



SLICES NEWSLETTER

January 22, 2021

Calendar Highlights

Jan. 22: Deadline for Auction Photos and Videos

Jan. 25 - 5:00 pm: Next Steps - Lifelong Learning (see enclosed flyer)

Jan. 26 - 6:00 pm: Auction Committee Meeting. Meeting link [HERE](#).

Jan. 26 - 7:00 pm: Parent Connections Meeting. (via Zoom, more info on p. 6)

Jan. 29: End of Fall Semester and Quarter 2

Feb. 1 - 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 on March 4 at 4 pm via Zoom)

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

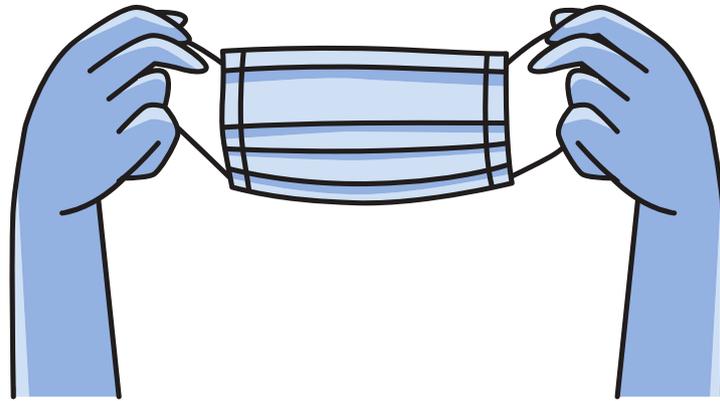
Feb. 8: Next Steps - Steps to Independence (see enclosed flyer)

Feb. 15 - Feb. 19: President's Day & Mid-Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

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

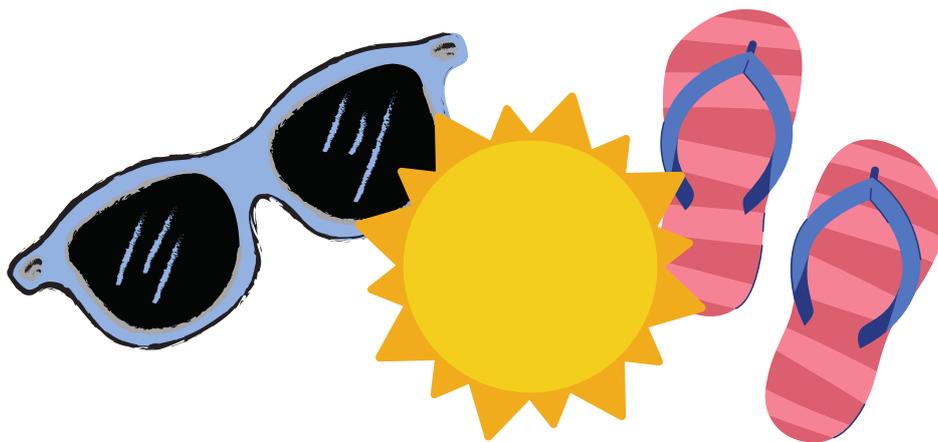
Updates from Kelly

COVID Update



As we approach the end of January, make sure you have reviewed the handbook update and completed the following survey with your on-site vs. remote preferences: [COVID Preferences Survey](#).

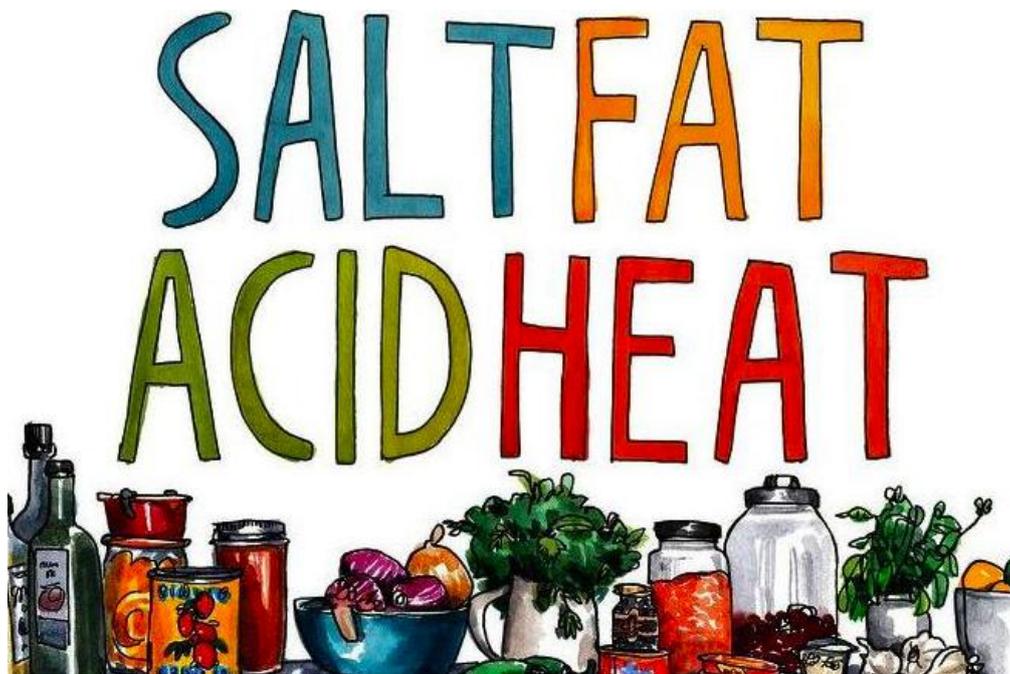
Extended School Year Returns This Summer!



