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Tutoring



Meetings



Commendation

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 meeting on **October 13th**. 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 meeting on **October 6th**. 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. We are hoping to seat our new members at our October meeting.

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."

Anatole France

Alexander Berger, a senior at APL, is being recognized as a **Commended Student** in the **2011 National Merit Scholarship Program**. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2011 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country. We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success."

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Apple News



It is officially Fall (as of the autumnal equinox on 9/22, when day and night were of equal duration) and the classes here at APL are humming along. We hope that many of you are planning to attend our **Open House** on **Monday, October 4th** from **4:00 to 6:00 pm**. This is an opportunity for you to meet the teachers and experience the kinds of activities and work your students have been doing.

Have you looked at the APL website recently? You can find it at **www.ourapl.org**. The newsletters are posted there, along with information such as: the school calendar and important dates, enrollment information, APL Board of Directors and Advisory Council meeting dates and minutes, student and parent resources, and other information that you may find useful. There is APL apparel available for purchase through our website. Click on the APL apparel tab and then the link provided. We've started with t-shirts and there will be more items to come. You can sign up for field trips via the website. In fact, that is the preferred method for registering for trips. If you don't have internet access, then you can contact your teacher and he/she will sign up for you.

There will be monthly planetarium field trips for our students once again this year. The first is **Cowboy Astronomer** on **October 26th**. There is also a **Biomes and Habitats Field Trip** at the Whiskeytown Environmental School on **October 18th**. See the Events section on page 3 for more information about this month's field trip possibilities as well as other "happenings" within the community.

Life Touch Photographers will be at APL on Friday, **October 8th** for families who are interested in having **school photos** taken of their children. Siblings are also welcome to be photographed. The photographer will be at APL from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. (Please note time change from last month's newsletter.) A picture **make-up day** has been scheduled for **November 15th**.

APL wants to acknowledge and reward students for their good conduct so we are continuing our **Good Apple Awards** this year. When a staff member sees a student behaving well, the student may be given a Good Apple Award ticket to be entered into a drawing. We will pick two students per month and they will have a choice of prizes, including gift certificates to Barnes & Noble, The Cookie Jar, or a pair of matinee tickets to the cinema. Our good citizens for October are **Matthew Warner** and **Josh Winkelman**. Congratulations, boys! We appreciate good citizens!



Students in the Spotlight



Have you seen the curly headed, inquisitive, happy, third grader, **Casey Luhrs**, walking around the APL campus with his mom? You'll often see him in the library, in Ms. Christine's Science class, or in Ms. Roxanne's Spanish class. Wherever he is, there are sure to be a lot of questions and excitement about what is happening around him.

Due to his quick mind, and unique gifts and talents, the traditional first grade classroom could not support his growing academic requirements and interests. With his parents' consistent and faithful dedication, and the flexibility of APL's learning environment, Casey has really blossomed over the last few years, in his academic skills, social skills, and his love for learning.

Casey's science teacher, Ms. Christine, can tell you how wonderful it is to be always greeted with Casey's smile and excitement about what is going to happen in class that day. She really likes how he always give 110%, and she says that he has some of the best questions and comments in her class. Way to go, Casey!

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October events

- ✓ APL Open House
- ✓ Public Lands Day Clean Up
- ✓ Home School Skate
- ✓ New Christy Minstrels
- ✓ Return of the Salmon Festival
- ✓ Biomes & Habitats Field Trip
- ✓ Search for the Spawning Salmon
- ✓ Cowboy Astronomer
- ✓ Wild Trout & Fly Fishing
- ✓ Hands-on Lab

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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

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.

APL is participating in **Pennies for Peace** again this year. We are proud to support the work of Greg Mortenson as detailed in his book *Three Cups of Tea*.

The **Fantasy Book Club** will meet Friday, **10/15** at 2:30 pm to discuss *Artemis Fowl*. The **Arctic Incident** by Eoin Colfer. The **General Book Club** will meet Friday, **10/29** at 2:30 pm. The reading selection has not been decided yet so check with the library for the title. The books can be checked out at the APL library.

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. 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.

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.)

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." Marian Wright Edelman

Library News

Destiny Library Catalog: Families can search our library holdings by going online to <http://ourapl.follettdestiny.com>. You can browse without logging in; however, if you want to look at what your children have checked out, click in the upper right hand corner of the home page on "Create Account." You will be asked for your student's last name and bar code number. Your teacher can provide you with the bar code. You will then be able to create your own password to access Destiny online. If you do not like the Destiny Quest format, click in the upper right hand corner "Exit Destiny Quest," which will bring you to a less visually imposing screen that might be more familiar and easier to navigate. If you have any questions, or need some help, please call Lynn or Kimberly in the library.



All families should have been given a **Student and Parent Handbook** by their teachers. (We have more at school if you need one.) Please sign and return the *Student Internet Use Policy and Agreement* page if you want your children to utilize the school computers. There is also a *Permission to Publish* page that we hope parents will sign and return.

