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## Apple News



### February News



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Spring semester is well underway at APL and once again the newsletter is full of important information for our families. **Please note: There will be no onsite classes on Feb. 1 or the afternoon of Feb. 2 (periods 4, 5 & 6).** Classes have been cancelled on the morning of Feb. 1 for a staff training session. Afternoon classes have been cancelled on Feb. 1 and 2 for the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) which will be given from 1-4 pm on both days to all 10th graders as well as seniors who have yet to pass one or both sections of the exam. Also note that onsite classes will be cancelled for the morning of Tuesday, March 1 so the 4th and 7th graders can take the STAR Writing Test from 9 am until noon. (High school students will have periods 4 and 5 on 3/1/11.)

In our continuing efforts to meet the needs of our students, we have been making changes to the spring schedule. Please make sure you are using the latest version when planning for your children. (1/18/11 are the latest Monday and High School schedules and 1/21/11 are the latest Elementary schedules.) Some of the recent changes have been to add French classes for elementary and high school students as well as another section of Total Reading, Level 1.

Diana Bordeaux's Musical Theatre/Drama classes are busy preparing their spring production. They will be presenting *The Wild, Wild, Wildest West* and *Little Bit of Showbiz* on Friday, **May 13** and Saturday, **May 14** at 7 pm at The Center for Spiritual Living, 1905 Hartnell Ave. in Redding. Tickets will be \$5 per seat and they will be available for sale at APL starting April 1. Please note the change in class times for Diana's classes: grades K-3: 12:30-1:30 pm and grades 4-12: 2:00-5:00 pm as reflected in the revised schedule.

Included with this newsletter are several inserts. We have included the annual Parent Survey which we hope you will fill out and give us constructive feedback to improve our program and offerings. There is also a survey for high school students. **Please return the surveys to APL by March 31.** Also included are inserts to help families with the upcoming PE testing in April. All of the PE information in this newsletter can be found on our website, [www.ourapl.org](http://www.ourapl.org)

Last, but certainly not least for students, there are two holidays in February, on the 14th and 21st, to honor our presidents. There will be no school on these two Mondays.

#### February events

- ✓ Hands-on Lab
- ✓ Northern California Mushrooms
- ✓ Fun Runs
- ✓ Redding Library Tour
- ✓ Wonders of the Universe
- ✓ Home School Skate
- ✓ Daisy Girls
- ✓ High School Art Competition
- ✓ Handsome Little Devils
- ✓ The Sound of Music

## Students in the Spotlight

**John Foster**, a second grader at APL, always has a friendly smile and an eagerness to learn. John has attended APL since kindergarten. He loves art, science, and especially trains. John also loves to read and be read to, and has broad interests in history, science, and fiction. John likes to write and illustrate books, and perform experiments, along with helping in the garden and with pets. He is respectful, responsible, helpful and kind. John takes Elementary Spanish and Ceramics at APL and Art with Mrs. Salyers every week. Big brother to three siblings with a fourth on the way, John is active, playing and exploring with his family.

**Matthew Keely** has much to be proud of. He got off to a great start this school year with grades that were almost all "As". More importantly, Matthew has really focused on his reading this year, and his mid-year Scantron assessment showed a large increase in his reading level. Matthew was also active with the Riverfront Playhouse, and had a part in *The Only Christmas Pageant in Town*. This was a tremendous undertaking during the school year, as he had rehearsals almost every night. When the play opened, he had regularly scheduled performances. Matthew's attitude towards school has shown great improvement, and he has a more positive outlook on life. Matthew and his family should be very proud of his accomplishments.

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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 **all 10th graders and 12th graders** who have yet to pass one or both sections of the exam will be **Feb. 1** (Language Arts) and **Feb. 2** (Math) at APL from **1-4 pm**. If you are not sure whether you need to take this exam, please contact your teacher. **There will be no onsite classes on Feb. 1 or the afternoon of Feb. 2 (periods 4, 5 & 6).**

The **STAR Writing test** for **4th and 7th graders** will be Tuesday, **March 1** from **9 am until noon** at APL. **Morning classes will be cancelled on this date.** (Last year the 4th grade test was cancelled due to state budget cuts but all 4th graders will be tested this year once again.)

APL would like to know if we have students in grades 5 or 6 interested in attending camp at the **Whiskeytown Environmental School (WES Camp)** this spring. The cost of the camp is \$170 per student for 4-5 days and \$115 for 2.5 days. If there are students at least 16 years old, or parents, who would like to serve as cabin counselors, please let us know. Call Lynn at 222-9275 for more info.

Earning cash for our school is easy! Shop online and watch **eBoxTops** give our school earnings a boost! This is the easiest way to earn **BoxTops** for our school as there are over 100 retailers to shop from at the Marketplace. Sign up to support our school at [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com). Start every online shopping trip at the Box Tops Marketplace [www.btfe.com/marketplace](http://www.btfe.com/marketplace). Also, visit [www.btfe.com/coupons](http://www.btfe.com/coupons) to save money on your favorite brands while earning money for our school. You can download a complete list of products that earn BoxTops at [www.btfe.com/products](http://www.btfe.com/products).

