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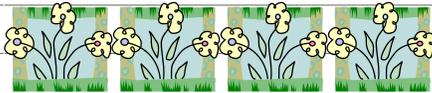


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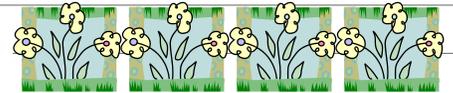
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## Apple News

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### June News



APL has completed its first year as a charter school! We are very proud of the work we've done to launch our school and we believe that our first year was a great success. Having a site has allowed us to enhance our independent study program by offering classes. Our core, remediation, and enrichment classes were well received by our families and we plan to offer expanded class options next year to accommodate our increasing population. APL's library collection continues to grow, offering diverse curriculum choices to meet the academic needs of our students and provide for their reading pleasure. APL partnered with Simpson University, who provided two student teachers to contribute their knowledge and enthusiasm to our school. Like all schools, we must deal with the state budget crisis and the cuts to education funding. We are making every effort to improve efficiency and to maintain a high level of services to our families. Congratulations to our 8th graders who are being promoted to high school and our seniors who are graduating. Both at school and in the community, many APL students excelled, as exemplified by the APL spring musical production, the Shasta County Young Writers Festival (see page two) and the Children's Art Show: North State Landscapes (March newsletter). APL wishes everyone a wonderful summer, hoping to see you in the fall for another great year!



### High School Graduation



APL would like to honor our students who are graduating from high school. The class of 2010 is as follows: Crystana Alexander, Ashley Allison, Ashley Andrus, Nadine Atzet, Alex Aunchman, Corey Barber, Alexandria Bertagna, Tanner Brown, Kayleigh Burcher Smith, Rebecca Corbin, Jordan Cox, Alicia DeCoite, Troy Dickinson, Jeffrey Douglass, Elizabeth Evanoff, Jesse Flagg, Sara Freeman, Vanessa Garner, Christopher Ghidirelli, Kindra Gilbertson, David Hibbs, Greg Horton, Saralyn Jansen Bomberg, Melanie Kubota, Claire LaGro, Lauren LaGro, Kristopher Lechner, Tianna Lee, Christopher Lockwood, Noelle Lunsford Edgmon, Heidi Marquez, Haley McWithey, Hannah Miller, Melissa Mills, Elizabeth Moncivais, Jeremy Muri, Sawyer Mussetter, Nichole Pappion, Robert Powers, Zach Rinehart Woods, Brittany Rogers, Marisela Saucedo, Justin Schwing, Kaleb Shults, Joshua Spomer, Isaac Spooner, Kai Steigman-Wilson, Jacob Stinar, Kenna Tyree, Jessica Whitaker, and Patrick Writer. Congratulations on successfully attaining your diplomas. We wish you well as you continue your education and/or move into the world of work. May the preparation you received at APL stand you in good stead in the years ahead.



### 8th Grade Promotion



APL would like to recognize our students who have successfully completed their elementary and middle school education. The following students are being promoted to high school: Briana Beers, Joseph Belknap, Joseph Bolds, Dairrien Call, Emily Carlson, Devin Conn, Adrian Deras, Morgan Duval, Malia Ewart, Jeffery Fisher, Juston Grecian, Sean Howard, Joseph Huston, Matthew Keely, Noah Mehr, Michelle Mills, Daniel Mizuta, Brandon Monigold, Skyler Monroe, Micah Mueller, Alexandria Mullikin, Abigail Olson, Dayton Pepperdine, Marisa Perez, January Petty, Tiffany Plunk, Isaiah Ritchie, Rebekah Rivard, Riley Royal, Alora Sieglock, Heather Spooner, Joshua Tesauo, Roman Vivone, and Yasmine Wilcox. Congratulations on your achievements. We hope that your high school years will be engaging and rewarding as you continue your educational journey.

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## APL Orientation



APL is accepting new students for the 2010/11 school year. Orientation for interested families will be held Monday evenings in June at 5 PM at APL, 224 Hartnell Ave. (There will be no orientations during July. They will commence in August.) If you have friends or family looking at

school options, please consider suggesting us! Here's what we have to offer:

- K-12 program
- WASC accredited
- Curriculum choice
- Independent study
- Home school
- Classes, vendor courses & tutoring
- Flexible scheduling
- Credentialed teachers
- California standards based instruction



## School Business



The students whose names were drawn for **Good Apple Awards** in May were **Ray McDowell** and **Emily Pitroff**. These students were cited with "good citizenship" and given tickets which were then selected in the monthly drawing. Congratulations to our "Good Apples!"

Several APL students won awards at the **Shasta County Young Writers Festival**. **Crystana Alexander** won first place in the poetry division for grades 9-12. **Noah Mehr** won first place in the non-fiction division for 6-8th graders. **Jon Tijerina** won 3rd place in fiction for grades 9-12. The students were feted at an awards ceremony at Simpson University.

**Lost and Found** at APL has acquired many stray items, especially jackets. Please pick up any items that belong to your children before June 15th. All possessions that have been left behind will be donated to charity.