In our effort to be **good neighbors** at the Cobblestone Court, we ask our families not to park in front of the businesses, but to use spaces out in the lot. Please drive cautiously as there are children coming and going. We also request that everyone leave pets such as dogs and cats at home. Those who suffer from allergies need this consideration. Thank you!

Open Campus Privilege has been suspended until further notice due to inappropriate student behavior.

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.

APL has been participating in two fundraising programs. A parent has volunteered to facilitate the **Box Tops** program and we would like to have a volunteer for the **Labels for Education** program. A volunteer could do the work at home and it would be a great contribution to our school. For more information, contact Kimberly at 222-9275.

APL Open House: Monday, October 4th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Home School Skate is the 2nd Wednesday of each month, October through May, 3-5 pm at Viking Skate Country, 735 Auditorium Dr. The dates will be **10/13**, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13 and 5/11. Shasta Lake Alternative School, GUSD 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.

There will be a **Biomes and Habitats Field Trip** for students in grades 1-8 on Monday, **October 18**. Biomes across the earth can be defined by similar or dissimilar habitats. Habitats can be defined by who lives there. These topics will be presented on a 1.5 mile nature hike that will last two hours with lots of opportunity for observation and discussion. Students will compare plants and animals living on a north and south slope. Wear appropriate footwear. Meet at the Whiskeytown Environmental School at **9:30 am** and stay to enjoy your own picnic lunch on the campus after the hike at noon. Cost is \$6 per student. Directions: Take Hwy 299 west to Whiskeytown Nat'l. Recreation Area. Turn left at the visitor center. Take that road 4 miles following the signs to the NEED Camp. There is one fork in the road. Continue straight at the fork. Do not go right over the dam. Sign up at www.ourapl.org by **10/13**.



College OPTIONS provides free, confidential assistance with college planning including academic advising, financial aid application assistance and access to up-to-date college planning materials and resources. Their services include:

- Academic Advising by appointment for middle school, high school, transfer, re-entry
- College Application Support
- College Planning Library
- Field Trips
- Financial Aid Advising and

October 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 Wednesday, **October 13**, **The New Christy Minstrels**, a folk ensemble, will perform. Reservations are now required. If you are interested in attending this concert, please sign up on our website, www.ourapl.org, by **Oct. 8**. You can preview the programs by visiting www.shastacommunityconcerts.com/

On Tuesday, **10/26**, join APL at the **Schreder Planetarium**, 1644 Magnolia Ave. for **Cowboy Astronomer**, "a tapestry of star tales and Native American legends, combined with constellation identification, star-hopping, and astronomy tidbits—all told from the viewpoint of a cowboy astronomer." The show starts at **11:00 am**. (Be on time as they lock the door when the program begins.) Reserve your seat at www.ourapl.org by **10/22**.

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 by **11/5**.

College Corner

FAFSA Completion Assistance by appointment

- Online College Planning and Test Preparation Resources

Please visit or call them if you would like to schedule a free appointment with an advisor, attend an event, or like more information. College OPTIONS is located at 1407 Market Street in Redding. Their phone number is 530-245-1845 (toll free: 866-338-4255). Their web address is www.collegeoptions.org.

College OPTIONS is offering **Fall 2010 College Application Workshops** for high school seniors and

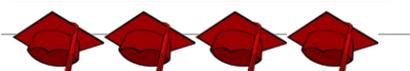
Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve events (children welcome/events free):

Oct 9 (Saturday) 9 am: **National Public Lands Day Clean Up**. Volunteers are asked to help clean up and repair damaged areas along the Lower Clear Creek Greenway. After the work day, volunteers will be treated to a BBQ. For more information and to sign up, call 224-2100 or 241-2026.

Oct 16 (Sat) 9 am-4 pm: **Return of the Salmon Festival**. This will be a fun-filled educational day at the Coleman Fish Hatchery.

Oct 23 (Sat) 9 am: **Search for the Spawning Salmon**. Join biologist Mike Berry for a walk along Clear Creek to observe spawning salmon. Wear walking shoes and polarized sun glasses for better visibility into the creek. Meet at the Gold Dredge Trailhead, on the south side of Clear Creek Rd. about 2 miles west of Hwy 273, just west of Sunrise Excavating. Call 241-2026 for info.

Oct 30 (Sat) 2 pm: **Wild Trout & Fly Fishing in Clear Creek**. Take a short walk to see master fly fisherman Mike Mercer demonstrate the techniques of "casting a fly" and hear about the secrets of Clear Creek trout. Meet at the HCCP parking area (orange pipe gate), on Clear Creek Rd, about 7 miles west of Hwy 273, just west of the Clear Creek Bridge. Call 241-2026 for information.



transfer students at the Shasta College University Center in the Market Street Promenade as follows:

Oct 12 (Tues) 3-5 pm, Room 8113: Writing a College Admissions Essay

Oct 18 (Mon) 3-5 pm, Room 8113: Drop-in Application Assistance

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

CSU/UC applications are due by November 30th.