



# SLICES NEWSLETTER



December 18, 2020

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Dec. 18 - Jan. 4:** Winter Break - No School
- Dec. 31:** Last day for your Annual Fund donation to be matched - *Don't miss out!*
- Jan. 4:** First Day back to school after Winter Break
- Jan. 5 - 6:00 pm:** Auction Committee Meeting. Meeting link [HERE](#).
- Jan. 7 - 4:00 pm:** Parent Council - watch for Zoom invitation
- Jan. 7 - 6:00 pm:** APL Open House for Prospective Families. RSVP [HERE](#).
- Jan. 8:** Final deadline for Auction Procurement Forms, Photos, and Videos
- Jan. 11 - 5:00 pm:** Next Steps - Lifeline Learning (see enclosed flyer)
- Jan. 12 - 6:00 pm:** Auction Committee Meeting. Meeting link [HERE](#).
- Jan. 18:** No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 19 - 6:00 pm:** Auction Committee Meeting. Meeting link [HERE](#).
- Jan. 25 - 5:00 pm:** Next Steps - Lifeline Learning (see enclosed flyer)
- Jan. 26 - 6:00 pm:** Auction Committee Meeting. Meeting link [HERE](#).
- Jan. 29:** End of Fall Semester and Quarter 2
- Feb. 1 - Feb. 9:** Volunteers needed for the Auction. Sign up [HERE](#).
- Feb. 1 - Feb. 5:** Online Masquerade Auction. More info [HERE](#).
- Feb. 6 - 6:00 pm:** Masquerade Auction - Live Online Stream. More info [HERE](#).

## SPREAD THE WORD!

### Winter Open House

**Jan. 7, 6-7:30 PM**

Word of mouth is the best way for prospective families to find out about APL and potentially apply. Please tell your family, neighbors, co-workers, associates and friends about APL. We need your help now. Especially with the pandemic, we need your help to fill our classrooms with great kiddos. We receive most of our applications this month and next. Encourage them to look at our [website](#) and come to the Winter Open House on Jan. 4. We will be reviewing applications in January and February as they are completed and sent to us. Contact [admissions@apl.org](mailto:admissions@apl.org) for questions/concerns.

You can check out our whole school calendar any time [HERE](#)

# Happy Holidays from APL!



The end of school on Friday, December 18 marks the beginning of Winter Break. We know this has been a challenging year and that these holidays may be a lot different than in previous years. We all want you to enjoy your time with your family and we wish you a restful celebration. All of us at APL are so proud of what our families and staff members have made possible under brand new conditions. We look forward to everyone's success in the New Year and are excited to see you all again on January 4, 2021!

## 2021 MASQUERADE AUCTION



**Planning for the 2021 Auction is underway.** *Masquerade* will be an all online affair this year. An online silent auction will run from February 1 - 5, 2021. The live event will be broadcast on Saturday, February 6. **And we need your help to make it successful!**

### Sign Up Now - and Don't Forget to Reserve your Gift Bag

You can get ready to bid on items during the online event any time. Registration for the auction is free - and you can also make an optional donation for a pre-event gift bag for \$50 or \$100, depending on the style you choose. Check out your options [HERE](#).

### Auction Deadlines!

We have had some good success, but still need your auction forms for donated items, photos, and videos as soon as possible to help us get ready in January. **A reminder that in the Auction section on the [Family Information](#) page, there is an updated list of items being requested and those that have been pledged.** *Our final deadline for auction forms, photos, and videos will be **January 8**.*

Kirk and Anne will be monitoring emails over Winter Break and can even make arrangements to meet you to drop things off. Your photos and videos of your student and family can be submitted to [photos@aplschool.org](mailto:photos@aplschool.org). You can also send a message to that address if you would like access to upload a video of you talking about your experience with APL to a secure Dropbox. And you can reach Kirk and Anne at [auction@aplschool.org](mailto:auction@aplschool.org).