**Attention all seniors and family of senior students:** Graduation is **June 1** at the McLaughlin Auditorium, 1805 Sequoia St., Redding. The time has yet to be determined. Are you interested in a graduation party that all seniors, their families, and guests would be welcome to attend? Having a party all together would make it possible to use a larger facility and include some special activities that might not be possible for smaller individual family celebrations. If you are interested in having a group celebration, please contact APL student Alexander Berger at [kc0tlh@gmail.com](mailto:kc0tlh@gmail.com) or Barbara Berger at [bergerfamily1@gmail.com](mailto:bergerfamily1@gmail.com). Or you can call them at 530-357-2400 to set a date to get together and plan an event.

**8th Grade Promotion:** How many families would like to have an 8th grade promotion ceremony? The date would be **June 2**; the place and time have yet to be determined. Please call Sherina at APL, 222-9275, to let her know if you want to have a promotion ceremony for 8th graders and also, if you would like to help plan it.

## Library News

**Book clubs:** For the high school book club, which will meet on Thursday, **2/24** from **4-5 pm**, the book is *School's Out Forever—Maximum Ride Series Book 2* by James Patterson.

Our general book club will meet at **2 pm** on Friday, **2/25** to discuss the book *One Hundred Cupboards* by N. Wilson. This book club is for any age level as long as they can read the book.

Check with the APL library for the books.

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

**Immunizations: Students in grades 7-12 must have booster shots by fall 2011** (DTP booster for whooping cough). Immunizations for **kindergartners** 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.

"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being."  
Goethe

The Shasta Reading Council presents the 6th annual **Shasta County Young Writers Festival**. This juried competition is open to all K-12 students in Shasta County (with entries also accepted from Trinity, Siskiyou, Modoc, and Lassen counties.) Entries may be submitted in three genres: non-fiction, fiction, and poetry. The grade divisions are K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Entry forms can be picked up at APL and all submissions must be turned in by **March 31**. Barbara Mehr will be turning them in on 4/1/11. We'll include more information next month.



## February Events



There will be a **Hands-on Lab about Digestion** geared toward students in grades 3-8 on Wednesday, **Feb. 2** at Shasta College. The lab begins promptly at **8:45 am**, so arrive by 8:30 to make sure students have taken the pre-test on Digestion. (Students should be finished by 10:45.) Meet Robin Thorne in the Northeast Parking Lot by the pool. (Parking costs \$1). Sign up at [www.ourapl.org](http://www.ourapl.org) by **Jan. 28**.

Monday, **Feb. 7**, join APL teacher Rosanne Atzet at **2 pm** in the foyer for a tour of the **Redding** branch of the **Shasta Public Library**. The new building, one of the first of its kind in Shasta County, showcases a rooftop garden, numerous solar panels, and thermal energy storage, as well as The Giving Tree and several other donated pieces of art. The tour will be about 1 hour long.

**Shasta County High School Juried Art Competition:** This annual art competition is open to all Shasta County high school students. Submit up to two original works to Lynn at APL by **2/24**. Applications and information are available at APL.

Students in grades 4 to 8 are encouraged to enter "**How a Bicycle Would Change My Life**" **Essay Contest** for a chance to win a new youth-sized Trek bike. Entry forms available at [www.healthyshasta.org](http://www.healthyshasta.org), starting 2/5 through 4/10/11.

**Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve** free family events: **Feb. 4** (Friday) at **1:30 pm: Northern California Mushrooms**. Join Susan Libonati (Shasta College instructor with a Ph.D. in Botany) to learn about the fascinating habits of northern California mushrooms. Bring specimens of different mushrooms for identification. Susan will discuss safety of eating wild mushrooms. Meet at the HCCP parking area (orange pipe gate), on Clear Creek Road, about 7 miles west of Hwy 273, just west of the Clear Creek Bridge. Call 241-2026 for information.

On Wednesday, **Feb. 9**, the show **Wonders of the Universe** will be featured at the Schreder Planetarium at **11 am** for APL students. Peer deep into space through the eyes of the orbiting Hubble Telescope and travel back billions of years in time to witness the birth of the universe. Reserve your seat at [www.ourapl.org](http://www.ourapl.org) by **Feb. 4**.

The **Shasta Community Concert** Association sponsors free 45 minute programs for schools. The shows begin at **10:30 am** at the Redding Convention Center. On Thursday, **3/3**, the concert will be **Handsome Little Devils**, presenting their world-famous Squirm Burpee: A Vaudevilian Melodrama. Please register for the concert at [www.ourapl.org](http://www.ourapl.org) by **2/25**.

**Fun Runs:** There is a series of fun runs open to all ages and abilities, runners and walkers, that meets at **8 am** on the following Saturdays at Redding venues: **2/5, 2/12, 2/19 and 2/26**. Registration is \$2 per race. For information call 526-3076.