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 Middle School culinary adventure got off to a strong start this month! We explored what makes foods salty, sweet, and sour. Combining all these flavors through kosher salt, brown sugar, balsamic vinegar, and olive oil we talked about what we liked and disliked while we tasted our dip on bread. After our discussion, the kids made their own dip using the same ingredients, but this time based on their own recipe.

-Steve Armstrong, APL's Chief Financial Officer

2021 Masquerade Auction



Auction Week is only 11 days away!

Silent Auction: February 1-5

Live Event: February 6, 6:00 PM

Register to bid today at

<https://www.aplschool.org/auction>



Volunteer Opportunities During and After the Auction!

There are still chances to help with the auction! Here are the available volunteer opportunities:

- Delivery drivers - we need up to six more for Saturday, Feb. 6
- Additional Night-Of "Tech Support" Helpers
- Drivers for the week leading up to the auction, and after-event helpers
- And various week-of event volunteer jobs!

Sign up [HERE](#) to help out!

January Auction Committee Meeting

As we count down to our big event, please join us for our Auction Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 26:

Tuesday, Jan. 26

6:00 pm via Zoom

Meeting Link [HERE](#)

Who's your +10?

Don't forget to make your personal invitation list and invite everyone on it. Everyone can virtually bid and attend - friends, family, coworkers, associates, neighbors far and near. This may be their only chance to attend an APL event. Send them an email, share our FB event, post on your social media pages and encourage them to register. College roommate in Colorado, Grandma in Grand Rapids, Neighbor next door, Friends in Phoenix (liberties with alliteration)? Invite them all! Register [HERE](#).

2021 Masquerade Auction



Make Masquerade your own Ball!

First: Bid on a dessert to be delivered to your home on Feb. 6 to enjoy during the live event!

Second: Buy a Drink Swag Bag and have a fancy cocktail or two bottles of wine delivered to your home on Feb. 6! Our own Robert Haynes-Peterson will show you how to mix it up into a colorful cocktail surprise.

- Drink out of your own APL specialty glassware.
- Put on your APL masks - it is a masquerade!

Third: Snap a selfie or a group shot at our online SnapBar with fun backgrounds, logos, and silly stickers. Link will be sent out to all registered guests.

Here's a peek at the Silent Auction Feb. 1-5:

Activities

- Rainy day picnics
- Eco-friendly cocktail class
- Family Fun Center

Outdoor Fun

- Bike Works Gift Certificate
- Atlas All Mountain snow shoes

Baskets of Goodies

- NW Gift Basket
- Taste of Port Townsend Gift Basket

Home Improvement

- Seahawks Toolbox filled with essentials
- WFH chair and desk
- \$200 Gift Card for any of Dunn Lumber's 9 locations

Gift Cards

- \$50 Costco Gift Card
- Defensive Driving

AND SO MUCH MORE! Register today and see all the fun items we have!

Thank you Thank you Thank you
Everyone who donated desserts! 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 in time to enjoy during the Live event on February 6th. Thank you to all who donated. Silent Auction bidding, including desserts, starts February 1.



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Upcoming Online Programming

Parent Connections - January 26 at 7:00 PM

Already struggling with your New Year's Resolution? Totally rocking it and wanting to keep up the good work? 100% over it with this particular cultural phenomenon and seeking different and more sustainable ways to change your behavior? This Parent Connections session is for you! We will discuss evidence-based strategies for setting and sticking to goals for meaningful behavioral change, and explore how the same principles and procedures of applied behavior analysis that we use to teach our students new skills can be leveraged to help us change and improve our own behaviors.

Join Laura James and Skye Gombert online for "Rethinking Resolutions: Setting Goals for Meaningful Change" on Tuesday, January 26th from 7-8 PM.

Watch for the Zoom link to be sent out to the APL Parent Group. Email info@aplschool.org with any questions.

Aspiring Youth Speakers and Panels

Aspiring Youth invites you to join their two free virtual panels in the upcoming weeks. It is a great opportunity to gain new ideas and perspectives with this wonderful community.

Dr. Rachel Kowert, January 26, 12-1 pm

Parents and providers are eager to have healthy conversations with youth about video game moderation and healthy screen time habits. Especially at this time, when youth are participating in remote learning and have less structure to their schedule. Join us for an informative presentation by Dr. Rachel Kowert, author of *A Parent's Guide to Video Games* and research director at Take This.

Panel of neurodiverse young adults, February 3, 7-8:30 pm

This free virtual panel is an excellent opportunity for parents, providers and youth to learn from neurodiverse young adults. The panelists have a myriad of experiences to share: from advice about navigating high school to tips on employment and self advocacy. The panelists will offer their perspectives on how parents and providers can best communicate with neurodiverse youth and will share their experiences utilizing educational and vocational supports. These young adults have important tips and ideas on how to prepare for and navigate life after high school.

More information (and RSVP links) can be found on the attached flyers.

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 Alician 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 5: *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