

COVER STORY

## ACA families show their support at the festival

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*Students, parents, and guests enjoy food and games at Fall Festival.*

“Pie throw! Pie throw!” Joshua Hong (9th grade) shouted excitedly. People gathered to see who would be the next person to get a pie in their face. On October 16th, ACA celebrated its Annual Fall Festival on the school grounds. Parents and teachers donated food, books, and other items for the festival. As the Fall Festival started, parents, friends, and special guests entered the festival. As soon as people walked in, they could smell the variety of foods, observe the exciting games, and take in all the excitement and joy of the diverse group of people.

Many interesting games and activities caught the people’s attention such as pie-throwing, sumo wrestling, the octopus game, face painting, and line dancing. Pie throwing and sumo wrestling were the most popular games. The pie throwing was popular because students and teachers got to throw pies in each other’s faces. Sumo wrestling was the other popular game in which people wrestled each other with giant sumo suits. Children and adults became more excited and competitive as they tried all the games and earned their prizes.

The international food was another enjoyable part of the festival. There are many students and teachers from various countries who attend ACA. Some of the parents and teachers were able to make some food from their country of origin. There was Korean, Mexican, and Pakistani food, in addition to homemade cookies and snacks. Besides the food and the games, ACA also had the privilege of welcoming some special guests to the festival. The Movement for the Cultural-Diversity of Koreans (MACK) foundation members who started a tutoring program for ACA students, enjoyed the festival with us. The principal of the Dongducheon Foreign Language High School also visited.

This was the 5th year of the Annual Fall Festival. Since then, the money raised from the festival was able to fill some of the needs of the school such as, the projector, electric drums, the new play ground, etc. This year ACA’s purpose is to put its money toward the electric fee to use the heaters during the winter.

ACA would like to give a special thanks to all those who gave their time by participating and coming to the Fall Festival. The school was able to make about 1,300,000 won in total. The Fall Festival was a big success because of people who donated their time and resources!