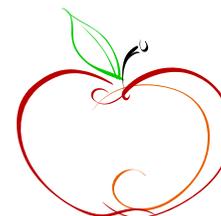


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Apple News



March News



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Spring is just around the corner with the Vernal Equinox on March 20. Though spring is in the air, we still have some important work ahead before the school year is completed. Our **WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges)** visitation takes place **March 4-7**, and hopefully, parents and students have been invited to participate by their teacher of record. We are also gearing up for **Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR)** in early March and April.

STAR is the cornerstone of the California assessment system. It was designed primarily to help measure how well students are achieving the California academic standards in English-Language Arts, Mathematics, History-Social Science, and Science. All students in grades 2-11 participate in this annual test each spring. The tests provide parents/guardians with information about their child's progress. They help parents and teachers work together to improve student learning, schools and districts identify strengths and areas that need improvement in their programs, and allow the public and policymakers to hold public schools accountable for student learning.

Parents/guardians cannot see the tests in the STAR program. Test questions can only be seen by the student taking the test. However, APL has purchased STAR preparation materials for students in grades 2-8. We recommend students use these to familiarize themselves with test format and content. Ask your teacher or come by the library if you have not yet received these materials.

The STAR Program results are used to comply with federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation that requires that all schools meet specific academic goals. The progress of each school toward achieving these goals is provided annually in an Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report. Each year, California schools must meet AYP goals or risk program status. If you appreciate the benefits of our program, please help us to meet our AYP goals by helping your students be prepared to do their best on their STAR test. With your help we can continue to provide the materials, services, and program offerings that you now enjoy.

STAR Writing for 4th and 7th graders will be March 6 from 9 am until noon (as will the EAP for juniors). **STAR testing will be April 17-19 (with 4/16 and 4/20 being independent study days).** Students in grades 2-7 will test in the morning from 9 am-noon and students in grades 8-11 will test in the afternoon from 1-4:00 pm. We will continue to accommodate students with siblings, or others with special needs, to test in the morning or afternoon as needed. There will be no on-site classes during the week of STAR testing. (For students in the Burney area, APL will offer STAR testing at the Solid Rock Four Square Church, 20343 Tamarack Rd., 4/17, 4/18 and 4/19 from 9 am-noon.)

State-mandated physical fitness testing for students in grades 5, 7, and 9 will be given during the week of STAR testing. There are videos available on our website to explain the test and how it will be administered. Access the videos by going to ourapl.org, click on Student Resources, then select Physical Education State Guidelines to find the videos. The mile run will be in May.

March events

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- ✓ Schreder Planetarium
- ✓ Community Concert
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Students in the Spotlight



Kaos Martin is an enthusiastic Kindergartener. His favorite subject is math, and he is quite the whiz kid in this subject! Kaos is a hard worker and he is always willing to help others. He brings joy to his on-site classes with his cheerful smile and good attitude.

This 5th grader, **Sophia Tijerina**, lives up to her name at APL. Sophia is Greek for "wisdom", and she definitely displays her wisdom as she interacts with her friends in class, and when she does her school work. Sophia brings joy to the hearts of her teachers, because she seeks to do her best at listening, participating in class, and completing her homework. She is one of APL's bright and shining stars, and we're glad she is here!



APL Orientation



APL is accepting new students for the **2012/13 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:

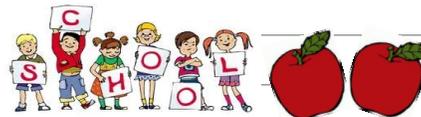
- K-12 program
- WASC accredited
- Curriculum choice
- Independent study
- Home school



- Classes, vendor courses & tutoring
- Flexible scheduling
- Credentialed teachers
- California standards based instruction



School Business



Congratulations to our students who are a part of the **ACA basketball team**. The boys' team, including APL students: Lucas Miller, Daniel Olson, Thomas Olson, Austin Ruff, and Josh Tesauro, made it to Round 1 of the NSCIF Division VI playoffs. The girls' team, including APL students: Tiffany Miller, Abigail Olson, and Kristine Tesauro, won Round 1 of the playoffs and will be progressing to Round 2.

The students whose names were drawn for **Good Apple Awards** this month were: **Nadya Velazquez** and **Nic West**. These students were cited with "good citizenship" and given tickets, which were then selected in the monthly drawing. Congratulations to our "Good Apples!"

