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# Apple News



## November/December News



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Greetings! Fall is flying by and the holidays will soon be here. As November and December are both short school months, there will be one newsletter to cover the news and events for both months. So please read carefully as this newsletter is packed with information.

The APL Open House on October 24 was a success with many families attending. One of the highlights of the evening was the STAR raffle, as we celebrated the strong effort that many of our students put forth on their tests last spring. The names of the students who were selected and the prizes they won are as follows: laptop computer - **Jon Tijerina**, Nintendo 3DS - **Tiffany Miller**, Kindle + \$25 gift card - **Joshua Winkelman**, Michi purse - **Norhea Perales**, ski package - **Hannah Ritchie**, 3 cell phones + \$25 gift cards - **Mary Drewsen**, **Hannah Hazel**, and **Aleah Matos**, Beadman gift card - **Julie Olson**, 3 cameras - **Marissa Peoples Anderson**, **Kenneth Reynolds**, and **James Thompson**, and last but not least, 2 MP3 players - **Jacob Cable** and **Jacquelyn Jansen**. We would like to thank all of the students who tried their best on STAR!

Please note that the **CaHSEE** (California High School Exit Exam) will be **November 1 and 2**, which is a change from the dates stated in last month's newsletter. College applications for all CSU and UC campuses are due **November 30** and there will be a **Financial Aid** event on **December 15**. See College Corner on page 3.

**Picture Make-up Day is Thursday, November 10 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm.** Our high school yearbook staff is working with Lifetouch Photography to create a traditional-style yearbook. All students photographed by Lifetouch will have their portrait in the yearbook. We encourage all students to have their photo taken, with the understanding that there is no obligation to purchase the photos.

There are several field trips planned for November and December, including a planetarium show each month and a visit to a wild horse sanctuary. As you consider the coming spring semester, read about the **History Day Project** described on page 4. It is a wonderful opportunity for students in grades 4-8 to learn important research and writing skills. Each year the students involved do awesome projects! In the meantime, all of us at APL wish you a wonderful holiday season.

### November/ December events

- ✓ Autumn Ceilidh
- ✓ Wild Horse Sanctuary
- ✓ Home School Skate
- ✓ New Horizons
- ✓ Cascade Christmas
- ✓ Old Time Holiday in the Parks
- ✓ Season of Light
- ✓ Financial Aid Night

## Students in the Spotlight

**Ayanna Compton** is a bright young third grade student. She is being honored because of her joy for learning. This is her second year at APL and she is a delight to all of her teachers. Ayanna takes pride in her daily school work and always goes the extra mile. Not only does she excel in academic subjects, but also in extra curricular activities. Ayanna is learning to play the guitar and also attends gymnastics classes twice a week. This winter, Ayanna will more than likely be hitting the slopes of Mt. Shasta to ski. She spent each Friday last winter skiing down the slopes. Ayanna is a wonderful example of a well-rounded student who excels in all that she does.

**Mary Truman** has attended APL for approximately one year. She is a 7th grader who is eager to learn and has a positive attitude towards life. Mary is very active in and out of school. She is a great student who challenges herself with her home-school academics by taking courses higher than the 7th grade level. She is loving all of her classes at APL and her dance class off-site as well. Mary has a beautiful singing voice and loves to perform. When she is not singing, dancing, or reading, you can probably find her riding her horse, Ditto, practicing for her next horse show.

**Sierra Amen** has been a personalized learning student for many years. She is a hard-working senior who plans to use American Sign Language in the educational field. Sierra has volunteered as a teacher's aide in several elementary classes over the past couple of years, and even helps the office staff when she is needed. Being a good role model to her siblings, Hunter and Sydney, is a huge priority for Sierra. Her faith is real and her dedication to live an intentional life is commendable. Sierra is definitely an asset to our school.

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# APL Orientation

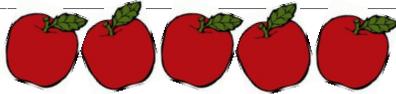


APL is accepting new students for the **2011/12 school year**. Orientation for interested families will be held **Wednesday** evenings at **5 PM** at APL, **2195 Larkspur Lane**. If you have friends or family looking at school options, please consider suggesting us!

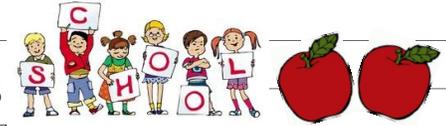
Here's what we have to offer:

- 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 **11/1** (Language Arts) and **11/2** (Math) at APL from **1:30-4:30 pm**. If you are not sure whether you need to take this exam, please contact your teacher or Sherina Weide. **Please note the date change from last month's newsletter.**

**Picture Make-up Day:** LifeTouch will be at APL on Thursday, **November 10 from 10 am until 1 pm** to take photos of students (and siblings, if interested). We encourage all students to get their photographs taken if they have not yet done so. The photos will be used for **APL Student ID Cards** as well as for the **APL Yearbook** which will be published and sold this year. Students will be excused from class to have their photos taken. Families are not obligated to purchase photos. Please see the flier for photo packages and prices.

