

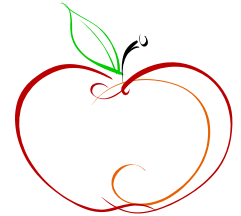
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## Apple News



### November/December News



November 1, 2010

Season's Greetings! Because November and December are both short months as far as school days go, we are sending out one newsletter to include both months. So Season's Greetings will include Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! Though these may be short months, there is still a lot going on at APL so read on.

On **Tuesday and Wednesday, November 9th and 10th**, juniors and seniors who have yet to pass one or both sections of the **CaHSEE** will be taking it at APL between the hours of 1:00 to 4:00 pm. **There will be no afternoon classes on these two days.** There is more information about the CaHSEE and the classes canceled on page two of this newsletter.

There will be a **Picture Make-up Day** on Monday, **November 15th** from **1:00-3:00 pm** at APL. We have Life Touch fliers available for families to choose which package they would like to purchase, so feel free to pick one up when you are here. Students and their siblings are welcome to be photographed.

In addition to community events, there are several field trips planned for APL students in November and December. Several of our teachers are participating in a SMART grant to improve the teaching of science, and they will be involved with the **Hands-on Lab** about **Electricity** at Shasta College on **November 10th** for students in grades 3-8. There will also be a planetarium trip on **November 30th** called **Seven Wonders**. On **December 1st**, APL students can attend a school showing of **A Cascade Christmas**. To register for these field trips, please go to [www.ourapl.org](http://www.ourapl.org) and click on Field Trip Registration. Contact your teacher if you need assistance in registering. There is more information about field trips and other community events on page 3.

APL students in Diana Bordeaux's classes will host their **Fall Musical Performance** on **December 10th and 11th at 7:00 pm** at the Center for Spiritual Living. The Musical Movement class will perform 'The Box' and the Musical Theatre class will perform a musical revue called 'It's Gotta Be Jazz'. We hope that you will enjoy the show!

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#### November/ December events

- ✓ Shasta Community Concert
- ✓ Autumn Natural History Walk
- ✓ Hands-on Science Lab
- ✓ Home School Skate
- ✓ Acorns: A Native American Staple
- ✓ Planetarium Show
- ✓ Cascade Christmas
- ✓ APL Fall Musical Performance
- ✓ Monterey Bay Aquarium Field Trip



### Students in the Spotlight



**Daniel Kalashnikov**, a fifth grader, has been a student here at APL since the fall of 2009. According to his teacher Christine Eatmon, Daniel is an "all around great kid." Both personable and polite, he enjoys sharing his school work with his teachers and his family. Daniel is a hard working young man who completes his work on time with good effort. He has worked especially hard on math, even working through the summer to improve his math skills. Daniel enjoys taking piano lessons and seems to have a musical gift. We're excited to see what the future holds for Daniel.

**Katie Mott** is a new face at APL who impresses everyone she meets. Katie is a hardworking ninth grader who always follows through with her assigned work. She is cheerful, thoughtful, and kind to all, making good friends already here at APL. Katie has all the qualities of a successful person, including commitment, determination, character, and excellent people skills. She also works hard at home, caring for the family's many farm animals and helping to care for her baby brothers as well. We look forward to watching Katie grow throughout high school and head toward a college or career of her choice.

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## APL Orientation



APL is accepting new students for the 2010/11 school year. Orientation for interested families will be held **Thursday** evenings at **5 PM** at APL, 224 Hartnell Ave. 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 **CaHSEE** (California High School Exit Exam) for **11th and 12th** graders who have yet to pass one or both sections of the exam will be **11/9** (Language Arts) and **11/10** (Math) at APL from **1:00-4:00 pm**. If you are not sure whether you need to take this exam, please contact your teacher. **There will be no afternoon classes on these two days.** To clarify, on Tuesday there will be no classes after lunch (periods 4 & 5) and on Wednesday there will be no afternoon session (periods 4, 5 & 6.)

**Physical Fitness Testing** for students in grades **5, 7 and 9** will be during STAR testing in April, and perhaps students would like to begin preparing for it. For the ranges for Body Mass Index and times for the One-mile run or the Walk test (ages 13 and above only) please visit the following web site:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/documents/healthfitzone1011.pdf> and for the other items your student will be tested on please visit this web site: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/documents/pftperfstand10.pdf>. See page 2 for females and page 4 for males.

This second website gives all of the standards, but the first site has the run and walk broken down in a more understandable way. To calculate your BMI on the computer at no cost please visit the following website: <http://www.nhlbisupport.com/bmi/>. Remember you can fail no more than 1 of the sections of the test and still pass. If a 9th grader doesn't pass the Physical Fitness Test he/she must take a total of 4 years of PE. Not taking it is considered not passing it.

The students whose names were drawn for **Good Apple Awards** this month were **Emmett Bonds** and **Malia Ewart**. These students were cited with "good citizenship" and given tickets which were then selected in the monthly drawing. Congratulations to our "Good Apples!"

