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Apple News



Congratulations to this year's **History Day Project** participants. **Ayanna Compton** placed first and researched Cleopatra, **Julianne Cable** earned second place and focused on Samuel Adams. **Zachary Compton** was awarded third place for his project on Benjamin Franklin. **Jane Carr** focused on George Washington, and **Cedric Clark** researched the Trail of Tears. **Ellie-May Giddens** learned about Alexander the Great, and **Caitlyn Parks** explored Susan B. Anthony and the Women's Suffrage Movement. All of the students involved are to be commended for a job well done!

Another APL student to be commended is **Cole DeLeuran**, who received a **College OPTIONS Summer Program Scholarship** of \$2500 to attend the UC San Diego COSMOS program. APL congratulates Cole and his accomplishment to attain this competitive scholarship.

APL students **Henry Jorrick**, **Wyatt Lacroix**, and **Logan Matti** were honored at the Redding City Council meeting on April 21. They were presented with the **Mayor's Certificate of Recognition** to APL for its achievements at the **Annual Synopsis Sacramento Regional Science and Engineering Fair**. APL is proud of these budding scientists.

The **last day of site classes** for this school year will be Friday, **May 22**. There will be no school on Monday, **May 25** in observance of **Memorial Day**. **May 26 through May 29 are independent study days**, with all students completing their schoolwork at home.

The APL **high school graduation** ceremony will take place **Thursday, May 28 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 **4 pm** with caps and gowns to prepare for the ceremony and have their photos taken. (As a reminder, no food or drinks are permitted in the auditorium.) Also, if you have yet to submit seniors' photos for the graduation slideshow, please do so by **May 15**. The slideshow is a wonderful part of the ceremony! (There is more information about the slideshow on page 2.) And one last reminder for seniors: All school materials must be returned to receive your diploma at graduation.

The **8th grade promotion** ceremony will be at APL on Friday, **May 29 at noon**. Eighth graders will meet at **11 am** to practice and have their photos taken. Attire should be "dressy." An ice cream social will follow the ceremony.

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May events

- ✓ Rodeo Heritage Day
- ✓ Shasta State Historic Park
- ✓ Native Plant Identification
- ✓ Butterfly Bonanza
- ✓ Early Bird Watchers
- ✓ Bugs on the Bottom
- ✓ High School Graduation
- ✓ 8th Grade Promotion

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Students in the Spotlight

Mark Pitroff has been a student at APL since kindergarten and is now in fourth grade. He is a very bright and polite young man who works above grade level and maintains straight A's in all of his classes. He is an excellent creative writer and a self-starter. Although he doesn't like art or to draw very much, he has been taking Ceramics this year, is enjoying it, and has made some very nice pieces. He likes jokes and playing with his seven brothers and sisters.

Christian Barnett has been a student at APL for two years. A very conscientious student, Christian works diligently in all of his classes, often going above and beyond the curriculum. Christian has been involved in many leadership programs and these skills are seen daily in his interactions with those around him. He is a responsible, mature leader in class, treating those around him, both students and teachers, with respect and courtesy. He strives to give his absolute best in everything he does. Christian also has an aptitude for technology and film. Among many other activities, he enjoys soccer, music, dance, lego engineering, and spending time with his family.

Jacilyn Tyson is an 11th grader who has attended APL for the last year and a half. She likes movies, music and art, as well as swimming. Jacilyn is an excellent student and very artistic. She is enrolled in Ceramics and has created some lovely pieces, including a rattle in the form of clasped hands. Jacilyn is planning on taking Shasta College classes next year and after high school wants to finish college & work with mentally disabled children. She is also interested in producing movies.



APL is accepting new students for the **2015-16 school year**. Orientation for interested families will be held weekly on Wednesdays at **5 pm, beginning in May** at APL, **2195 Larkspur Lane**. If you have friends or family looking at school options, please consider suggesting us!

APL Orientation

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



May 1 is the last day of testing for the **California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)** for students in **grades 3 through 8 and 11**. For students who missed some of their testing, make-up test sessions will be the week of **May 4 through May 8**.

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 12** (Language Arts) and **May 13** (Math) at APL from **9:00 am-noon**. (Meet in the reception area at 8:45 am.) Students will be expected to attend their usual classes after the test.

As part of their **PE testing**, students in **grades 5, 7, and 9** will do the **Pacer test** on Monday, **May 11**. Meet on the patio in front of the school at **2:00 pm**. Students are encouraged to watch the Pacer video, which can be found at www.ourapl.org under Student Resources, Required Testing.

School Business

If you would like to order **graduation announcements**, you can order them through the Herff Jones website at www.highschool.herffjones.com. Once at the site, type in our school name: Academy of Personalized Learning and click the search icon. You can order traditional graduation announcements and/or photo announcements/products for your graduating senior. Class rings are not available at this time. Using a debit or credit card, order and pay through the website and the products will be shipped directly to your home.

Yearbooks: Orders for the 2015 APL Yearbook are being taken at the front desk. The receptionist has order forms and will accept cash, check, or credit card. The yearbooks cost **\$20**.

The **Good Apple Awards** for May go to **Cameran Barnett** and **Bradley Reel**. 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.)



