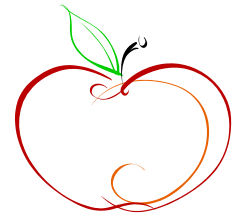


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May News



Congratulations to this year's **History Day** participants! These students worked diligently to research and become experts on their topics. The following students completed the project and focused on the listed topics: **Cedric Clark** - California Gold Rush; **Julianne Cable** - California Gold Rush; **Ayanna Compton** - Trail of Tears; **Mason Davis** - Paul Revere and the Midnight Ride; **Jasmine Souriyaseng** - Bread and Circuses, Ancient Rome; **Ezra Nelson** - Confucius; and **Jakob Cable** - The Events Leading to the Civil War.

Mark your calendar for **Friday, May 2**, so that you won't miss this year's **drama and dance class performances** at the McLaughlin Auditorium. (See page 3 for more information.) On **Monday, May 12**, plan on participating in the **Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics (STEAM) Fair at APL from 1-5 pm!** All school participation is welcome and anticipated. There will be displays of student work, highlights from the recent Synopsys Science & Engineering Fair high school participants, activities such as Hands On Labs and film canister rockets, and exhibits such as the LEGO / Robotics Showcase. Check out the following website for science fair project ideas, answers, and tools: <http://www.sciencebuddies.org>. And you can follow our website to watch the fair develop: <https://sites.google.com/site/aplsteamfair/>.

The **last day of site classes** for this year will be **May 23**. **May 26** is **Memorial Day**, a school holiday. **May 27, 28, and 29** are **independent study days**, with all students doing their schoolwork at home.

The APL **high school graduation** ceremony will take place **Thursday, May 29 at 5:30 pm** at the McLaughlin Auditorium, 1805 Sequoia St. (Sequoia School). Graduation practice will be at the auditorium at **12:30 pm**. (If students will arrive on time, the practice will take about an hour.) Graduating seniors should return to the auditorium at **5 pm**. There will be a photographer available to take graduation portraits. (As a reminder, there are no food or drinks permitted in the auditorium.) Also, if you have yet to submit seniors' photos for the graduation slide show, please do so by **May 9**. The slideshow is a wonderful part of the ceremony! (More information about the slideshow on page 2.)

The **8th grade promotion** ceremony will be at APL on Friday, **May 30 at noon**. Eighth graders will meet at **11 am** to practice. Attire should be "dressy." An ice cream social will follow the ceremony.

May events

- ✓ APL Performing Arts Night
- ✓ Early Bird Watchers
- ✓ Hike to Brandy Creek Falls
- ✓ Bike to School Day
- ✓ Pacer Test
- ✓ APL STEAM Fair
- ✓ CAHSEE
- ✓ Bugs on the Bottom
- ✓ High School Graduation
- ✓ 8th Grade Promotion
- ✓ Native Plant Identification



Students in the Spotlight

Have you noticed a ray of sunshine dancing and smiling around our school? If so, you may have encountered second grader, **Madyson Hanna**, because that is just what she is. Always happy, smiling, and ready to greet you with a hug, Madyson is also a serious student who excels in all of her core and elective classes alike. She loves art, dancing, music, and her friends, and has an impeccable sense of style. Madyson loves school and is a true asset to APL!

Have you met **Casey Luhrs** yet? He is one of our friendly 6th graders who has overcome many hurdles, to become a star student in his classes. Casey's dedication and perseverance have paid off. He actively participates in group activities and will gladly volunteer his vast knowledge about Legos, Science and/or History to anyone who asks. He has a passion for learning and an amazing memory. Just ask him anything about sea animals, presidents, or his opinion on what is happening today in world events – he'll gladly tell you everything he knows about the subjects!

Moriah Guthrie, a tenth grader, is a multi-talented young lady with hopes of a future career in fashion design. She recently received the honor of having one of her art pieces selected in the Shasta County Juried High School Art Competition. As part of her regular studies, Moriah is excelling in her Spanish and Chemistry classes at Shasta College. She is a witty writer and all-around academic success. We are very proud of her!

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APL Orientation



APL is accepting new students for the **2014-2015 school year**. Orientation for interested families will be held the following Wednesdays at **5 pm** at APL, 2195 Larkspur Lane: **5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, and 6/11**. If you have friends or family looking at school options, please consider suggesting

us!

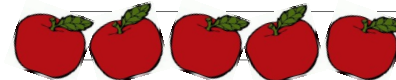
Here's some of what we have to offer:

- 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 **10th** graders who were absent from the February test and **11th and 12th** graders who have yet to pass one or both sections of the exam will be **May 13, 8:30 am-12:30 pm** (Language Arts) and **May 14, 8:30 am-12:30 pm** (Math) at APL. Students will be expected to attend their usual classes after the test.

Recent winners of the weekly raffles for students using their IDs to check in and out of school are as follows: Week 8: **Cheyla Alexander, Jack Chambers, Bianca Ireland, Casey Luhrs, and Sophie Strawn**; week 9: **Faith Brumit, Zachary Compton, John Crow, Logan Sabo, and Asher Weathersbee**; and week 10: **Heidi Chenoweth, Catalina Del Rio, Hayley Hawkins, Hunter Hawkins, and Rielly Hughes**. Winners received a gift card to Barnes & Noble, Starbucks, or Dutch Brothers.

