

APLC DAY SCHOOL NEWS



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PARENT APPRECIATION BRUNCH

To all the wonderful parents who have volunteered their time and talents this year at Abiding Presence—we, the staff at APLC would like to do something for you! On Thursday and Friday May 12th & 13th, we will host a brunch for you from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. In addition to our staff being wonderful teachers, they are great cooks, too! We hope you will take some time to enjoy a tasty brunch as our way of saying thank you for all that you do! Every parent has done something to contribute— from picking up pictures, helping with the silent auction, trail riders breakfast, Fiesta, reading a book to helping with a classroom activity. Come and let us show you our appreciation!



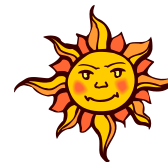
Come and join us!!

APLC SUMMER CAMP

It is not too late to registration for APLC Summer Camp! The camp will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from July 5 through July 28th. The hours will be 9:00 until 2:00. We will be accepting those

children ages 24 months to 5 years (those children entering kindergarten). The cost is \$190.00—(\$160.00 tuition plus \$30.00 registration fee). There are registration forms available in the day school office. We will only have a

maximum of three classes of children, so give it some serious thought. Classes will be lead by APLC teachers!



Results of Program Evaluations

Many thanks to the parents who took the time to return the annual school evaluations. We had 59 survey/evaluations returned out of 87 distributed surveys. As we looked over the surveys, we are pleased to report that parents were very happy with their experience at APLC.
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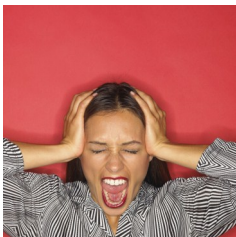
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CALENDAR DATES

- * May 13th & 14—Parent Appreciation Brunch
- * Friday, May 27th—Last Day of school.
- * July 5—July 28th—Tuesdays & Thursday—APLC Summer Camp
- * Aug. 29—Parent Orientation
- * Aug. 30—Child Orientation
- * Aug. 31—First Day of School



Minimizing Power Struggles

No matter how compliant a child, there will be times when he does not want to put on his socks or when she refuses to pick up her toys. As young children develop, they begin to understand that they can make their own decisions. And occasionally they make a power play at an inconvenient time.

While a power play can be frustrating for the adult who is trying to get the child to do something, it is a healthy part of children's social/emotional development. These incidents help children develop a stronger sense of self and the capability to set their own limits.

We adults need to react appropriately. In many instances, trying to force the child to do what he has said he will not do escalates the situation into a full-blown power struggle.

Try offering assistance instead. For example, you might say, "You can put on your socks by yourself or I can help you this morning." Or, "I could help you put away your toys. Would you like that?" Or offer choices. "Ok, you don't want to wear these socks today. Would you rather wear blue ones or green ones?" "Let's see. Which would it be easier to start with: putting the blocks in this tub or putting the cars back in their case?"

Power plays are simply a part of growing up. When handled by adults in a calm manner, they offer opportunities for children to develop self-esteem and self-control.



To all returning families—keep an **eye** out for the new forms you need to have completed for the next school year! We need new admission information, medical form with **CURRENT AND UP TO DATE SHOTS RECORDS**, new insurance information and permission to access forms. These forms must be returned to us by the beginning of the next school year or your child will not be eligible to attend school! Thanks for your cooperation.

MOTHER'S DAY SOUFFLÉ

Ingredients: 1 loaf white bread, 2 cups grated cheese, ham or bacon bits to taste, 12 eggs or egg beaters, 1 cup milk, seasonings, if desired. **Directions:** This dish can be prepared the night before. Cut crusts off bread and slice into fourths. Grease a deep 9 x 13 inch pan. Place one layer of bread on bottom of pan and top with cheese and ham. Place remaining bread on top, beat eggs, milk and seasonings together. Pour over the top of the bread. When ready to cook, place in a preheated 350 degree oven for 1 hour or until firm and puffy. Serve with fresh fruit salad. Yield: 8 servings



As the school comes to a close—please keep in mind...

- The weather is getting hotter—it is a good idea to put sunscreen on your child before they come to school!
- Pick up time is at 2:00 pm. You are subject to a late fee after 2:05!! Many of the teachers must leave to pick up their own children very quickly after school. Please be mindful of the time it takes you to get to school to pick your child.



Vacation Bible School

Abiding Presence invites all children to get cookin' at SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ: WHERE KIDS CARRY OUT GOD'S RECIPE Vacation Bible School. We will explore and experience recipes for living out God's Word.

