

# APLC DAY SCHOOL NEWS



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## PARENT VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

If you agreed to help with Class Baskets, Class Projects or to be a Parent Communicator, you will be invited to attend a Parent Volunteer Meeting on Thursday or Friday, Sept. 22 or 23rd right after you drop off your child. We will confirm your commitment by email before the meetings. At the meetings, you will receive very important information regarding the volunteer position you agreed to do. Please mark your calendars.



## APLC DAY SCHOOL BOARD

Please welcome our new APLC Board for the School Year 2011-2012!

Chairperson: Alyson Moyer

Board Members: Susan

Schweitzer, Rose Griffith,  
Kristen Swail, Trey Meador, Sylvia Sauter,  
Holly McBrayer, Steve Dalehite, Diana Sideman,  
Emily Mayes, Lori Valenzuela, RaJeanne

Smith, Erin Highley, Jill Walton, Mary Anna Gannon and Carrie Amerman. If you would like to be a board member, please contact the Day School Office.

## Results of Summer Camp Evaluations

Many thanks to the parents who took the time to return the Summer Camp school evaluations. We had 20 survey/evaluations returned out of 31 distributed surveys. As we looked over the surveys, we are pleased to report that parents were very happy with their experience at APLC. *Continued on page 4*

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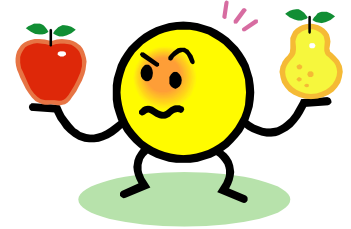
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### CALENDAR DATES

- \* Sept. 22 & 23—Parent Volunteer Meetings
- \* Oct. 6—Day School Board Meeting
- \* Oct. 6 & 7—Fire Prevention Week—Fire Truck visit at 10:00 am
- \* Oct. 13 & 14 Individual Pictures taken
- \* Nov. 2—Zoo Man visits
- \* Nov. 3—Open House and Greenback Night
- \* Nov. 9—Parent/Teacher Conferences

## Helping Children Make Decisions

Helping children learn to make decisions is challenging for parents, teachers, and caregivers. Children do not always make the wisest choices. Occasionally, however, experiencing the consequences of a poor decision is the best learning experience. It is through making small decisions that children develop the judgment and self-confidence to make larger and larger decisions as they grow older.



Clearly, children need experience in making decisions, including those that are important to them. At the same time, we should not allow young children to make decisions that might harm them or others.

Choices must be between acceptable alternatives. For example, we can invite a child to choose between wearing a green shirt or a blue shirt, having vegetable soup or a cheese sandwich for lunch, or picking up blocks or puzzles first. In these cases, either decision the child makes is a good one.

Experience and confidence from making such simple decisions gives the toddler or preschooler the basis for making bigger decisions as an older child. As we adults continue to expand the decision-making opportunities we offer a child, the better decision-maker he or she will become.

### Pancake Puff

**Ingredients:** 1 apple, 3 eggs, 1/2 cup milk, 1/2 cup flour, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. vanilla, 4 tbsp. butter **Directions:** Peel and core apple 2. Cut apple into thick slices 3. Melt butter in frying pan on medium heat 4. Add apple pieces and cook 4 minutes, then turn and cook another 4 minutes 5. Combine eggs, milk, flour, salt, and vanilla in bowl 6. Whisk egg mixture 7. Pour egg mixture over apples 8. Bake at 400 degrees until brown and puffy (about 15 minutes)



**As the school year begins—please keep in mind...**



- The weather is hot—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.

# Parent Volunteer Forms

For those parents that have not returned their Parent Volunteer Forms, we will be sending new forms in your child's basket this week.

Please take a moment and fill it out and return it to the Day School Office or your child's teacher. We have many ways to help out for even the busiest schedule! APLC Day School has set itself apart from other schools by the great parent help we receive each year!! Many thanks for your cooperation!



## APLC Church Activities

Welcome

New Members

Please greet these new families and welcome them to Abiding Presence.

Valerie Amos

Jim & Barbara Didlo

Mitch & Jill Dorn, Garrett and Collin

James Hargreaves

Kyle & Ryan Plagens, Peyton

Jordan & Sigrid Stern

For Everyone

Exercise Class— Mondays and Wednesdays,

9:00am in room 202

### First Aid and CPR/ Car seat Safety

We are considering offering a First Aid and CPR course as well as a workshop on Car Seat Safety—let us know in the office if you are interested!!