Hard-working high school students needed! The **ACE After School Program at Rother Elementary** is offering positions for **classroom aides**. In return, you will get class credit. The hours are flexible and can be any days, Monday-Friday, of your choice within the hours of 1:30-6:00 pm. Training will be provided. Please call Mrs. Horrocks for more information at 224-4179.

**Calendar:** The following dates are **School Holidays:**  
 November 11: Veterans' Day  
 November 21-25: Thanksgiving  
 December 21-Jan. 9: Winter Break.  
 The following dates are **Independent Study Days** when there are **no site classes** and students do their school-work at home:  
 December 19 & 20  
 January 10-13  
**Fall semester ends January 13.**

Four students were selected for **Good Apple Awards** for the months of November and December: **Lilly Bobo, Sierra Seitz, Ryan Stevens, and Jacqui Vu**. These students were cited with "good citizenship" and given tickets, which were then selected in the monthly drawing. Congratulations to our "Good Apples!"

**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 at 222-9281.

"Hem your blessings with thankfulness so they don't unravel."  
 Author unknown



# Library News



**Destiny Library Catalog:** Families can search our library holdings by going online to <https://ourapl.follettdestiny.com>. You can browse without logging in, but if you wish to look at what your children have checked out, click in the upper right hand corner of the home page on "login." You will be asked for your student's username (first initial followed by last name) and password (patron number). Your teacher can provide you with the patron number. 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 any help, call Kimberly in the 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](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). Follow the prompts to create your own username and password. When prompted, enter the one-time Class Activation Code, GJXLB. If you have questions, contact Kimberly at APL.

**Library Donations:** Although we appreciate your generosity, please hold any donations to the APL library until we are able to catch up with getting our materials organized. Thanks for your patience!



# November/December Events



Come learn traditional dances of Scotland at an **Autumn Ceilidh** with live music on Thursday, **November 3, from 7-9 pm** at the Millville Grange Hall (Old Forty Four & Deschutes, Palo Cedro). No experience or partner are required. Refreshments will be provided at this free event. For more info, call Peggy at 347-0825 or Jacquie at 244-4183.

On Tuesday, **November 15 at 1:15 pm**, join APL at the Schreder Planetarium, 1644 Magnolia Ave. for the show **New Horizons**. "From breathtaking landscapes, to violent volcanic eruptions, to the sheer beauty of Saturn's rings, explore the planets and moons of the solar system in a majestic journey through our celestial neighborhood. Travel down to the surface of all the planets and experience what life would be like on those brave new worlds." **Reserve your seat at ourapl.org by Nov. 11.** (Please arrive at 1:00 pm.)

The National Park Service and California State Parks invite you to a free open house celebration "**Old Time Holiday in the Parks**" Saturday, **December 3, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm**. At Whiskeytown's Tower House Historic District there will be tours of the Camden House, holiday carolers, historical games and craft activities, including free wreath making workshops. At the Shasta State Historic Park in Old Shasta there will also be fun holiday activities for the family.



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):**
  - + Research and plan
  - + Apply to colleges/universities
  - + Take or re-take the SAT or ACT
  - + Earn good grades
- Winter (December—March):**
  - + Financial Aid (FAFSA opens January 1st) Get your PIN!
  - + Scholarship applications
  - + Shasta College orientation & registration
  - + Private school applications during January & February

Visit **The Wild Horse Sanctuary** on Monday, **November 7 from 10 am until noon**. Located at 5796 Wilson Hill Rd. in Shingletown, their mission is to protect and preserve America's wild horses and burros. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the tour. The event is free, but a voluntary donation will be collected by our group to contribute to the care of an unsponsored horse at the sanctuary. **Register at ourapl.org by Friday, November 4.** See the website for more information and directions.

Celebrate the holiday season with **A Cascade Christmas** on Wednesday, **November 30 at 11:00 am**. Tickets are **\$5 per seat** and can be purchased from the receptionist at APL, making checks out to The Cascade Theatre. **Reserve your seat at ourapl.org by Nov. 4.**

On Tuesday, **December 13 at 11:00 am**, the Schreder Planetarium, 1644 Magnolia Ave., will feature the show **Season of Light**. "Light up your evening as we bring you the burning of the Yule log, sparkling Christmas trees, candles in the windows, luminaries and the traditional ritual of lighting the Menorah. Feast in the multicultural traditions of the winter solstice. Rituals from ancient Christian, Jewish, Celtic, Nordic, Roman, Irish, Mexican and Hopi cultures are presented, along with more modern traditions." **Reserve your seat at ourapl.org by Dec. 9.** (Please arrive at 10:45 am.)