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

**Student IDs:** For an APL student identification card, stop by the school and see Sherina to get your photo taken. For more information, contact Sherina at 222-9275.

**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.

**Turtle Bay** offers two curriculum programs for check out to home school families. Vicki Starcevic ([turtlebayGEMS@gmail.com](mailto:turtlebayGEMS@gmail.com)) heads the **GEMS Science Kit Program**, designed by UC Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science. Each of the 45 kits contains instructions and materials for a multi-lesson unit. An annual \$10 fee applies. Bonnie Hill ([famousartists@turtlebay.org](mailto:famousartists@turtlebay.org)) helps coordinate the **Famous Artist's Program**. Each of the 40 portfolios contains 6 posters, descriptions of the artists and their work, and a related art activity idea. Each program is engaging and easy to implement.

**Scholastic Book Catalogs** are available at the APL library. Scholastic book orders are a great way for you to get new books, CHEAP! Each order that you place also helps to buy books for our library and for our students. You can place your orders either through our library with a check, or online with a credit/debit card. To order online, go to [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). Follow the prompts to create your own User Name and Password. When prompted, enter the one-time Class Activation Code, GJXLB. If you have questions, contact Kimberly at APL.



## Library News

**Book clubs** for the month of November will be:

**Fantasy**, Friday, **November 5th** at 2:30 pm.

**General**, Friday, **November 19th** at 2:30 pm.

Check with the library for the books. There will be no book club meetings in December due to the holidays.

"Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds." Theodore Roosevelt

The theme of this year's reading incentive program is **"Reach For the Stars."** Pick up your reading logs at the APL Library or from your teacher. For each log completed, students win a small prize. For every 10 logs submitted, students will receive a book of their choice through Scholastic, and they will be entered into a drawing for a Barnes & Noble gift card. Ten gift cards will be awarded at the end of the school year.





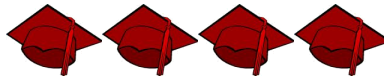
# November/December events



The **Shasta Community Concert** Association sponsors free 45 minute daytime programs for schools. The shows begin at **10:30 am** at the Redding Convention Center. On Thursday, **November 4, Bronn & Katherine Journey**, a harp duo will perform. According to our field trip coordinator Rosanne Atzet, pre-registration for the concerts is not required.

**Home School Skate** is the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 3:00-5:00 pm at Viking Skate Country, 735 Auditorium Dr. The dates will be **11/10, 12/8, 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13 and 5/11**. Shasta Lake Alternative School, Gateway Unified School District, subsidizes the program, open to all home schooling families. Cost is \$3 per person with one free admission for supervising adult. All participants must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Heidi Hillesheim, 90alana@shasta.com.

**A Cascade Christmas:** Now in its 7th season, this holiday stage production by the Cascade Theatre and The Dance Project focuses on Christmas Around the World. The show will be at the Cascade Theatre in downtown Redding on Wednesday, **December 1 at 11:00 am**. The cost is **\$5 per person**. Please register for the show at [www.ourapl.org](http://www.ourapl.org) by **11/17**. **Make checks payable to The Dance Project** and drop them off to Lynn at APL.



To help seniors who have college aspirations make the most of their final year in high school, the following is a brief calendar of things to do for the senior year:

**Fall (August—November):**

- + Researching and planning
- + Applying to colleges/universities
- + Take or re-take the SAT or ACT
- + Earning good grades

**Winter (December—March):**

- + Financial Aid (FAFSA opens January 1st) Get your PIN!

APL's first **Hands-on Lab** about **Electricity** geared toward students in grades 3-8 will be **November 10** at Shasta College. The lab begins promptly at **8:45 a.m.** so arrive by 8:30 to make sure students have taken the pre-test on Electricity. (Students should be finished by 10:45.) Meet Robin Thorne in the Northeast Parking Lot by the pool. (It costs \$1 to park.) Sign up at [www.ourapl.org](http://www.ourapl.org) by **11/5**.

Ever wondered about the Seven Wonders? What were they? How did they come to be? More importantly, why were they, and why do they remain wonders? To find the answers to these questions, join APL on Tuesday, **11/30**, at the **Schreder Planetarium**, 1644 Magnolia Ave. for the show **Seven Wonders**. The show starts at **9:00 am**. (Be on time as they lock the door when the program begins.) Reserve your seat at [www.ourapl.org](http://www.ourapl.org) by **11/17**.

On Friday and Saturday, **December 10 and 11 at 7:00 pm**, Diana Bordeaux's classes will perform at the Center for Spiritual Living, 1905 Hartnell Ave. The grades K-3 Musical Movement class will perform a short play called **'The Box'** and the Musical Theatre class for grades 4-12 will perform a musical revue called **'It's Gotta Be Jazz.'** Tickets are \$5 per person and are available from Lynn at APL.



## College Corner

- + Scholarship applications
- + Shasta College orientation & registration
- + Private school applications during January & February
- + Cal Grant GPA Verification (by March 2nd)
- Spring (March—June):**
- + Receive financial aid awards
- + Choose a school by May 1st
- + Final exams
- + Graduation!

**Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve free family events:**

**Nov 7 (Sunday) 10 am: Autumn Natural History Walk.** Enjoy Spectacular views of Clear Creek canyon on this event that offers a rich mix of nature facts, fresh air, natural beauty and walking. Bring friends, walking shoes, and water—this should be a fascinating moderate walk of approx. 3 hours. Directions: Meet at the BLM parking area on Cloverdale Rd. It is located between Placer Rd and Clear Creek Rd.

**Nov 14 (Sunday) 1 pm: Acorns: A Native American Staple.** Native Wintu Ted Dawson will discuss the acorn, from harvest to food items. You'll be invited to join in grinding acorns with mortar and pestle and be rewarded with the best acorn dishes in Shasta County. Directions: Meet at the HCCP parking area on Clear Creek Rd, about 7 miles west of Hwy 273, just west of the Clear Creek Bridge.

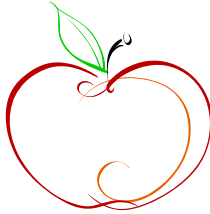
For more information, call 241-2026.

There will be a **Monterey Bay Aquarium Field Trip** for home school students on Friday, **Jan. 14**. Families meet at the Aquarium at 9:45 am to go on a self-guided educational tour. All children grades K-12 are free. Each adult who chaperones four students will get in free. Each additional chaperone will pay \$20. To register, call Tami at 530-604-1939 or email: [tamishastacollegestudent@yahoo.com](mailto:tamishastacollegestudent@yahoo.com) before **12/19** with the number of attendees.

**College OPTIONS** is offering **Fall 2010 College Application Workshops** for high school seniors and transfer students at the Shasta College University Center in the Market Street Promenade as follows:

- Nov 1 (Mon) 3-5 pm, Room 8113:** Writing a College Admissions Essay
  - Nov 3 (Wed) 3-5 pm, Room 8208:** Drop-in Application Assistance
  - Nov 10 (Wed) 3-5 pm, Room 8113:** College Admissions Essay Review
  - Nov 16 (Tues) 3-5 pm, Room 8113:** Drop-in Application Assistance
  - Nov, 22, 29, 30 3-5:30 pm, Room 8113:** Drop-in Application Assistance
- CSU/UC applications are due by November 30th.**

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**Tutoring**  **Meetings**  **Daisy Girls**

There will be **Open Tutoring** for APL students on-site as follows:

**High school** students: Tuesdays, 9:00-12:55 and 1:30-4:05; and Thursdays, 9:00-11:35 and 1:30-4:05.

**Elementary/Middle school** students: Wednesdays, 10:10-11:15; and Fridays, 10:10-12:25.

APL will provide tutoring at the **Burney Library** on an as-needed basis. Students can contact APL teacher Vanessa Burger at 276-7936 for tutoring assistance.

**Math Tutoring** with Mr. Nason will be offered as follows:

**Tuesdays:** 3:00-4:00 pm at APL

**Wednesdays:** 9:00 am-noon at the Local Indians for Education (LIFE) Center in Shasta Lake City. (Call 275-1513 for directions.)

**Thursdays:** 3:00-4:00 pm at APL

**Fridays:** 9:00-noon at the Anderson Library.

The **APL Board Meetings** are the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at **5:15 pm**, with the next meetings on **November 10th** and **December 8th**. The public is invited to attend.

The **APL Advisory Council** is a group of APL staff members, parents and students whose common goal is to enhance our school by sharing ideas. Advisory Council meetings are the **1st Wednesday** of each month at **2:00 pm**, with the next meetings on **November 3rd** and **December 1st**. The Advisory Council is still in need of two members, a parent of a high school student and a high school student. Please consider serving on this important committee. If you would like more information, contact the APL office at 222-9275.

**November/December calendar:** There will be no school **Nov. 11-12** in observance of **Veteran's Day**. **Nov. 22-26** is **Thanksgiving** break. **Winter** break will **Dec. 20-Jan. 4**. **Jan. 5-7** are independent study days (no on-site classes.)

Attention all Kindergarten and 1st grade girls! Come join the fun at a **"Daisy Day Event"** on Friday, **November 5th** from 1:00-2:15 pm, in room 4 at APL. There will be games, crafts, friends, snacks and information about the new **Daisy Girl Scout Troop** that is forming now. If you are unable to attend but would like more information about joining, please contact Trina Rueber at 945-2188 or [note2trina@sbcglobal.net](mailto:note2trina@sbcglobal.net) or [www.girlscoutsnorcal.org](http://www.girlscoutsnorcal.org). Troop meetings are scheduled for the first and third Fridays of every month from 1:00 to 2:15 pm at APL, with the following dates set for November and December: **11/19, 12/3 and 12/17**. (Meeting dates for some months may vary due to holidays and class room availability.) Girl Scout membership is only \$12 for the year. (Financial Aid is available for those who qualify.)

"Nothing is more honorable than a grateful heart."  
Seneca