### Love and Logic Classes

Is anyone interested in attending a Love and Logic course this Fall? Please let me know in the Day School Office—Thanks, Frances

## CHAPEL NOTES

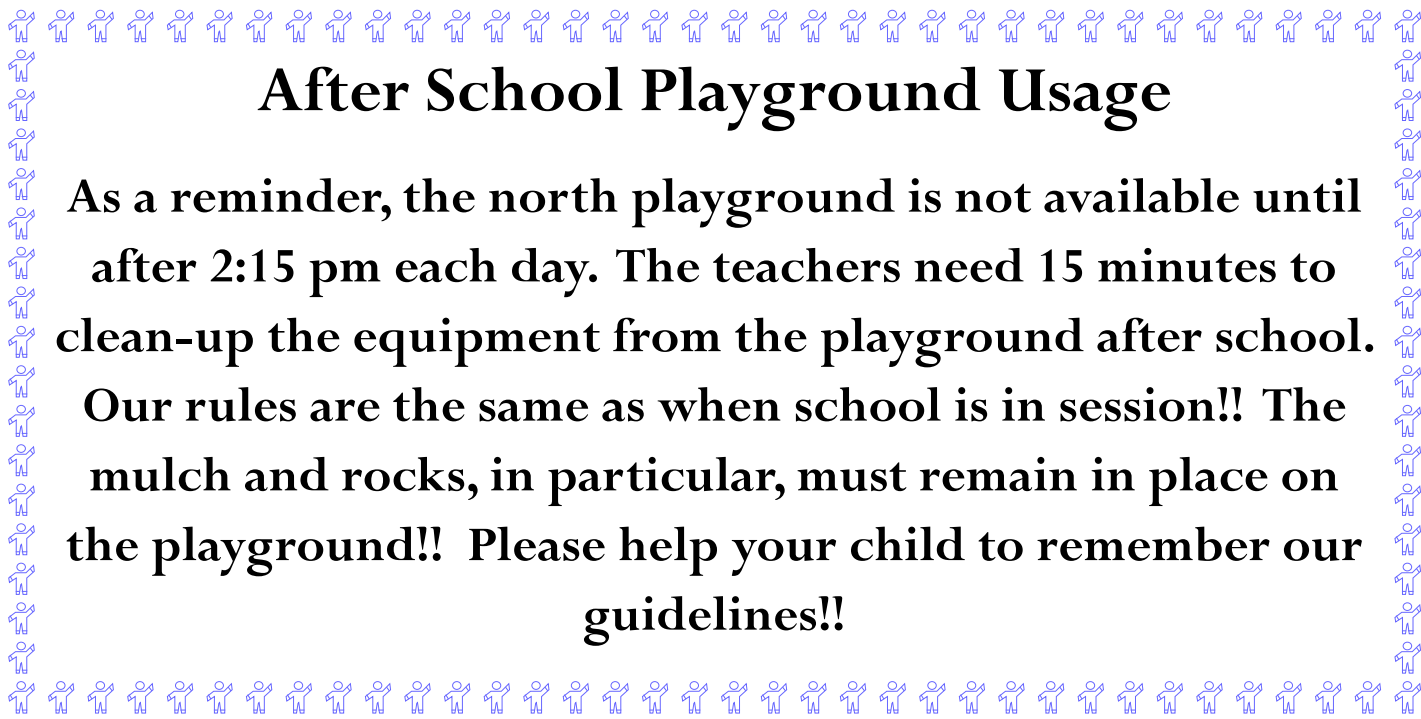
Welcome back! Summer was great but it is wonderful to be with the children again. They came back ready to sing and sign. Oh how they amaze me.! We will have our first puppet shows on October 25 and 26. Remember you are always welcome to join us. With love, Mrs. Larsen



(Program Evaluations Continued from page 1)

There were a couple ideas for changes to our summer program—we will identify these areas with comments. In addition, we will put some comments made by the parents.

- 1. **Question 1: The Summer Handbook provided me with the necessary information I needed regarding Summer Camp.** Only two parents indicated that they didn't know if they received the necessary information. All other parents felt informed.
- 2. **Question 2: I had a positive experience with my child's teachers and other staff.** All surveys received indicated they had a positive experience.
- 3. **Question 3: The teachers kept me well informed about the classroom schedule and my child's day.** Four parents did not feel that they were well-informed about their child's day and schedule.
- 4. **Question 4: Would you register for Summer Camp again? If so, would you change anything about the schedule? (ex: attend on different days, attend more than two days a week, add more weeks)** Two evaluations indicated they were not sure about registering for next year. Six evaluations would like to add a day or perhaps a couple of weeks. The rest of the evaluations were happy with the current arrangement.
- 5. **Other Comments-** I loved that my child was able to transition to his new room for the next school year. Ms. Marcy was really professional yet very natural. My child had a great time. Overall a good experience for my daughter. I never really spoke with the teachers in the class. They always seemed busy when I came by, but my child seemed comfortable with teachers, so I didn't worry. Ms. Larsen is great! ***Note: Thanks for all your suggestions—whenever possible, we will do our best to consider your comments and make changes!***



## After School Playground Usage

As a reminder, the north playground is not available until after 2:15 pm each day. The teachers need 15 minutes to clean-up the equipment from the playground after school. Our rules are the same as when school is in session!! The mulch and rocks, in particular, must remain in place on the playground!! Please help your child to remember our guidelines!!

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