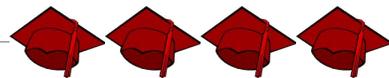
**Home School Skate** is the 2nd Wednesday of each month from **3-5 pm** at Viking Skate Country. The dates will be **Feb. 9, 3/9, 4/13 and 5/11**. Gateway's Shasta Lake Alternative School, subsidizes the program, open to all home schooling families. Cost is \$3 per person with one free admission for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

The **Daisy Girl Scout Troop** will meet from **3-4 pm** in room 3 at APL on **2/11 and 2/25**. Interested girls in grades K-1 are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Trina Rueber at 945-2188 or [note2trina@sbccglobal.net](mailto:note2trina@sbccglobal.net).

The **Dance Project** will present one school showing of **The Sound of Music** on Friday, **April 15 at 10:00 am** at the Cascade Theatre. Tickets are \$5 per person. Sign up at [www.ourapl.org](http://www.ourapl.org). Payment is due by **March 18** at APL. **(Make checks payable to The Dance Project.)**



## College Corner



**Cash for College** is a college workshop that will be held at APL on Tuesday, **February 8** from **6-8 pm** to help seniors and their parents fill out **FAFSA forms**. Seniors who attend the event, complete their forms and a survey will qualify for a chance to win a scholarship.

The following is a checklist of important documents you need to help complete the FAFSA:

- Driver's license
- Social Security card or number
- Alien registration number, if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Student 2010 income information

- Parent 2010 income information
- Student and parent tax information; previous year taxes are okay for now if you don't have 2010 tax information
- 2010 bank statements
- Any records of untaxed income such as welfare benefits, Social Security benefits, or child support payments
- List of colleges you are interested in attending

If you don't have every one of these documents, that's okay. Come to the workshop with the documents that you have and that apply to you.

**FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be submitted prior to **March 2** and preferably by **Jan. 30**. Seniors, if you have not received a **Cal Grant GPA Information Release Form** from your teacher, please get one from **Sherina** so APL can electronically submit your GPA.

Juniors are invited to the **2011 Shasta County Junior Day** sponsored by College OPTIONS and hosted by Simpson University on Thursday, **March 31, 9 am-12:30 pm**. This day is an opportunity for juniors to experience a college campus, learn about financial aid and plan for their post-secondary options beyond high school. Please register for this event at [www.ourapl.org](http://www.ourapl.org).

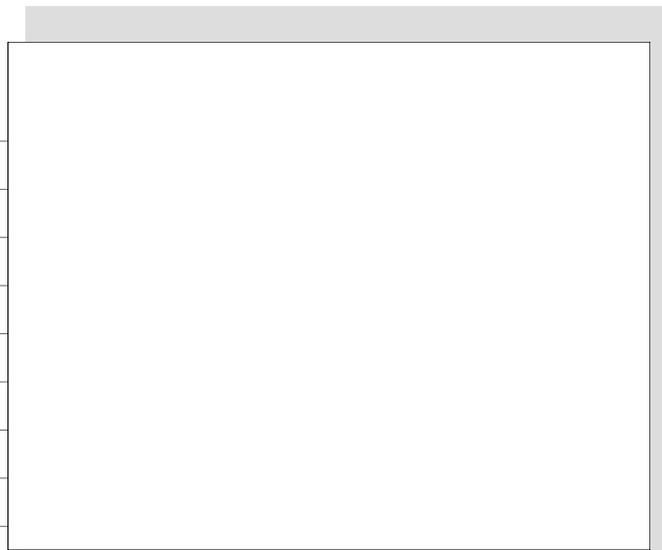
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**Tutoring Meetings PE Testing**



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:** 9:00-11:45 am 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:** 9:00-11:45 am at the Anderson Library.

The **APL Board Meetings** are the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at **5:15 pm**, with the next meeting on **February 9**. 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 **February 2**. 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.

“Change does not necessarily assure progress, but progress implacably requires change. Education is essential to change, for education creates both new wants and the ability to satisfy them.”

Henry Steele Commager

**Attention all 5th, 7th, and 9th graders:** PE testing will take place during the STAR testing weeks. It is important for all 9th graders to take the test. Not taking the test means that you fail the test. In the event that you fail the test, you will be obligated to take PE class for all four of your high school years. The inserted pages give you the information you need to figure out what your student needs to do to pass the PE test. To find your Body Mass Index or BMI, please visit the following website: <http://www.nhblsupport.com/bmi/>.

**There are videos available online to explain the test and how it will be administered.** There is a video available for each test: one-mile run visit [http://pft-info.org/pft\\_videos/one-mile%20run.html](http://pft-info.org/pft_videos/one-mile%20run.html), curl up visit [http://pft-info.org/pft\\_videos/curlup.html](http://pft-info.org/pft_videos/curlup.html), trunk lift visit [http://pft-info.org/pft\\_videos/trunklift.html](http://pft-info.org/pft_videos/trunklift.html), pushup visit [http://pft-info.org/pft\\_videos/pushup.html](http://pft-info.org/pft_videos/pushup.html), shoulder stretch/flexibility visit [http://pft-info.org/pft\\_videos/shoulder%20str.html](http://pft-info.org/pft_videos/shoulder%20str.html), body composition bmi visit [http://pft-info.org/pft\\_videos/bmi.html](http://pft-info.org/pft_videos/bmi.html). Please note that pushups are boy pushups to be counted as correct.