**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 **11/9, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, 3/14, 4/11 and 5/9**. 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 at 90alana@shasta.com.

Redding School of the Arts will perform **Disney's Cinderella KIDS** on Thursday, **February 2 from 9:00-10:30 am** at the David Marr Auditorium in the Shasta Learning Center, 2200 Eureka Way. The timeless fairy tale meets the magic of Disney in this adaptation of the treasured animated film. With a beautiful score including "A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes" and the classic "Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo," **Disney's Cinderella KIDS** will charm its way into your heart, and remind you that dreams really can come true. Tickets are **\$2 per seat for students and \$7 for adults** and can be purchased from the receptionist at APL, making checks out to RSA. **Reserve your seat at ourapl.org.**



**CSU/UC applications are due November 30th.**

## College Corner

- + Cal Grant GPA Verification (by March 2nd)
- Spring (March—June):**
  - + Receive financial aid awards
  - + Choose a school by May 1st
  - + Final exams
  - + Graduation!
- Dennis Diestler**, the Financial Services Coordinator for College OPTIONS, will present a **Financial Aid Night** for Private, Charter, and Christian Schools at **6:00 pm on December 15** at the Shasta College downtown campus, 1504 Market Street in room 8220. Please avail yourself of Mr. Diestler's expertise!

College OPTIONS is offering **Fall 2011 College Assistance Workshops** for high school seniors and transfer students at the **Shasta University Center** located on the corner of Tehama and Market Street in downtown Redding. No appointment is necessary for workshops. Drop in any time during the workshop for help with your college questions. The workshops will take place in room number 8113 as follows:

- Writing a College Admissions Essay: Nov 1, 3:00-5:00 pm**
- Application Help/Essay Review: Nov 3, 8, 16 from 3:00-5:00 pm**
- Application Help/Essay Review: Nov 21, 28, 30 from 3:00-5:30 pm**

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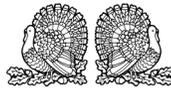
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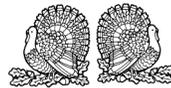
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**Tutoring**



**Meetings**



**History Day**



High school students in need of tutoring assistance in math have the opportunity to attend a **Math Directed Study Hall** for assistance. These study halls meet **T/Th 9:50-11:05 am and 12:50-2:05 pm**. Students must bring work with them.

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

**Tuesdays:** 3:30-4:30 pm at APL

**Wednesdays:** 1:00-3:00 pm at the Local Indians for Education (LIFE) Center in Shasta Lake City. (Call 275-1513 for directions).

**Thursdays:** 3:30-4:30 pm at APL

**Fridays:** 12:30-3:00 pm at APL

APL teacher Vanessa Burger will provide general tutoring at the **Burney Library** from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesdays**.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." John Fitzgerald Kennedy

The **APL Board Meetings** for this school year are the **3rd Thursday** of each month at **5:15 pm**, with the next meetings on **November 17** and **December 15**. The public is invited to attend. We would like to welcome Jeannie Eminger, a new parent member who has joined the board.

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 **3:30 pm**, with the next meetings on **Nov. 2** and **Dec. 7**. The Advisory Council still needs a high school student and the parent of an elementary student. Let your teacher know or contact Lynn at APL if you are willing to serve on the council.

Interested in skiing/snowboarding? Join the **Millville Educational Ski/Board Program 2012** for Friday trips to Mt. Shasta Board n' Ski Park. There has been a change in park management so dates and prices have yet to be confirmed for this season. Updated information should be available soon at [www.freewebs.com/kyleeneh](http://www.freewebs.com/kyleeneh) or you can contact Wendi Hill via [kyleeneh @ yahoo.com](mailto:kyleeneh@yahoo.com).

The **History Day Project** will begin during our spring semester. This project challenges students to research a historical topic and relate it to a specific theme. This year's national theme is **"Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in History"**. In the class, students will be instructed on how to write a formal research paper. The project includes a research paper, an oral speech and the creation of a hands-on project that displays the student's topic. This project is designed for **4th-8th grade** students. Each student will receive a detailed handbook with clear homework assignments. This class **does require** outside homework and families must be committed to the project. The class dates are as follows: January 30th, February 6th, February 27th, March 12th, March 26th, April 16th and April 30th. Classes will held on the Mondays listed above from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Attendance is mandatory unless prior arrangements are made. This class focuses on both language arts and history standards for the 4th-8th grades. Please contact Mrs. Cable at [ccable@ourapl.org](mailto:ccable@ourapl.org) or at 222-9275 with any questions regarding the project.