



SLICES NEWSLETTER

January 15, 2021

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Jan. 18: No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 19 - 6:00 pm: Auction Committee Meeting. Meeting link [HERE](#).

Jan. 22: Deadline for Auction Photos and Videos

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. 4: CANCELLED Parent Council Meeting (next one will be held on March 4 at 4 pm via Zoom)

Feb. 6 - 6:00 pm: Masquerade Auction - Live Online Stream. More info [HERE](#). ([volunteers needed](#))

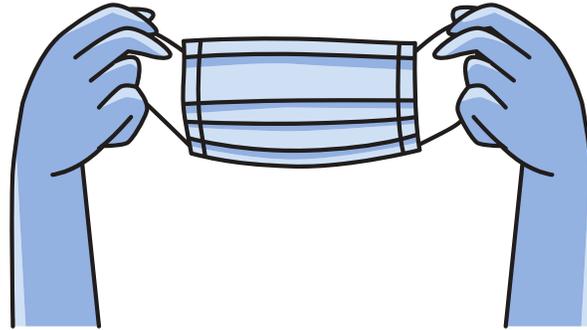
Feb. 8: Next Steps - Steps to Independence (see enclosed flyer)

Feb. 15 - Feb. 19: President's Day & Mid-Winter Break - No School

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

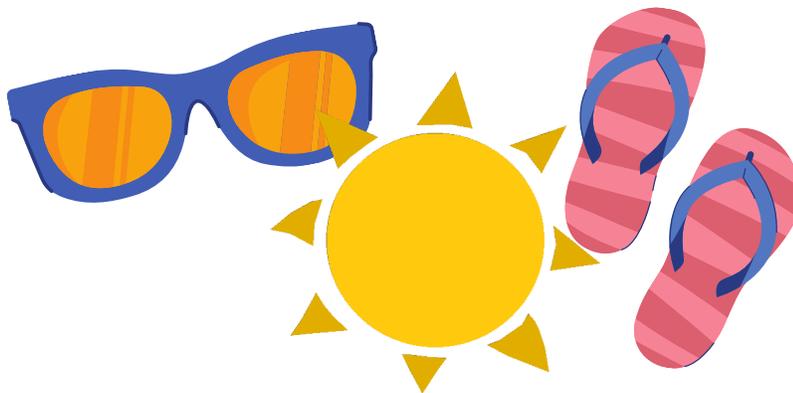
UPDATES FROM KELLY

COVID Update



January has brought our updated COVID plan for the rest of the school year, which is attached. And if you didn't do so this week, please fill out the following survey with your on-site vs. remote preferences ASAP: [COVID Preferences Survey](#)

Extended School Year Returns This Summer!



We have begun planning for our Summer Program, which will run in July and August. If you are interested in exploring this additional programming for your student, please fill out the [Extended School Year \(ESY\) Survey](#).

Classroom Stories

Middle School Affinity Group Story



Our first Makeup Artistry Affinity Group was immediately a hit! The kids were eager to show off their skills or grow in them, sharing tons of ideas for makeup challenges like combining one student's love for beauty makeup and another's love of gore makeup for a "Bachelor & Disasters" challenge. There will be Masterclasses on the horizon too, with the students becoming the teachers on a skill they feel confident in. The kids wanted to share their practice looks as we go, so we're excited for all kinds of fun selfie content through the rest of the year.

-Jesse Pettibone, APL's Executive Assistant

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!**

Volunteer Opportunities during and after the Auction (Drivers Needed!)

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.*** Drivers will deliver gift bags to the porches of our auction guests or pick up and deliver desserts to Dessert Dash winners or deliver items after the auction to the winner.

When: Saturday, February 6, 2021 - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

How: Sign up [HERE](#).

There is something for everyone's schedule with several different dates and times available. You can sign up for multiple jobs too.

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!



January Auction Committee Meetings

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

Jan. 19 & Jan. 26

6:00 pm via Zoom

Meeting Link [HERE](#).

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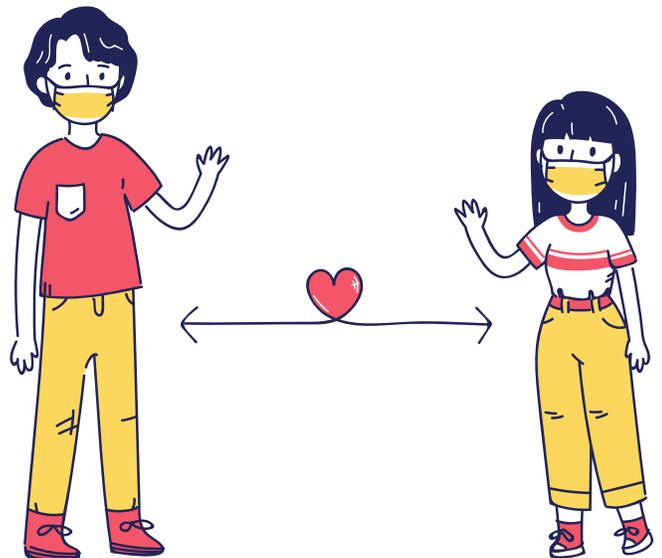


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Sign Up Now - and Don't Forget to Reserve your Gift Bag

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](#).

