

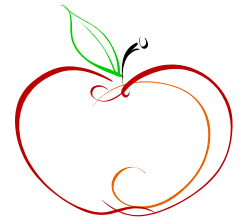
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Apple News

May



APL is gearing up for our second annual **Science Fair and Open House** on Monday, **May 16**, from **4-6 pm**. All school participation is welcome and anticipated. There will be displays of student work, including science fair presentations. We hope that home school students will get involved in the science fair along with our students in site classes.

APL conducts an annual **Parent Survey** and **High School Student Survey** about our program. We hope that one parent/guardian from each APL family as well as all high school students will complete their respective surveys. We appreciate the feedback we get from our community as we try to keep our program responsive to your needs. The survey is being conducted online now through Monday, **May 16** at 5 pm. The survey links are as follows:

Parents: <https://www.research.net/r/APL15-16ParentSurvey>

Students: <https://www.research.net/r/APL15-16StudentSurvey>

The **last day of site classes** for this school year will be Friday, **May 20**. **May 23 through May 27** will be **independent study days**, with all students completing their schoolwork at home. All student work in site classes is due by noon on Friday, **May 27**, the last day of school. (Graduating seniors must have their work turned in by Thursday, **May 19**.)

The APL **high school graduation** ceremony will take place on **Wednesday, May 25** at **5:30 pm** at the **Stirring**, 2250 Churn Creek Rd. (right around the corner from APL, where you can also park). Note that this is a new venue for APL's graduation this year, and we are excited about it. **Graduation practice** will be at the Stirring at **12:30 pm**. (If students will arrive on time, the practice will take about an hour.) Graduating seniors should return to the Stirring at **4:30 pm**. There will be a photographer available to take graduation portraits. (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 18**. 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 also be held at the **Stirring** this year. It will be on Thursday, **May 26** at **noon**. Eighth graders will meet at **11 am** to practice. Attire should be "dressy." A photographer will be available to take promotion portraits. (You can park at APL if you'd like to.)



Students in the Spotlight



Siena Veal is a first grader who has a bright smile and a great attitude. She enjoys her classes and learning here at APL. Her favorite class is Spanish. She is currently enjoying working on her Science Project about the layers of the earth. In her free time, Siena enjoys coloring, going to the park, roller skating, and going special places with her Daddy. Siena is looking forward to the classes she will get to take in second grade here at APL.

Alyssa Chacon is an incredible eighth grader who joined our APL family this year. She always has a positive, "I can do it" attitude and she brightens up everyone's day. Alyssa loves to read, sing and draw, and she enjoys her on-site classes. Alyssa feels safe at school and loves being with her friends. She appreciates how the teachers explain the coursework in ways that she can understand, and that learning can be "fun." Alyssa especially liked reading *Pride and Prejudice*. We are fortunate to have her this year at APL!

Sean Mellon (a.k.a. Pablo when he is in Spanish class) is a junior and has been an APL student for two years. Sean is an engaging, energetic person who always has a friendly smile, a positive attitude, and is kind and respectful to everyone around him. When a challenge presents itself, either academically or otherwise, Sean rises to the challenge! Academically, Sean is an Honor Roll student and takes his "job" as a student seriously, going above and beyond the required assignments to study and master material, particularly in Spanish and Math. As a senior next year, Sean plans to begin his college career at Shasta College.

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APL is accepting new students for the **2016-17 school year**. Orientation for interested families will be held on Wednesdays, **May 4 and 18**, at **5 pm** 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



School Business



Advisory Council Members Needed:

APL's Advisory Council is being restructured and we are seeking interested parents and teachers, as well as high school and middle school students to participate on the Council next school year. The purpose of Advisory Council is to gather input from the vested members of our school community, including parents, students, and staff, and use that information to improve the school. This includes addressing concerns of the families/staff and making suggestions to our Board of Directors. The Council meets one afternoon per month; dates and times will be determined to meet members' needs. If you would like to serve on the Council, or for more information, please contact Dr. Dougherty, pdougherty@ourapl.org.

Each year at graduation, APL presents a slideshow of the graduates. If you have a student graduating, 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. If you bring in the actual photos, be sure to label them with the name of your graduate and the teacher of record so the photos can be returned. **Photos must be received by Wednesday, May 18, to be included in the slideshow.**

APL Yearbook 2015/2016: If you are interested in purchasing an APL Yearbook for this school year, they cost **\$20**. You can find order forms and place your order at APL's reception desk.

The **Good Apple Awards** for April go to **Ariah Arroyo** and **Maddex Jones**. These students were cited with "good citizenship" and given tickets, which were then selected in the monthly drawing. Congratulations to our "Good Apples!" (See a librarian to claim your prize.)

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. Using a debit or credit card, order and pay through the website and the products will be shipped directly to your home.

APL Office Closed: The **Summer June office hours** will be **7:00-2:00, Monday-Thursday, beginning June 6**. The office will be closed on the following **Fridays: June 10, 17, and 24**. The school will be closed during the month of July. We will reopen on **August 1, 2016**.

The **Oral Health Assessment Form** for students who will be starting school in kindergarten or 1st grade in the 2016-17 school year is due by **May 31**. The form is available at APL.

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

Scholastic Book Orders: The last Scholastic book order of the school year will be submitted on **May 20**.

Reading Incentive Program: The reading incentive program will end on the last day of site classes, **May 20**. 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.

Check-outs: There will be no new library check-outs after **May 13**. 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 APL library will be closed from **10 am until 2 pm on May 26** for our **8th grade promotion ceremony**. The library will close for the school year after **May 27**. 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 10**. 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



The Shasta Community Concert Association will present **Stringfever**, an electric string quartet, at the Cascade Theater on Wednesday, **May 4, at 10:30 am** (arrive 10:10 am). Stringfever - brothers Giles, Ralph and Neal Broadbent and their cousin, Graham - are four world class musicians playing five and six-stringed electric violins, viola and cello in a truly original show. 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. Sign up at www.ourapl.org.

