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Apple News

Newsflash: APL earned a 6 year term of accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges! This is the maximum term possible and is a great validation of our school. Thanks to everyone who participated in this process.

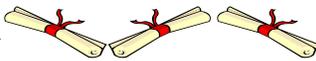
The 2011-12 school year is over and soon the last meetings, grades, and paperwork will be completed and everyone can enjoy a well earned rest. How quickly the time has passed and what a great year it has been! Last year at this time we were still searching for a new site. We were so fortunate to find our new home on Larkspur Lane and now we have completed a full academic year here. Planning for next school year has been in full swing and most families have seen the draft schedule for next year's on-site classes. The **2012-13 school year will begin Wednesday, August 15**, with on-site classes commencing August 20. The August newsletter should arrive to you in early August with the class schedules, VEP offerings, and lots of information for the new school year. In the meantime, we hope that everyone has a great summer!



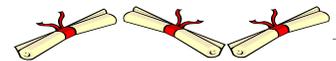
High School Graduation



APL would like to honor our students who are graduating from high school. The class of 2012 is as follows: Kimberly Ann Allison, Sierra Renay Amen, Carlena Brooke Bailey, Stephen David Bailey, A. J. Baker, Cole Barber, Amanda Marie Barlogio, Timothy William Barrett, Brian A. Brooks, Gabriell Marie Brooks, Amber June Bruster, Shelby Lynn Cantrell, Devin Andrew Conn, Cody A. Copeland, Nicholas Joshua Cruz, Elyse Marie Drewsen, Brandon Michael Gibeau, Katelyn René Gist, Jacob C. Gleim, Ashton Willy Goerges, Kaiah Mackenzie Gregory, Mikeala R. Hicks, Chase Kenny Hill, Courtnee Georgia Huskey, Jennifer Jordan, Karriona Nicole King, Paul R. Leonard, Tiffany Leann Miller, Marissa Ann Murphy, Trenton DeLos Norred, Franklin Thomas Olson, Stephen Daniel Olson, Sean Perry, Autumn Rose Phillips, Hannah Faye Ritchie, Charles R. Rueber, Austin Marshall Ruff, Nathaniel E. Schmidt, David W. Scott, Megan Brianne Smith, Mark Preston Smith, Kristine Nicole Tesauro, Jonathan Andrew Tijerina, Emily Hope Wegner, and Lenard S. Wilkes.



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: Nathan R. Atkinson, Kade B. Baker, John Berger, Spencer L. Beaubeaux, Paris Teale Booth, Christopher Daniels, Tyler Desautelle, Hailey Eberhard, Caleb Gates, Alexandra L. Graves, America R. Gutierrez, Alexandra Hicks, Madeira Danae Hoffman, Shianne Tennessee Ingalls, Adam Katz, Konstandena Sophia Kutras, Taylor Scott Mehrkens, Swan T. Monroe, Byron A. Mora, Lucas J. Nelson, Brandon Norvell, Anaila Price, Tyler Raber, Lily Ann Richey, Elaina Riley, Cecelia Robbins, Justin Roberts, Kirby Seymour, Sebastian Sheldon, Sulema Rebeca-Janae Tijerina, Shelby Transue, and Jasmine Vu.

Students in the Spotlight



Cohen Booth is a bright and active first grader at APL. Cohen loves to read and excels in his school work. He is an avid builder and eagerly attends APL's Lego/Robotics Design class each week. In his third year of drum lessons, Cohen enjoys drumming and is ready to play in a band! Cohen helps with multiple animals at home and loves racing RC cars with his dad. Cohen is inquisitive, actively exploring his mountain home with his homeschooling family.



Ana Shackelford is a 5th grader at APL who excels at many things and enjoys reading and learning. Ana creates beautiful art at home and in her APL classes, Photography, Ceramics, and Watercolor Painting. She also plays the violin and is passionate about dance and ballet. Ana is an excellent writer as well. She placed in both fiction and non-fiction this year in the Shasta County Young Writers Festival. A healthy and active homeschooler, Ana is big sister to three brothers and loves to run and play outside. She is a shining star at APL!