This year's **Take Off With Reading** incentive program saw some stiff competition. **Ira Morgan** came in first place with 93 logs turned in, followed by **Mako Lentz** with 78 logs, and a tie for third place between **Kalani Mizuta** and **Celest Lentz** with 40 logs each. Also among the top contenders were **Crystana Alexander**, **Josiah Alexander**, **Garrison Bonds**, **Emmett Bonds**, **Keely Clark**, **Kaleia Mizuta**, and **Keanu Mizuta**. All of these students will receive Barnes and Noble gift cards in recognition of their accomplishments in reading.

**Graduating seniors**, we recommend that you have several copies of your transcript for schools or employers. Call Sherina at 222-9275 and she will have them ready for you to pick up.

**Pennies for Peace:** APL collected \$105.00 (in mostly pennies) to support the work of the Central Asia Institute. Their mission is to support community-based education and literacy programs, especially for girls, in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Pennies for Peace Project was inspired by the work of Greg Mortenson as relayed in his book *Three Cups of Tea*. We have this book in the APL library. We also have *Three Cups of Tea, the Young Reader's Edition* and *Listen to the Wind: the Story of Dr. Greg & Three Cups of Tea* for very young children. Thanks to all those who donated their pennies this year!



## Library News

The APL Library is closed except for book returns. Families may bring in returns and put them in the drop box for check-in. This early closing date allows APL library staff to complete end of the year cataloging and inventory to prepare for next school year.

All APL materials are due back into the library by **June 15th**. After that time, we will be sending out notices to let you know what materials are overdue. We do not fine for overdue materials, however, families are responsible for lost materials. If you plan to school over the summer and there are items that you need,

The APL website is live! Check it out at **www.ourapl.org**. The monthly newsletters are there, as are enrollment applications, field trips and more. Features will be added to our website as we move forward, but we're excited to have it launched.

The **Oral Health Assessment Form for 1st grade students in the 2010-11 school year is due by September 15, 2010**. You can get the form from your teacher or the office. If you have questions or can't meet the deadline, contact Sherina at the office, 222-9275.

**Immunizations for kindergarteners** should be completed within the first thirty days of enrollment. If you have questions about immunizations, please contact Sherina.

**Work Permit** applications are available at the office. Parents can fill out the request and drop it off at APL or fax it to Sherina, 222-9281. During the month of July when the office is closed, contact Sherina at 227-9154 for work permits.



"I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known."

Author Unknown

please let your teacher know so that he/she can renew those materials for next year. We are asking for as much to be returned as possible this year for cataloging.



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**Camps**



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**Schreder Planetarium** is looking for high school students (juniors or seniors) to be **Summer Camp Counselors** at their hands-on science and technology **summer camps** as follows: **Engineering & Exploration**, 7/19-7/23, for students who will be in 6th-8th grade next fall; **Bio Detectives**, 7/19-7/23, for students who will be in 4th-8th grade; **Astronomy Camp**, 7/26-7/30, for students who will be in 4th-6th grade; **Quirkles/Technology Camp**, 8/2-8/6, for students who will be in 6th-8th grade; **Avatar Adventure 3-Day Camp**, 7/15-7/17, for students who will be in 7th-9th grade; and **Environments**, a half-day camp 8/2-8/6, for students who will be in 1st-2nd grade next fall. For more information about the programs and to register, visit [www.shastacoe.org/planetarium](http://www.shastacoe.org/planetarium). There are a limited number of scholarships available. For additional information, contact Karen Cross at ( 5 3 0 ) 2 2 5 - 0 2 4 1 o r [kcross@shastacoe.org](mailto:kcross@shastacoe.org).

The next APL Board Meeting will be Wednesday, **June 16th** at 5:15 pm. APL would like to thank Teresa Hufford for her service as a Board Member this year. If anyone is interested in serving as a parent representative on the APL Board, please call the office at 222-9275.

The next APL Advisory Council meeting will be Wednesday, **June 9th** at 12:30. The community is welcome to attend APL Board and Advisory Council meetings.

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**June calendar:** All APL materials are due back into the library by **June 15th**.

The office will be closed during the month of July. It will reopen for business on Monday, August 2. The 2010/11 school year will begin on **August 18th**.

You and your family are invited to **Whiskeytown Story Time for Preschoolers—It’s All About Nature!** The program will run Friday afternoons, from 3:00-3:30 pm, starting June 18th through September 3rd. Join a Park Ranger and Local Story Teller at the Whiskeytown Visitor Center located at the intersection of Highway 299 and J.F. Kennedy Memorial Drive. No parking pass is required at the Visitor Center parking lot and the program is free.

Preschoolers will enjoy nature activities, including stories, games, crafts and sing-a-longs. Siblings and parents/grandparents are also welcome.

You can make your Friday family outings extra fun at Whiskeytown by extending your visit to go: Swim at the beaches; picnic near the lake; hike to a waterfall; look for birds/wildlife; fish for your supper; explore a creek; discover wildlife tracks; and gold pan to strike it rich. (Valid parking passes are required within Whiskeytown boundaries.) Call 246-1225 for information.