The recipe at our café includes heaping helpings of Bible fun and special servings of creative crafts, food science, and tasty music. To be a part of all the excitement at SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ, contact Julie Magadance at ju-liemagadance@gmail.com or 710-4525.

Registration forms available online at www.aplc.org or in the narthex. Bring a friend and join us in the great tradition of VBS!

For the second year, many thanks to RaJeanne Smith for heading up the committee to make our Fiesta Celebration such a wonderful success! We couldn't have done it without the parents taking their time and energy to help with activities provided on the playground. Wasn't the parade the best ever? Thanks again to everyone!

Transitioning

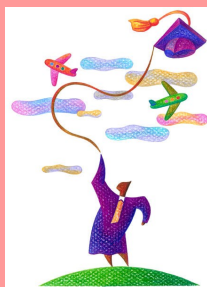
To prepare your child for the next year, the teachers will be taking your child to visit their new classrooms and inviting their new teachers to come to their current classrooms during the month of May. We hope to make this transition as smooth as possible for the next school year!

CHAPEL NOTES

I have been truly blessed with my experience of leading chapel for your children. The joy in each face as they have listened to a bible story, watched a puppet show, or sang and signed a song will be with me always.

Our puppet shows for this month are on May 17 & May 18th. Hope to see you there! Also, please make plans to join us on May 24 and May 25th for chapel, as well honor and celebrate our 4 year old classes. May God bless them and their families as they move forward next year!

Love, Mrs. Larsen



APLC Church Activities

Church Activities

Vacation Bible School

June 20-24 2011

PreK-Fifth Grade

Grades 6—12 can volunteer

Day Camp at APLC

August 1—5, 2011

Chrysalis Camp counselors come to APLC to lead our children in games, Bible Studies, crafts, and more

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Open to Grades K-Fifth



(Program Evaluations Continued from page 1)

There were several ideas for changes to our yearly events—we will identify these areas with comments. In addition, questions 3, 5 & 11 were either answered “no” or “don’t know” by 3 or 4 parents. We will attempt to clarify our methods below.

1. **Question 3: The teacher often shares information about things happening in the program and wants to know about things my child is doing at home.** Each class sends out a weekly or monthly newsletter detailing upcoming events and classroom activities. In addition, a sheet is sent home either daily or weekly—depending on the age of your child—letting you know what your child is doing at school.
2. **Question 5: The teacher asks about things that are important to our family and uses this information to help my child grow and learn.** We try to learn as much as we can about your family through home visits, “All about Me” forms, registration forms and parent teacher conferences which are held twice a year. Teachers use this information to provide the best possible learning environment for your child.
3. **Question 11: The program gives me information to help my child make a smooth transition to kindergarten or first grade.** All through the school year in the 4 year old classes we are assessing your child and providing activities which will make his/her transition into kindergarten go smoothly. In addition to encouraging families to attend “kinder round-up” and other kinder orientations, in the month of May, we have a former student or students come back to the school to visit with our 4 year olds.
4. **Trail rider’s Breakfast—**“3 people instead of 2 doing face painting, need more people for set up”, “I have little ones—too much distraction”, “Would not change anything”, “Nothing, I thought it was great”, “Maybe change up the games, have rodeo with stick horses”, “I think it was great”, “Stamps for face painting really helped.”
5. **Silent Auction-** “Do a craft project only—not a class basket”, “Don’t serve spaghetti with little kids. Pizza was good or something that is less messy”, “Did we really sell all of the items? It seems like there are too many things in the silent auction.” “the food was terrific and the items were great”, “baskets could be less expensive”, “rework the items/how the silent auction works”, “Pay by credit card”, “It was fantastic this year”, “charge everyone an extra \$10 a month and cancel the silent auction”, “fewer items, lower prices”, “Great event”. *Note: All comments and suggestions have been passed on to the silent auction committee.*
6. **Parent Coffee Gathering—**“I have little ones—huge distraction”, “they’re great”, “very nice for them to put that together for all the parents!”, “Make sure they are scheduled when no other activities/meetings are scheduled so attendance can be greater”, “have more things for us to help do—cut out, staple, color, etc.”, “They’re great!”, “offer healthier food options—fruit”.
7. **Other Comments-** “I love the plastic folders”, “Maybe a calendar format for upcoming events”, “small parties for holidays”, “would like to receive newsletter more often”, “have a 3 day 3’s class”, “thank you for the Love and Logic classes”, “receive the newsletter by email”, “include more specific ideas about activities in the newsletter”, *Note: Thanks for all your suggestions—whenever possible, we will do our best to consider your comments and make changes!*



I need a parent volunteer to put together parent handbooks in August—
is anyone interested? Let me know—Thanks, Frances

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