Senior slideshow photos due May 15: 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 jparks@ourapl.org (specify "graduation pictures" in your title for the email), or drop them off for her at APL by **May 15**. 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 starting school in kindergarten or 1st grade in the 2015-16 school year is due by **May 29**. The form is available at APL.

Current 6th graders who will be in 7th grade next school year, 2015-16, need to have their **TDap immunization** complete and turned in by **August**.

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.



Scholastic Book Orders: The last Scholastic book order of the year will be submitted on **May 15**.

Reading Incentive Program: The reading incentive program will end on the last day of site classes, **May 22**. 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.

"When I get a little money, I buy books. If any is left, I buy food and clothes."

~Erasmus

Library News

Check-outs: There will be no new library check-outs after **May 15**. 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 and Book Returns: The library will close for the school year after **May 27**. Other than seniors turning in books, the library will be closed on May 28 and 29. Library staff will be available for curriculum and library book returns in June. All books and materials need to be returned to the APL library or to your PLT by **June 12**. After this date, we will be sending out overdue notices. 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.



May Events



Redding Rodeo Heritage Day will be Wednesday, **May 13 at 9:00 am** at the Redding Rodeo Grounds (northwest of Turtle Bay). Come watch some rodeo action, get a peek at specialty acts, and see the Junior Drill Team perform. Students will have the opportunity to preview rodeo events, meet competitors, and learn about the western way of life. Please sign up at www.ourapl.org by **May 11** with number of adults and children. Please prepare for sun and any weather as we will be in the bleachers.

Field Trips: If you need to cancel your registration, please contact **Barbara Mehr**, bmehr@ourapl.org. There are often other families on the wait list who would love to attend the event. Thanks!

"The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."
~Allan K Chalmers

Join APL students on a tour of **Shasta State Historic Park** on Friday, **May 22 at 9:00 am**. West of Redding, a row of old, half-ruined, brick buildings reminds passing motorists that Shasta City, the "Queen City" of California's northern mining district, once stood on this site. The former County Courthouse is restored to its 1861 appearance. Today the building is filled with historical exhibits and a collection of historic California artwork that make it the central figure of Shasta State Historic Park. Students will also visit the Pioneer Union Cemetery, Litsch General Store, and Blumb Bakery. Find information and study guides at: www.parks.ca.gov/?page. (See Field Trip Information for Shasta State Historic Park.) Walking shoes and layered clothing are advised. Trip will last until noon and you may bring a picnic lunch. Reserve your seat by **May 20** at www.ourapl.org. **Directions:** The park is six miles west of downtown Redding. Highway 299 passes through the town's main street. Meet at the museum at **9 am** for the park presentation.

Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve Free Family Events for May:

~**Native Plant Identification and Uses:** Sunday, **May 3 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.

~**Butterfly Bonanza:** Saturday, **May 9 at 10 am:** Join butterfly expert Chris Gray on a walk in search of local butterflies and the plants that sustain them. Bring binoculars, if available.

~**Early Bird Watchers:** Saturday, **May 16 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 17 at 12 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.

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 administrations of the **SAT** this spring, on **June 6 at Anderson High School** (regular registration deadline is **May 8**). Learn more, register and practice at www.sat.collegeboard.org.

Students can take the **ACT**, an alternative college placement test, at **Central Valley High School on June 13** (regular registration deadline is **May 8**). Find more information and register at www.actstudent.org.

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 pic-

tures 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 Classes** to receive help with their assignments. Please see the Spring Semester Schedules for these class days and times. **(No tutoring on 5/28 or 5/29.)**

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 **(No tutoring on 5/28)**

Fridays: 1:00-3:15 pm at APL **(No tutoring on 5/29)**

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.**

"Yesterday is but today's memory, and tomorrow is today's dream."

~Kahlil Gibran



The **APL Board Meeting** for May will be **Thursday, May 21 at 5:15 pm**. The public is invited to attend.

APL's Advisory Council meets one **Monday** each month at **3:00 pm**, with the next meeting on **May 11**. The Advisory Council is seeking new members for next school year. (Meeting day/time may change.) If there are parents, high school students, or staff who are interested in serving on the Advisory Council, please contact Dr. Dougherty, pdougherty@ourapl.org

Sunrise Rotary

Redding's Sunrise Rotary is honoring two APL students at their breakfast meeting on **May 1**: senior **Bianca Ireland** and 8th grader **Ana Shackelford**. Both of these girls are exemplary students. Bianca has completed high school in three years, maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout high school. She works part-time and has also been a TA for elementary ceramics classes for the past three years. Her assistance in Ceramics has been outstanding and the students adore her. In addition to her study of American Sign Language, Bianca enjoys nature photography, baking, reading, cross-stitch, knitting, and music, especially playing the piano. Ana Shackelford is an exceptional and well-rounded student who enjoys learning. She plays the violin and loves reading. Ana is an excellent writer who has won awards in all categories at the Shasta County Young Writers Festival in past years. Most of all, Ana is passionate about dance and ballet. She has been accepted into several national programs for their summer intensive workshops, receiving scholarships at several of them. Ana considers ballet to be her life's work.

May is Bike Month and **Wednesday, May 6th is Bike to School Day**. Hey kids! Add more fun to your school day by riding your bike to school on May 6. Join students from all over the nation who are riding their 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, including a permission slip which must be turned in to Gina Ritter or to the receptionist. (Students K-3 must be accompanied by an adult.)

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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