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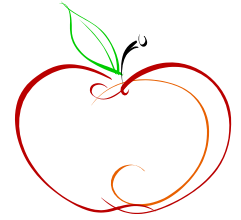
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October Apple News



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R-E-S-P-E-C-T. The word these letters spell is important for all of us. Respect is a value that children are taught, hopefully at home and at school, with adults modeling this behavior for children as they treat others with respect. May we all set a good example for the children. Punctuality is having respect for another person's time. We are requesting that all parents and students work diligently to arrive at least 5 minutes before the start time of their school day. Arriving late impacts a student's learning environment. We would also like to remind students that wearing appropriate attire to school is one way of showing respect for oneself and others. Please dress respectfully at school.

The Academy of Personalized Learning is taking STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) by storm both on earth and in space! APL was just approved to be a **Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador**! Our APL high school science programs have been accepted into the **NOAA Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador™ initiative**. The Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador initiative is an effort to formally recognize NOAA partners who are improving the nation's readiness against extreme weather, water, and climate events. APL is committing to work with NOAA and other Ambassadors to strengthen national resilience against extreme weather and disaster preparedness in our county.

Last month APL submitted, and was recently approved, to be part of a **National Science Foundation program** called the **Skynet Junior Scholars Robotic Telescope program**. This will begin in mid to late October with select high school earth and space science students. Our students will connect with all kinds of astronomy investigations with world-class telescopes in the US, Chile, and Australia. Explorations will focus on a series of inquiry-based STEM activities in a variety of astronomy topics. Students will create an image gallery, share data with other young scientists, and publish their results. They will communicate with astronomers, engineers, software developers, and SJS staff.

Please consider joining us on **October 8, 9 am-noon**, for **4-H National Youth Science Day**. The theme is **Rockets to the Rescue**. High school students will have science activity stations (weather permitting) available for elementary students to participate in during the morning. A **lunar eclipse** will occur in the early morning of **October 8**, with total eclipse at **3:27 am**. There will be a **solar eclipse** visible in Redding on Saturday, **October 14** at **9:20 am**. **Never look at the sun without proper eye protection**. To get some special solar eclipse glasses to view the event (a must have), you can email dewart@ourapl.org to place an order or purchase them at the science event on Oct. 8.

October events

- ✓ Shasta Community Concert
- ✓ Nat'l. Public Lands Day Clean Up
- ✓ 4-H National Youth Science Day
- ✓ Gold Rush History Walk
- ✓ Fall Festival at Hawes Farms
- ✓ Search for the Spawning Salmon
- ✓ Coleman National Fish Hatchery
- ✓ Hello Dolly!

Students in the Spotlight

Kaiden Muhly is a bright and dedicated homeschooled 4th grader who is very detail-oriented and takes pride in his work. Kaiden leaves a trail of happiness wherever he goes! He works hard in all of his studies and amazes his teacher with his knowledge every time they meet. Kaiden truly loves to learn! He has been a student at APL for several years and has enjoyed many classes, including Ceramics and LEGOS. This year he is taking Art and Guitar classes onsite. He is also enjoying gymnastic classes this year. Kaiden appreciates spending time with his family when he isn't working here at APL. He is a kind and thoughtful big brother to two younger siblings.

Nadya Velazquez is a lovely and sweet young lady here at APL. She is currently a 7th grader and is taking CORE classes onsite. Nadya takes her courses seriously and is always willing to help out fellow students and teachers. She works hard in all that she does and excels in her courses. Nadya brings kindness to anyone that she encounters. Nadya is a talented artist also. She has created masterpieces in ceramics, pencil drawing, and knitting during her years here at APL. This year she is busy learning the guitar. She also spends a lot of time with her family, providing service to her faith. APL is fortunate to have such a wonderful student!

Halie Halverson is a senior and this is her fifth year attending APL. Halie always has ALL of her work done in EVERY class. She is artistic and creative, kind and helpful to others, and determined to do her best in all she does. She loves to draw and paint, to be outside with the animals on her family's farm, to fish and dance, and to be with her family. She is full of positive energy and is excited to graduate from high school this year. She plans to pursue a career as a freelance artist.

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APL Orientation



APL is accepting new students for the **2014-15 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 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 **11th and 12th** graders who have yet to pass one or both sections of the exam will be **11/4** (Language Arts) and **11/5** (Math) at APL from **9:00 am-noon**. (Meet in the reception area at 8:45.)

Senior Portraits: A photo session is more fun when it's with your best friend or friends. Sessions are \$50 an hour for one or two seniors. For three seniors, the cost is \$75 for an hour and a half, \$100 for two hours for four seniors, ... (you get the idea). It is just more fun with... more. Get your friends together, decide to have your portraits together and call or email for an appointment. Don't put it off as appointments are expected to fill quickly. Call Bob McConnell: (530) 566-2377 or email at bobmc@bobmccconnell.net or www.bobmccconnell.net.