The **Good Apple Awards** for May go to **Athan Tonkin and Addison Masl**. These students were cited with "good citizenship" and given tickets, which were then selected in the monthly drawing. Congratulations to our "Good Apples!" (Please see Ms. Lynn to claim your prize.)

Senior slideshow photos due May 9: Each year at graduation, APL presents a slideshow of the graduates, asking families to select some baby and recent photos (at least one of each) of their graduating seniors. Please email the photos to jparks@ourapl.org (specify "graduation pictures" in your title for the email), or drop them off for her at APL by **May 9**. 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.

Yearbooks: Orders for the 2014 APL Yearbook are being taken at the front desk. The receptionist has order forms and will accept cash, check, or credit card. **Now that the yearbooks have been printed, new orders will cost \$20 per yearbook.**

The **Oral Health Assessment Form** for students who will be starting school in kindergarten or 1st grade in the 2014-15 school year is due by **May 31, 2014**. The form is available at APL if you need it.

Current 6th graders who will be 7th graders next school year, 2014-15, need to have their **TDap immunization** complete and turned in by **August 15, 2014**.

Senior reminders: All school materials must be returned to receive your diploma at graduation.

Work Permit applications are available at the school office. Parents can fill out the request and drop it off at APL or fax it to the office at 222-9281.



Library News

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."
~ Henry Ford

Scholastic Book Orders: The last Scholastic book order of the year will be submitted on **May 16**.

Check-outs: There will be no new library check-outs after **May 16**. If you need to check out library books for your student(s) for next year, or for the summer months, please request those books through your Personalized Learning Teacher. Before we check out books for summer months or for next school year, we need to ensure that all current books have been returned and that students for whom we are checking books out have turned in re-enrollment forms for next year.

Library Closure: The library will close for the school year on **May 29**. Library staff will be available for curriculum and library book returns after that date. If you would like an opportunity to browse curriculum for next year, please make an appointment with your Personalized Learning Teacher (PLT) to meet in the library to discuss and make curriculum choices.

Reading Incentive Program: The reading incentive program will end on the last day of site classes, **May 23**. Please have all reading logs turned in by this date. The winners, who will receive Barnes and Noble gift cards, will be announced in the June newsletter.

Book Returns: All books and materials will need to be returned to the APL library or to your PLT by **June 13**. After this date, we will be sending out overdue notices.



"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you *do* want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"
~Mark Twain





May Events



APL's drama and dance classes will offer an evening of performing arts on Friday, **May 2 from 6-7:30 pm** at the McLaughlin Auditorium at 1805 Sequoia St (Sequoia Middle School). Tickets will be available at the door for **\$5 per seat**. The drama class will present a talent show **"There's No Business Like Show Business"** preceded by dance class performances. Dance students will arrive early at the theater for a mandatory dress rehearsal. The **Wednesday grades 3-8 class** should arrive in costume at **4:30 pm** to rehearse. The **Wednesday K-2 dance class** should arrive in costume and be ready to dance at **5 pm**. Dancers will be supervised backstage until curtain call.

Be sure to read about the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math (STEAM) Fair at APL on Monday, **May 12, from 1-5 pm** on page 1.

On Monday, **May 5 at 10 am**, join APL students and families on a ranger led **Hike to Brandy Creek Falls** in Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. The trail to the falls was improved in 2005 with hand-hewn rock steps and a metal railing to help hikers safely reach the top of the waterfall. Please stay on the trail and watch your footing on the slippery rocks. Directions to Brandy Creek Falls trailhead: From Redding take Hwy 299 west, then turn left on Kennedy Memorial Drive. Cross over Whiskeytown Dam and turn left onto Brandy Creek Rd. Follow the road and signs toward Sheep Camp. At that intersection a sign will indicate Sheep Camp right and Brandy Falls trailhead left. Stay left and follow road to the B.C. Falls trailhead. The Ranger will meet our group there at the trailhead. Please bring a bottle of water. Shoes must be worn at all times. Reserve your space by **May 2** at www.ourapl.org

Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve Free Family Events for May/June:

~Early Bird Watchers: Saturday, **May 3 at 8:30 am:** Enjoy early morning bird watching with local expert Barbara Peck, as she points out and talks about birds as the group strolls over portions of the Preserve.

~Bugs on the Bottom – Stream Bottom Ecology: Sunday, **May 18 at 2 pm:** Wade the stream with Shasta College instructor Morgan Hannaford, PhD, or watch from shore, as he gathers strange and fascinating insects from their underwater homes. Bring sneakers if you want to wade.

~Native Plant Identification and Uses: Sunday, **June 1 at 1 pm:** Join Wintu native Ted Dawson on a spring walk while he locates, identifies, and explains medicinal and general uses of native plants.

Directions: Meet at the HCCP parking area on Clear Creek Rd, about 7 miles west of Hwy 273, just west of the Clear Creek Bridge. Call 241-2026 for information.