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

UC Berkeley Information Session: Admissions representatives will host an information and Q/A session for interested students/families on **May 13, 3:30-5 pm** at the McConnell Foundation.

Join APL students on a tour of Redding's **In-N-Out restaurant** on Tuesday, **May 10, at 9 am**. We will have a presentation about In-N-Out as a business, then go behind the scenes to see how the food is prepared. Students will dice potatoes for french fries that they will eat that day. They will tour the facility and receive a complimentary order of food. Only K-12th grade students can take the tour. A parent chaperone is needed for every 5 students. Parents with small children or babies must wait in the dining area. Closed-toe shoes must be worn for the tour. Only students get a complimentary meal. Sign up now for this fun field trip at www.ourapl.org.

Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve Free Family Events for May:

~Plant and Community Ecology Walk: Sunday, **May 1 at 9:30 am:** Learn to identify some key plants (both native and invasive) in the landscape and how they relate to the community and ecosystem. Explore the ecology of Clear Creek with BLM's Laura Brodhead. Wear walking shoes.

~Early Bird Watchers Part 2: Saturday, **May 14 at 8:30 am:** A second wonderful morning bird walk with a local expert who will answer questions about the birds on the Preserve. Bring binoculars if possible.

~Native Plant Identification and Uses: Sunday, **May 15 at 1 pm:** Join native Wintu Ted Dawson on a spring walk while he locates, identifies, and explains medicinal and general uses of native plants, including a poison oak remedy. (Bring a container to take some home.)

~Gold Rush History Walk: Saturday, **May 21 at 10 am:** Enjoy a spring walk and learn about our local gold rush history and Horsetown, which was established near the second major gold discovery in California in 1849. Wear walking shoes.

All events this spring will 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: Experts suggest that students take college placement tests in the spring of their junior year, including SAT Subject Tests while course material is still fresh in the mind. Many students also test again in the fall of their senior year.

The last administration of the new **SAT and Subject tests** will be at **Anderson High School** and **Central Valley High School** on **Saturday, June 4**. The regular registration deadline is **May 5**. There is late registration (with a late fee of \$28) through **May 25**. Learn more, register, and practice at www.collegeboard.org. The SAT costs \$54.50. Fee waivers are available for qualified students.

Students can take the **ACT**, an alternative college placement test, at **Central Valley High School** on **June 11**. The regular registration deadline is **May 6**. The cost of the ACT is \$39.50 (or \$56.50 with Writing). 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:**

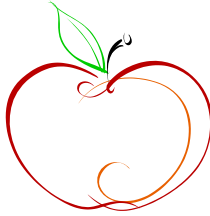
- **References**—bring a list of three references; do not use family members.

- **Portfolios**—prepare a sample of documents, projects, and 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**  **Scholarship**  **H. S. Scholars** 

Tutoring: APL has made changes to our tutoring model to better meet the needs of our students. Please contact your PLT if your student needs tutoring assistance.

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.**

Meetings

The **APL Board Meeting** for May will be **May 19 at 5:15 pm**. The public is invited to attend.

Award

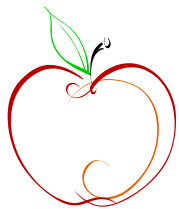
APL senior **Emma McLaughlin** was awarded **Student of the Month for April 2016** by the Redding West Rotary and Shasta Trinity ROP for her accomplishments in **Cosmetology**. Congratulations to Emma!

Henry Jorrick, currently a 10th grader at APL, has been accepted into the **Summer Engineering Institute** at San Francisco State University with a full scholarship. Henry will participate in a two-week residential summer camp designed to provide real-world context to the study of engineering through practical, applied and hands-on problem solving and design-oriented projects. Participants engage in studies of the major fields of engineering including civil, computer, electrical, and mechanical engineering as well as topics on mathematics, robotics, computer programming, renewable energy, and computer-aided design. Henry's participation in APL's Engineering Robotics program helped him to get this opportunity.

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure."
~ Marianne Williamson

CSU, Chico is pleased to announce the **High School Scholars** opportunity for the **FALL 2016** semester. The High School Scholars (HSS) program is an excellent opportunity for eligible local high school students to take up to two CSU, Chico courses for just \$54. The objective of the program is to offer local area 11th and 12th grade students access to courses that have not been filled by regularly enrolled CSU, Chico students. Eligible students may participate in face-to-face or fully-online course options.

For student eligibility requirements and the mandatory orientation dates, please visit: <http://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/counselors/high-school-scholars.shtml> (Students living beyond a 35-mile, one-way, commute to Chico may make alternative arrangements to satisfy the mandatory orientation and should contact Admissions Counselor Ms. Jamile Balli, 530-898-4115 or jbali@csuchico.edu.)



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Student Meetings Week						
8	9	10 In-N-Out restaurant: 9:00 am	11	12	13	14 Early Bird Watchers: 8:30 am
15 Native Plant Identification and Uses: 1:00 pm	16 Staff meeting: 8-4 APL Science Fair and Open House: 4-6 pm	17	18	19 Graduating senior work due Board Meeting: 5:15 pm	20 Last Day of Site Classes	21 Gold Rush History Walk: 10:00 am
22	23 Independent Study Day	24 Independent Study Day	25 Independent Study Day APL Grad. Practice: 12:30 (Grads. return at 4:30 pm) Grad. Ceremony: 5:30	26 Independent Study Day APL 8th Grade Promotion: noon (Practice at 11 am)	27 Last Day of School Site class work due by noon	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31	6/1	6/2	6/3	Please read newsletter for event details!
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