Immunizations for kindergarteners should be completed within the first thirty days of enrollment.

Please turn in the **Oral Health Assessment Form for 1st grade students if you have not turned it in**. The form is available at APL.



The students whose names were drawn for **Good Apple Awards** this month were: **Natalie Chandler and Macie Shelton**. These students were cited with "good citizenship" and given tickets, which were then selected in the monthly drawing. Congratulations to our "Good Apples!" (See Ms. Lynn in the library to claim your prize.)

Sessions include 8 images online to choose from, image of your choice for the yearbook, and Facebook-sized images to share with your friends. Packages are available starting at \$12.

Parking Lot Etiquette: Please help us keep the parking lot safe! When dropping off or picking up children, **please park your car if you pull into the parking lot**. Do not double park, block other cars, or create traffic congestion or safety issues. **Elementary children must be accompanied to and from the building**. Middle and high school students may be dropped off on the side streets adjacent to the school. Elementary students will remain inside the building until they are picked up. Middle and High School students may wait in the patio area directly outside the front doors of the building on Tuesdays and Thursdays when supervision is present. **APL is a closed campus.**

APL Yearbook 2014/2015: If you are interested in purchasing an APL Yearbook for this school year, **they will cost \$15 until spring break, and then the price will be \$20 starting April 13, 2015**. You can find order forms and place your order at APL's reception desk.

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.

"There is no friend as loyal as a book."
~ Ernest Hemingway

Library News

Destiny Quest is our APL Library system which allows students and parents to browse our library holdings, place holds, create resource lists, and renew materials. The URL is : <https://ourapl.follettdestiny.com/> Click on Academy of Personalized Learning. In the upper left hand corner choose "create account." You will then see a space that states: "enter your last name" and "enter your barcode." The last name will be the student's official last name and the barcode is the student's school ID number that can be found on their student ID card, or can be obtained from your teacher of record or any library staff. After login, you will get a page that

looks like this:



At the top of the page there are several tabs including Quest Home, My Info, Advanced Search, and Visual Search. You can search for books and resources by clicking on the Visual Search or the Advanced Search Tabs. You can also type in a book or subject after the "Find," then click on

"Go." If you click on the "My Info" tab at the top of the screen a new window will pop up that gives students/parents the option of viewing a student's current check outs.

Box Tops: Did you know that for every Box Top you collect and bring into our school, we collect 10 cents? That may not sound like much, but when you multiply 10 cents by hundreds of dollars for our school library! Every penny we earn by turning in our Box Tops goes into building up our library collection. Please take the time to collect Box Tops for our school. You can turn them into your PLT or we have a Box Top drop box in the front lobby area.



October Events



Shasta Community Concert Association presents **Alex DePue with Miguel De Hoyos, Fiery Violin and Guitar Duo** at the Cascade Theater on Friday, **October 3 at 10:30 am. (arrive at 10:10).** DePue and De Hoyos have performed as a duo throughout North America. This is a free concert, but we must fill the seats we reserve. Please make attendance a priority. Seats are very limited so please limit the number of adults in your group. There will be a waitlist. Sign up at www.ourapl.org by Wednesday, **October 1.**

Join fellow APL students in a tour of the **Coleman National Fish Hatchery** on Tuesday, **October 28 at 9:30 am.** The tour will last about 2 hours. Directions: Traveling south on I-5, take the Deschutes exit, turn left at the end of the exit ramp, go under I-5, and continue driving along Deschutes Rd. for about 2 miles. Turn right on Balls Ferry Rd. and after 3 miles, turn left on Ash Creek Rd. After 1.2 miles turn right onto Gover Rd. After 1.5 miles turn left onto Coleman Fish Hatchery Rd. Stay on Coleman Fish Rd. for approx. 2 miles. The hatchery is on the right side of the road with a big sign in front at 24411 Coleman Fish Hatchery Rd. Please register with number attending at www.ourapl.org by Friday, **October 24.**

Visit the **Fall Festival at Historic Hawes Farms** on Thursday, **October 16, at 10:30 am.** The cost for students and chaperones is **\$6** (includes 5-12 lb pumpkin). Students can enjoy a scenic ride on the Hawes Farms Express Rail Road for an extra **\$3** per person. Students will get to fire off the corn canon, take a short tour of the corn maze, enjoy a farm hayride, visit the farm animals, learn about varieties of pumpkins grown, and pick a pumpkin. **Register for this trip at www.ourapl.org by Monday, October 13, and pay fees to Darla at APL's front desk. Payment is required to complete registration.**

The Broadway musical **Hello Dolly!** will be performed by **Redding Christian School** at the **Cascade Theater** in Redding on Friday, **October 31 at 9:00 am.** The performance will last about 1.5 hours and tickets cost **\$5.00** each. Please pay at APL's front desk and make checks out to Redding Christian School. You also need to register at www.ourapl.org.