Jessica Perez is a junior at APL and has been with our school for all of high school. She is a very responsible student who takes her school work seriously and works hard in every class she takes. She enjoys taking classes on site on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and also completes some of her subjects independently at home. While Jessica is a quiet girl, she has made friends here at APL and likes coming to school. Her on-site teachers are very impressed with her work ethic and know that she will always give her work her best efforts!

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APL Orientation

APL is accepting new students for the **2012/13 school year**. The last orientation sessions for interested families before summer will be held **6/6 and 6/13 at 5 PM** at APL, 2195 Larkspur Lane. Fall orientations will begin **August 1 at 5 PM** and continue weekly on Wednesdays. 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



Congratulations to this year's History Day Project participants: Jakob Cable, Keely Clark, Matthew Cubbage, Will Edmondson, Jared Lange, Kiley Lange, Sierra Seitz, Berkley Simonis, Bob Simonis, Courtney Taylor and Jessica Taylor. The students put forth a great deal of effort and really showcased their creative talents with their hands-on projects. **Courtney Taylor** received first place overall in the competition, **Jessica Taylor** earned second place and **Jakob Cable** was awarded third place.

The **ACA baseball team** won their championship game, making them the NSCIF Division VI Baseball champions. Several players on the team attend APL: **Daniel Olson, Thomas Olson, and Coleman Petit**. Congrats!

Graduates, 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.

Parking Lot Etiquette: The parking lot we share with National University is a busy place and some safety issues have come to our attention. Small children are difficult to see and are at risk of being hit if not accompanied by an adult. When dropping off or picking up children, please park your car and walk children to and from the building. Do not double park, block other cars, or create traffic congestion or safety issues. Thank you.

Lost and Found at APL has acquired many stray items. Please pick up any possessions that belong to your children before **June 8**. The remaining items will be donated to charity after that date.

The names of four students were drawn for **Good Apple Awards** this month: **Casey Luhrs, Julianne Cable, Natasha Vaughan and Angelina Paiva**. These students were cited with "good citizenship" and given tickets, which were then selected in the monthly drawing.

The **Oral Health Assessment Form for students who will be in 1st grade in the 2012-13 school year is due by September 14, 2012**. The form is available at APL if you need it. If you have questions or can't meet the deadline, contact Sherina.

Current 6th graders who will be 7th graders next school year, 2012-13, need to have their **TDap immunization complete and turned in by August 30, 2012**. For more info, see http://shotsforschool.org/parents_faq.html

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. During the month of July, when the office is closed, contact Sherina at 227-9154 for work permits.

Several APL students won awards at the **7th Annual Shasta County Young Writers Festival**. **Ana Shackelford** won 3rd place for grades 3-5 Fiction and Non Fiction. **Tyler Desautelle** placed 3rd in Poetry for grades 6-8. **Isabelle (Izzie) Hammond** earned 1st place in Non Fiction for grades 9-12. The students were honored at an awards ceremony at Simpson University.

The APL **Shakespeare trip** to see "As You Like It" on August 18, 2012 has been **cancelled** because we did not fill the minimum number of seats as required.



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. **All curriculum is due back to the library by June 15th**. After that date, we will send out notices to let you know what materials are overdue. We do not fine for overdue materials, however, families are responsible for lost or damaged materials. If you plan to school over the summer and there are items that you

need, 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 for cataloging and inventory.

The APL library conducted a contest to name the gecko who recently moved in with Glitter. Students submitted names for consideration and then voted. And the winner is... **Dragon Noodle**.