### January Auction Committee Meetings

As we count down to our big event, please join us for our Auction Committee meetings weekly on Tuesdays:

**Jan. 5, Jan. 12, Jan. 19, & Jan. 26**

**6:00 pm via Zoom**

**Meeting Link [HERE](#).**

### Volunteer Opportunities during and after the Auction

There are still chances to help! We need lots of delivery drivers from Feb. 1 through Feb. 6. ... as well as people to deliver auction prizes to winners after the event. We will also need volunteers to help from home to monitor comments and forward emails to the auction team during the evening of Feb. 6. And we need people to write and mail thank you cards starting right after the event. Sign up [HERE](#) for your chance to help!

## Holiday Shopping with Amazon Smile



With the holiday season finally here, there is a great opportunity to support APL while shopping for gifts for your loved ones!

Simply shop at [Amazon Smile](#) and they will donate to APL, at no cost to you.

## Year-End Annual Fund



You can support APL with a donation during our traditional, end of year [Annual Fund campaign](#).

Our 2020 Annual Fund year-end donations will go toward our "COVID Response Fund." This fund will be focused on APL's expenses related to supporting our students and staff during this pandemic.

**Donor Gifts:** Water bottles, lapel pins and an APL drawstring bookbags can be your gift at different donation levels. Check them out [HERE](#).

**Your donation before the end of the year will be stretched!** APL's staff and board members have created a matching fund for donations received or pledged by December 31st. **Donations totaling up to \$10,000 will be doubled!**

# UPCOMING ONLINE PROGRAMMING

## Register Now for two Online Series: Steps to Independence and Lifelong Learning

We are excited to announce APL is partnering with Seattle Children's Autism Center to implement the Next Steps Curriculum in a school setting for the first time! Next Steps is a 3-part class series for APL families only, designed to provide information and support *for parents and caregivers* of a child 15 to 21 years old and transitioning to adulthood. APL is opening this class up to ALL families interested in learning about the transition process, non-dependent on your child's age. These classes will be facilitated by Alicia Nathan, APL's Director of Counseling and Transition.

### ***Please see the attached flyer for detailed class information.***

Through March 2021, APL will begin a monthly rotation of each series. Each series will be comprised of 3-weeks of classes to cover the full curriculum and will be held via Zoom on Mondays, 5:00-6:30 pm.

Rotation 2: **Lifelong Learning** 1/4, 1/11, 1/25

Rotation 3: **Steps to Independence** 2/2, 2/8, 2/22

Rotation 4: **Lifelong Learning** 3/1, 3/8, 3/15

## APL's Online Open House



**When:** Thursday, January 7, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM PST

**Where:** This is an online event.

**How:** Register [HERE](#).

**Help a family start their plan for 2021!** Do you know a family that would like to learn more about how we create success for students all across the autism spectrum along with their typically developing peers? *Invite them to join our January 7th Online Open house for the 2021-22 school year.*

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The Open House will be held by Zoom and guests will receive an invitation after registering [HERE](#).

# ALL-FAMILY UPDATES AND RESOURCES

## Tools and Resources for Families & Caregivers During the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

Seattle Children's has compiled an excellent list of tools and resources to help you and your loved ones manage stress and anxiety and stay safe during this public health crisis.

Check out the list of resources [HERE](#).

## COVID Safe Holiday Activities!

There are lots of fun Holiday Activities that you and your family can do while staying healthy and safe! Here are a few ideas:

- Create a new winter family tradition
- Have a snowflake cutting contest
- Cook or bake a holiday recipe
- Volunteer for a cause you care about
- Plan a watch/listen party with friends

*And there are many more fun Holiday Activities in the attached list. **Happy Holidays from APL!***

## All School Directory

We sent out an update on Thursday, December 17 and we have enclosed another copy of that version. If you have any corrections or questions, please email us at [info@aplschool.org](mailto:info@aplschool.org).