Field Trip Registration: If you need to cancel your registration, please call or email **Barbara Mehr**, our field trip coordinator. There are often other families on the waitlist who would love to attend the event. Barbara's contact info is: (530) 472-1239 or bmehr@ourapl.org. Thanks!

Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve free events for the family:

Nat'l Public Lands Day Clean Up: Oct. 4 (Saturday) 9 am: Volunteers are asked to help clean up and repair damaged areas along the Clear Creek Greenway. For more info. and to sign up, call BLM at 530 224-2100 or HCCP at 241-2026.

Gold Rush History Walk: Oct. 11 (Saturday) 10 am: The community of Horsetown was established near the second major gold discovery in California at Reading's Bar on Clear Creek during the gold rush of 1849. Enjoy a pleasant fall walk with a view of that site. 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 info.

Return of the Salmon Festival: Oct. 18 (Saturday) 9 am-4 pm: At the **Coleman National Fish Hatchery.** For more information and directions, visit www.fws.gov/coleman.

Search for the Spawning Salmon: Oct. 25 (Saturday) 9 am: Join DF&G biologist, Mike Berry for a walk along Clear Creek to observe spawning salmon—up close! Call 241-2026 for information and directions or visit www.HorsetownClearCreekPreserve



College Corner

The **PSAT/NMSQT** (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is taken in the fall of junior year, although 9th and 10th graders are encouraged to take the test to help them prepare for the SAT. Juniors can qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Competition based on their PSAT results. **The PSAT will be offered at APL on Wednesday, October 15 from 8:00 am-noon.** Students must register by **October 6.** The test costs \$14. (See page 4 for more information on the PSAT.)

The SAT and Subject Tests will be administered at **Enterprise High School** and **Central Valley High School** on **November 8.** The regular

registration deadline is **October 9.** There is **late registration** through **Oct. 25** (with a late fee of \$28). Register at www.collegeboard.org. The cost of the SAT is \$52.50.

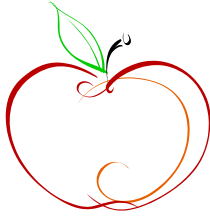
The **ACT** (American College Testing) is an assessment test of students' general educational development (like a cumulative final). It covers English, math, reading, and science with an optional writing test. The ACT will be offered at **Central Valley High School** on **Saturday, October 25.** There is a **late registration** (with a \$23 late fee) through **Oct. 3.** The cost of the ACT is \$36.50 (or \$52.50 with Writing). For more information about the ACT, go to www.actstudent.org.



For anyone considering applying to attend a UC next fall, the **UC Application for Fall 2015 is NOW OPEN!** Students can start working on applications now (the submission period is still **November 1-30**). Help take the stress out of October and November by filling out your applications now.

College OPTIONS provides free programs and services to strengthen the college-going culture in Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama counties, and to help students of all ages and their families make informed decisions about post-high school educational opportunities. They are located on the Market Street Promenade opposite the Shasta College University Center, 1407 Market Street in Redding. (www.collegeoptions.org or 530-245-1845)

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 **Tutoring**   **Meetings**  **PSAT** 

Students in need of tutoring assistance in English and math have the opportunity to attend **Directed Study Classes** to receive help with their assignments. Please see the Fall 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: 1:00-2:05 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.**

"A book, too, can be a star, a living fire to lighten the darkness, leading out into the expanding universe."

~Madeleine L'Engle

The **APL Board Meetings** for this school year are the **3rd Thursday** of each month at **5:15 pm**, with the next meeting on **October 16**. 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 (evenly weighted between staff and families) and use that information to improve our school. This includes addressing concerns of the families/staff and creating needed school policies to present to our Board of Directors.

Advisory Council meets one **Monday** each month at **3:00 pm**, with the next meeting on **October 13**.

"Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another's skin, another's voice, another's soul."

~ Joyce Carol Oates



The **PSAT/NMSQT** (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) **benefits** students in the following ways:

- **Prepare for the SAT.** On average, students who take the PSAT score 136 points higher on the SAT than those who do not.
- **Enter scholarship and recognition programs.** The PSAT provides entry into the National Merit Scholarship competition as well as other scholarship programs.
- **Plan for college and careers.** Taking the PSAT gives students free access to **My College Quick-Start**, a personalized online college- and career-planning tool.
- **Receive information from colleges.** Through **Student Search Service**, PSAT participants can receive free info about admission and financial aid from colleges.
- **Identify skills for improvement.** The **PSAT Score Report Plus** gives students comprehensive feedback on their testing.