"The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that our aim is too low and we reach it." Michelangelo

The results of APL's **reading incentive program** for this school year have been tallied and the winners are: **Cheyla Alexander, Zachary Alexander, William Borba, Julianne Cable, Joseph Drewsen, Mary Kate Drewsen, Tristen Erickson, Elizabeth Hoerber, Isaac Paiva, and William Pitts**. These students each turned in at least ten reading logs and will receive a Barnes & Noble gift card.

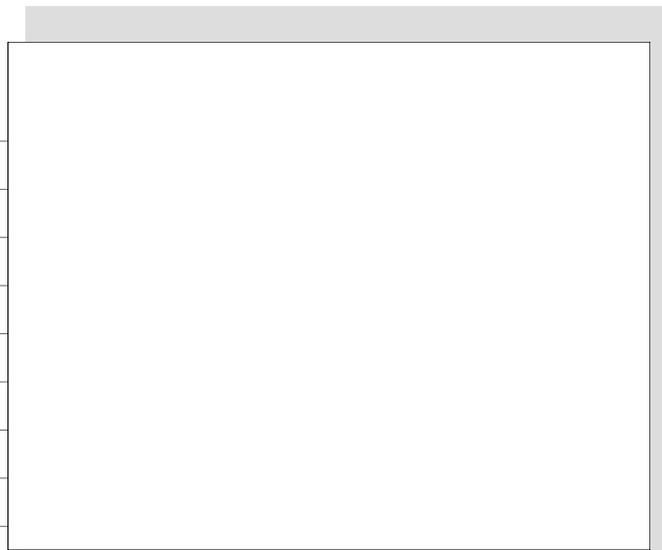
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 **Senior Honors**  **Meetings**  **Summer Fun** 

APL would like to share with our readers the recognition received by some of our seniors from the greater Redding community and beyond: **Tiffany Miller** received **The Golden State Seal Merit Diploma**, conferred by the California Department of Education, based on her mastery of high school curriculum as demonstrated by her STAR test results over three years. Tiffany and fellow senior **Austin Ruff** were recognized at an **"All Star" Student Breakfast** at Simpson University which was sponsored by the Shasta County Schools Administrators Association. Tiffany and Austin received Certificates of Recognition. **Sierra Amen** was honored as an outstanding student by the **Sunrise Rotary of Redding** at a recent breakfast event. **Jonathan Tijerina**, another graduating senior, was awarded this honor last fall. Sierra and Jonathan were awarded gift cards by the Rotary.

Pennies for Peace: APL collected \$18.23 to support the work of the Central Asia Institute. Thanks to all those who donated their pennies this year!

The **APL Board Meetings** are the **3rd Thursday** of each month at **5:15 pm** with the next meeting on **June 21**. The public is invited to attend.

The **APL Advisory Council** is a group of 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 meeting on **June 6**.

The Advisory Council is requesting candidates for its August election. The Council consists of twelve members: the APL Director, a support staff member, four teachers, two parents of elementary students, two parents of high school students, and two high school students. Member responsibilities include attendance and participation at monthly meetings to help improve our school (such as updating the parent/student handbook and creating the annual parent/student surveys). Council members serve two year terms. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please let Lynn know by **June 8**.

To keep kids reading this summer, consider participating in **Barnes & Noble's Summer Reading Program, Imagination's Destination**. Students in grades 1-6 who read eight books and record them in a B&N Reading Journal will earn a free book. Visit BN.COM/summerreading for the journals, parent activity kits, and more. Happy reading!

The **Shasta Public Libraries** also offer a **Summer Reading Program**. Sign up at the Children's Reference Desk to read for prizes and the potential to win a book. Summer reading programs are offered at all library branches through the months of June and July for children, teens and adults. The library also offers fun activities and movies. Contact your local library in Redding, Anderson, or Burney for more information.

If you're looking for educational activities for your children over the summer, consider **NXS Summer Camps** for kids 7-17, sponsored by the Schreder Planetarium. Information and the application can be found at www.shastacoe.org/planetarium.