Thank you to everyone who donated a dessert! You answered our call and we did it! We have our desserts. We hope you will all bid on the amazing array of options in the silent auction. Something fruity? Something chocolatey? Something for everyone. They will be delivered to your door for you to enjoy during the Live event on February 6th. Thank you to all who donated. Silent Auction bidding, including desserts, starts February 1.



2021 MASQUERADE AUCTION

Last Call for Auction Photos and Videos!

Are you ready for your close ups? We would still love to get more photos and videos of students and their families to use in the Auction (and thank you to those who have submitted media so far).

We will use these to highlight APL by displaying them online, in communications and in social media leading up to and during the Silent Auction (Feb. 1 to 5) and during the Live Auction on Feb. 6.

But we are coming down to the wire to include them! We need your photos and videos by next Friday, January 22nd.

For photos, send them to photos@aplschool.org. Please include your student's first name and grade in the text of the email.

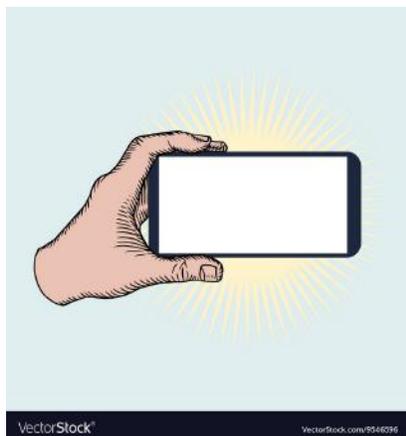
For videos:

Using your phone or webcam to record, answer one or two of the suggested questions listed on this page. There are questions designed for adult family members/parents/caretakers and another list to ask your student to answer.

We would like the videos to be 30 seconds to two minutes long (we will choose selections to use). And if you go a little long, don't worry - we can edit it down or select portions to use. You don't have to give a long speech or anything - speak from the heart!

It would be ideal if you or your student could start the video by stating your first name and the grade of the student. For instance, "I'm Kirk. My son Groggu is a 6th grader at APL" and then proceed to answering some of the questions.

Important note: If using your phone to record the video either as a selfie or with someone else doing the recording - turn the phone horizontally (on its side) - like this:



Questions for

Parents/Guardians/Caretakers:

- How has APL (specific staff members or programs) helped your student?
- What's a typical day like for your student while learning online this school year?
- What has been the best thing about coming to APL?
- What's one story about your student that stands out as the best example of being at APL? Or about APL helping students on the spectrum?

Questions for Student:

- What do you like about APL?
- What's your favorite thing about school?
- How have APL teachers or BTs helped you while doing school online?
- What has been your best day at APL this year?

Submitting the videos - the best way would be to email Kirk at kirk@aplschool.org to tell him you have a video to submit. He will invite you to a private Dropbox so you can upload the video there.

But if that doesn't work for you, you can also email them as attachments to photos@aplschool.org. Just keep in mind that larger attachments may be a challenge to send.

Or you can share a link with Kirk to your own Google Drive or other shared drive for him to download. We will work it out! :)

Thank you for considering this. We can't wait to see your faces!

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** 1/25

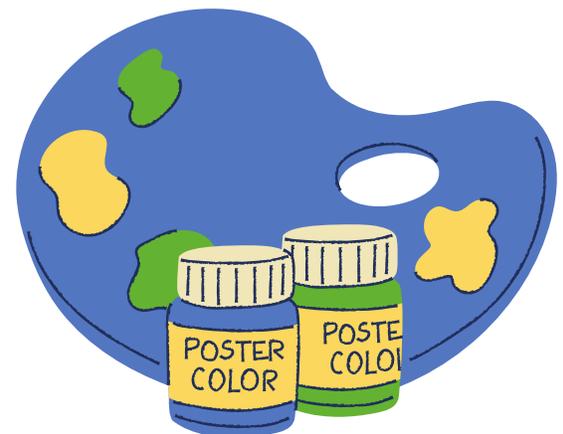
Rotation 3: **Steps to Independence** 2/2, 2/8, 2/22

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

Middle School Affinity Groups

We are excited to announce the launch of Affinity Groups for Middle School students, which are being facilitated by APL staff members. These will be held on Wednesdays at 12:25 pm. Check out the topic areas below. If one of your middle school students would be interested, email info@aplschool.org for more information.

- Jack's Minecraft Group
- David's Board Games Group
- Toby's Anime/Manga Group
- Kwame's Crafting/Making Group
- Steve's Cooking Group
- Jesse's Makeup Artistry Group



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](#).

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.