College Corner

Attention Juniors: The best time to take the **SAT** (Scholastic Aptitude Test) is in the spring of your junior year. Many students also decide to take the SAT again in the fall of their senior year. It is a good idea to take SAT Subject Tests in the spring while course material is still fresh in your mind. There is one more administration of the **SAT** this spring, on **June 7** at Anderson and Central Valley High Schools. Regular registration deadline is **May 9** and late registration deadline is **May 23**. Learn more, register and practice at www.sat.collegeboard.org or www.sat.org/register. (You will be required to provide a photo in order to register for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests.) We have a limited number of SAT fee waivers available for students with financial need.

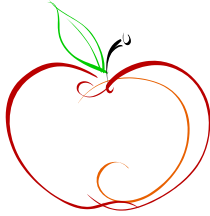
Summer is just around the corner and many high school students may be thinking about getting a job. Use the following list of suggestions to help **prepare for an interview:**

- References—bring a list of three references; do not use family members.
- Portfolios—prepare a sample of documents, projects, and pictures representing your skills and achievements in a notebook or portfolio binder.
- Know your employer—learn about the company.
- Be prepared to emphasize your strengths and how they fit the job.
- Dress up—first impressions are lasting.
- Prepare a list of questions to ask the interviewer.
- Practice interviewing with a friend or family member until the process seems natural.
- Bring several copies of your resume, a pad of paper and pen to make notes, and your personal identification documents.
- Have a positive attitude and a friendly smile.
- Arrive early and call if you are delayed or need to reschedule.

You really want that job and have prepared for the interview; now you have to:

- Keep calm. Try not to be nervous.
- Listen to the interviewer.
- Answer questions directly, honestly, and with facts and examples.
- Emphasize your strengths.
- Be polite and considerate by not interrupting the interviewer.
- Never say anything negative about a former employer or teacher.
- Ask any questions you may have about the job (leave salary questions until after you are offered the job).
- Ask for the job.
- Inquire as to when you will be notified about the results of the interview.
- Thank the interviewer for spending time with you.
- Send a thank you note or card.

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 **Tutoring**   **Meetings**  **Bike Month** 

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

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

Tuesdays: 4:15-5:00 pm at APL

Wednesdays: 1:00-3:15 pm at APL

Thursdays: 4:15-5:00 pm at APL

Fridays: 1:00-3:15 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. Please call ahead to arrange an appointment with her at 276-7936.**

"It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves."

~Edmund Hillary

The **APL Board Meetings** are the **3rd Thursday** of each month at **5:15 pm**. The next meeting will be **May 15, 2014**. The public is invited to attend.

The purpose of **APL's Advisory Council** is to gather input from the vested members of our school community. The APL Advisory Council meets one **Wednesday** each month at **3:30 pm**, with the next meeting on **May 7**.

The Advisory Council is seeking new members for next school year. (Meeting day/time may change.) If there are parents or high school students interested in serving on the Advisory Council, please let Darla know.

More PE Testing

In lieu of the Mile Run, students in **grades 5, 7, and 9** will do the **Pacer test on Thursday, May 8 at 10 am**. Meet on the patio in front of the school. Students are encouraged to watch the following video at least once so they will understand the Pacer test: <https://pftdata.org/video.aspx?v=Pacer>. There are also free apps that can be downloaded to help build endurance.

May is Bike Month! Celebrate with APL at these fun, upcoming events:

~Wednesday, May 7th: Bike to School Day. Hey kids! Add more fun to your school day by riding your bike to school on May 7! Join students from all over the nation, including 13 schools here in Shasta County in riding bikes to school. Live too far to bike? Meet APL staff at the K-Mart garden center parking lot at **7:30 am**. We will ride to the school, **leaving at 7:45 sharp!** All participants **MUST** wear a helmet to ride. Please do not arrive to the bike train without one. See the enclosed flier for more information. (Students K-3 must be accompanied by an adult.)

~May 3-18: Shasta Bike Challenge: Join our school team for a friendly bike commute challenge: ride to school, work, or errands. Our team name is **A.P.L. (Hard) Cores**. No, you don't have to be hard core to commute by bike! Sign up at healthyshasta.org/bikechallenge and log your trips. We could win a bike rack for our school!

Join your friends and parents to bike to school!

BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY



Meeting Place:

Time:

Details:



Contact:

Prizes given to all student bikers!



Safety Tips and Parent Permission

Check your bike with the **ABC's**

Air - pump up your tires and check for punctures and leaks

Brakes - test to make sure they work and the pads aren't worn away

Chain - check to make sure it has lube and is not rusty or broken

- Protect your head - always wear a helmet
- Obey rules of the road (stop at stop signs and stop lights)
- Ride in the same direction as traffic and watch for cars coming out of driveways and intersections
- Make eye contact with drivers and signal your turn

- My child will be part of the organized bike train ride**
- I will be accompanying my child on the ride** (children K-3 must be accompanied by adult)
- I have discussed the above safety tips with my child**

Child's Name: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

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