Middle School band performed beautifully. The music portion of the evening ended with a heartfelt version of The Beatles' classic, "All You Need is Love," leading everyone to enjoy a global feast (from Scotland to Russia by way of Israel and Mexico), an open mic, and a chance to laugh and play in Smith Hall. Our Middle School students did a great job of organizing and setting up the Global Festival, with key help from Ms. Grace and Mrs. Adderley.

LIBRARY UPDATES

The ACE Library is looking for parent volunteers to organize, stamp, shelve, and make bulletin board displays in the Primary Library, and to continue organizing and cataloging books in both the Upper School fiction and nonfiction libraries.

The Primary Library has put a hold on all primary-level book donations until more room becomes available,

but Elementary and Middle School donations are still being accepted. Students enjoy popular fiction series and niche nonfiction titles on a variety of subjects.

Please check the library blog [here](#) for updates.

To volunteer, please contact Kimberly Whitmer, the ACE librarian, at library@austingifted.org.