It's not too late to purchase your APL yearbook. The cost is \$25. Place your order through your teacher or at the front desk. Sales envelopes are in the lobby. **The last day to order a yearbook is March 23rd.**

Seniors: If you would like your **senior portrait** in the yearbook, please email it to Gina Lowe no later than **March 2.**

Attention senior families: Each year at graduation, APL presents a slideshow of the graduates. Please select some baby and recent photos (at least one of each). Email them to jeanna.parks@ourapl.org (specify "graduation pictures" in your title for the email), or drop them off for her at APL. If you bring in the actual photos, be sure to label them with your graduate's name and their teacher of record so the photos can be returned.

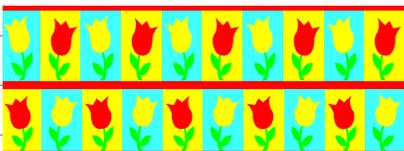
The **Oral Health Assessment Form** for students who will be in **1st grade in the 2012-13 school year is due by May 31, 2012.** The form is available at APL if you need it. If you have questions or can't meet the deadline, contact Sherina.

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.

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.**

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.

Items left in **Lost and Found** will be donated to charity after **March 9.**



"These days people seek knowledge, not wisdom. Knowledge is of the past, wisdom is of the future."
Vernon Cooper



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.

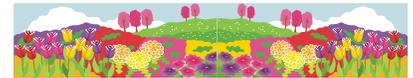
The Shasta Reading Council presents **The 7th annual Shasta County Young Writers Festival.** This juried competition is open to all K-12 students in Shasta, Trinity, Siskiyou, Modoc, and Lassen counties. Entries may be submitted in three genres: non-fiction, fiction, and poetry. The grade divisions are K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. All 3-12th grades entries must be proofread and typed, double-spaced (12 or 14-point font). Please limit entries to 10 pages; one entry per genre per student. Author identity should not be printed on student work. Use entry forms which must be attached to the back of the work entered. Entries are due March 30 to Dr. Moira Casey at Shasta Elementary School or can be left with Deenna at APL **by 3/29** for submission on 3/30. Please send copies. Entries will not be returned. (Awards ceremony on May 24 at 6:30 pm.)

Library Returns: If your student has completed coursework or curriculum, please return any materials that you no longer need to the library.

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!



March Events



There will be a **Women in Math & Science Conference** for girls in 6th, 7th and 8th grades at Shasta College on Saturday, **March 10**. The conference goals are to increase young women's interest in math and science; to foster awareness of career opportunities; and to provide the opportunity to make personal contacts with professional women in technical careers. The cost of the conference is \$20 each (in advance) and \$25 (at the door). The fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. (Some scholarships may be available.) Find out more information about this event at http://www.shastacoe.org/cf_news/view.cfm?newsid=72

Shasta Community Concert Association presents **Take Me Home: The Music of John Denver** at the **Cascade Theater** on Wednesday, **March 21 at 10:30 am** (arrive at 10:10 am). "Jim Curry specializes in the songs of John Denver, sharing John's positive messages of love, humanity and environmental awareness." This is a free concert. Seats are limited. **Register at ourapl.org.**

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 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.

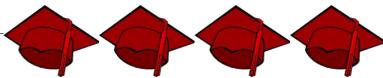
Celebrate **Lean-N-Green Day** on Wednesday, **March 21 from 9 am to 6 pm** at Clair Engle Park and John Beaudet Community Center, 1525 Median Ave., Shasta Lake. There will be free entertainment, including Native American drumming and dancing, healthy cooking demonstrations, kids' activities, prize drawings and more. New this year: Re-Think Your Drink: What's Hiding in Your Glass? Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

A reminder for those who purchased tickets for **Hairspray**: The performance will be at the Cascade Theater on **Friday, March 30 at 10 am.**

Schreder Planetarium: On Tuesday, **March 20 at 11:00 am**, join APL at the Schreder Planetarium, 1644 Magnolia Ave. for **Secret of the Cardboard Rocket**. "Embark on an adventure as two children spend a night touring the solar system alongside their ship's navigator...an astronomy book. Produced with state of the art 3-D animation created at George Lucas' Skywalker Ranch. This show is ideal for ages six and older and lasts about an hour. **Register at ourapl.org by Friday, March 16.** (Please arrive at 10:45 am.)

The 4th Annual English Country Dance & Tea hosted by the Shasta-Cascade Region of the Jane Austen Society of North America will be Saturday, **March 24 from 1:15 to 4:30 pm** at the Millville Grange Hall in Palo Cedro. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for children 10 and younger) and will be sold at the event. This will be an afternoon of good company, professional dance instruction, live music, dancing, and tea. For more information, contact jasnasc@yahoo.com.

The APL Players' presentation of **A Night on Broadway**, a musical revue, is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, **May 3, from 6:30-9:00 pm.** Tickets will be \$5 per seat.



College Corner

After filing the FAFSA: Once the student completes the FAFSA, several things can be done to make sure that the FAFSA is processed properly and that follow-up information can be exchanged.

1. In their e-mail program, mark calgrantoffice@csac.ca.gov and studentsupport@csac.ca.gov as "safe" or "trusted" e-mail addresses so e-mail from the Student Aid Commission will not be treated as "junk" e-mail.

2. Look for an e-mail from the FAFSA processor within 72 hours of filing the on-line FAFSA. If they do not receive a confirmation of filing within that time frame, the student should call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at (800) 433-3243.

3. When the student receives their

Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FAFSA processor, every entry should be checked for accuracy. The SAR will give instructions on making corrections, if necessary.

4. Students can add or correct colleges by going to the *FAFSA on the Web* home page (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and clicking **Start Here** to log in. The student will be given the option to **Make FAFSA Corrections**. Colleges may be added or re-moved, and any corrections can be submitted.

WebGrants for Students (WGS): 72 hours after filing the FAFSA, students should establish a WebGrants for Students (WGS) account. WGS can be accessed 24/7 and is an efficient way for students to stay on top of their application and, if awarded, their Cal Grant award. To

establish a WGS account, go to www.webgrants4students.org and follow the instructions.

Scholarships: There are many scholarship opportunities available for students. The following websites offer free scholarship directories: www.fastweb.com, www.collegeboard.com and www.scholarships.com.

QuestBridge's College Prep Scholarship provides awards that equip high-achieving low-income students to compete for admission to leading colleges. If you are a high school **junior** with a strong academic record and an annual household income of less than \$60,000, you are encouraged to apply. Apply online for free by **March 29** to www.questbridge.org.

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Tutoring



Meetings



Open House



Students in need of tutoring assistance in math have the opportunity to attend a **Math Directed Study Hall** to receive help with their assignments. Please see the Spring Semester Schedules for these class times. Students must bring math assignments with them to work on.

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

Tuesdays: 3:30-4:45 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: 3:30-4:45 pm at APL

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

APL teacher Vanessa Burger is available for tutoring at the **Burney Library from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesdays if you call to arrange an appointment with her at 276-7936.**

"Life is a succession of lessons, which must be lived to be understood."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

The **APL Board Meetings** are the **3rd Thursday** of each month at **5:15 pm** with the next meeting on **March 15**. 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 **March 7**. The Advisory Council still needs a high school student and two parents of elementary students. Let your teacher know or contact Lynn at APL if you are willing to serve on the Council.

Class meeting times for the **History Day Project** will be **March 12 and March 26 from 9 to 11 am**.
Spring Break: March 30-April 9.

The **APL high school graduation** ceremony will be **Wednesday, May 30 at 5:30 pm** at the McLaughlin Auditorium, 1805 Sequoia St. (Sequoia School). The **8th grade promotion** ceremony will be at APL on Friday, **June 1 at noon**.

The **Academy of Personalized Learning** and **National University** will co-host an **Open House** on Friday, **May 4 from 3 to 6 pm** to showcase our site, staff and program offerings. Please come and share in this event as we develop and enhance our partnership with National University. Refreshments will be served.

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers and the Shasta Mayflies are offering six **Fish Camp Scholarships** for youth, ages 10-15, from Shasta, Trinity, Tehama, and Siskiyou Counties. Each **\$750 award** covers the entire cost of the five day program put on the by The Fly Shop of Redding, including accommodations, meals, and use of equipment. The camp teaches fly fishing and other outdoor skills in a safe and friendly environment, and is held on a private ranch outside of Weed, CA. For information about Fish Camp, go to www/theflyshop.com and click on "Schools/Camps." Completed applications should be sent to Fish Camp Scholarships, P.O. Box 990002, Redding, CA 96099-0002. Submissions must be received by April 2, 2012. Winners and alternates will be notified by April 13.