



SLICES NEWSLETTER

January 29, 2021

Calendar Highlights

TODAY Jan. 29: Last Day to order APL gift/drink bags. More info [HERE](#).

TODAY Jan. 29: End of Fall Semester and Quarter 2

Feb. 1: Silent and Dessert Dash Auctions open. More info [HERE](#).

Feb. 2: Next Steps: Steps to Independence (see included flyer)

Feb. 1 - 9: Volunteers needed for the Auction. Sign up [HERE](#).

Feb. 1 - Feb. 5: Online Masquerade Auction. More info [HERE](#).

Feb. 4: Dessert Dash closes

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

Feb. 5: Silent Auction closes

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

Feb. 6 - Deserts delivered to winning bidders

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

Feb. 11 - 9:00 am: Coffee Cart (via [Zoom](#))

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

Feb. 18 - 9:00 am: Coffee Cart (via [Zoom](#))

Feb. 22: Next Steps - Steps to Independence (see enclosed flyer)

Feb. 25 - 9:00 am: Coffee Cart (via [Zoom](#))

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

Inclement Weather Reminder

Though we've been enjoying some sunny skies lately, we may still have snow in the forecast throughout this winter season. We know many of our APL families live outside of the immediate Seattle area and may be impacted by icy roads, snow fall, and power outages. Thus, we are following guidelines similar to that of our surrounding school districts when determining the closure of in-person learning:

If winter weather requires late start, early dismissal, or cancellation of in-person learning, all students will learn remotely.

- Families of students receiving in-person instruction will be notified at 6:30 a.m. of cancellation.
- Students receiving in-person instruction will switch to at-home learning over Zoom.
- All other students will continue learning remotely.

If weather conditions make a schedule change necessary, APL will communicate the decision through the following methods and in this order:

1. *Emails, text messages, and phone calls:* Families will receive an email notification, text message, or phone call by 6:30 a.m.
2. *Social media:* APL Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts will be updated. Follow us on [APL Facebook](#), [APL Instagram](#), and [APL Twitter](#).
3. *School website:* We will post school schedule updates to <https://www.aplschool.org>.

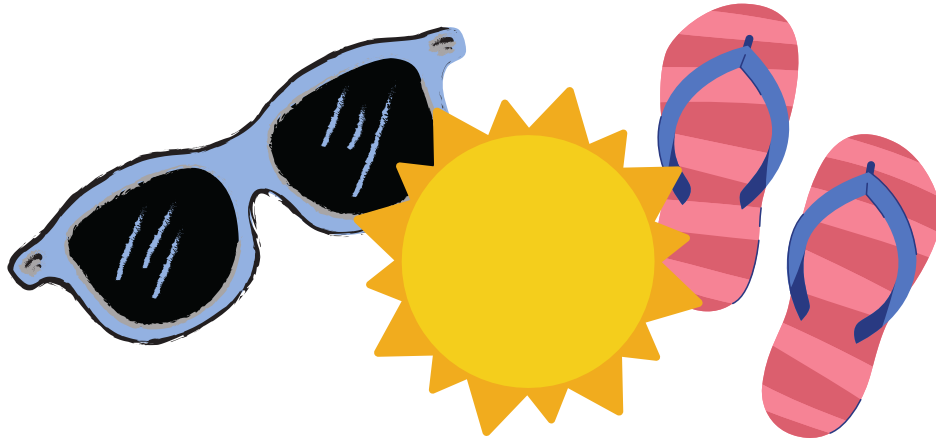
If your family loses power or internet access and school is not cancelled, please notify your child's teachers so they can excuse their absence and plan for making up any missed assignments.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Laura Barringer at laura.b@aplschool.org.

Stay safe and warm!

Updates from Kelly

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

4/5 Classroom Story



How can we design an animal sanctuary to help an endangered animal? Due to a variety of ways that humans have negatively impacted the natural environment, many plant and animal species continue to become endangered and move towards extinction. The 4/5 Classroom is on a mission to help shelter an endangered species by creating an animal sanctuary for an animal in need. Students will create a physical model of an animal sanctuary (the 3D model of their choice) for an endangered animal while studying what that animal needs from its habitat in order to survive and thrive. Students will also study the ways that humans can create problems or help solve problems in the world around them.

-Chay Dixon, Co Teacher 4/5 Classroom

2021 Masquerade Auction Week



Auction Week is only 3 days away!

Silent Auction: February 1-5

Dessert Auction: February 1-4

Live Event: February 6, 6:00 PM

Register to bid today at

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



Start Your Bidding!

Silent Auction and Dessert Dash start Monday! Register once and be ready to bid on Monday and at the Live Event. Registration is open and waiting for you [HERE](#). You can opt to receive notices when you have been outbid so you can bid again. You can look at all the great items at your leisure. Place the winning bid on one of the amazing desserts and it will be delivered to your home on Saturday in time for you to enjoy during the Live Event.

APL Swag Bags

TODAY is the last day to order your APL gift bag for yourself and your friends. Gift bags with fun APL swag will be safely delivered in time for the Live Event on Saturday. Bags have APL glassware, APL masks, and more fun goodies. Order the cocktail bag and get all the makings and how to for the auction signature drink - it changes colors! More of a wine drinker? Order the wine bag with two bottles of wine and all the APL swag.

Dessert Dash!

Come look at all the mouthwatering desserts from local bakeries. There is something for everyone - chocolate, fruit covered, lemon, pastry, cakes, cupcakes, macaroons. Take a look, just look ... The winning bidder will have their dessert delivered to their porch safely on Saturday, February 6.

Dessert Dash closes Thursday, February 4 at 6 pm.

2021 Masquerade Auction Week



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

Good Eats

- John Howie Restaurant Gift Cards
- Pagliacci Pizza
- Razzi's Pizza

Go Outside

- Skis
- Snow shoes
- Wakeboarding
- Picnics
- Cabin getaway

Just what you need

- Geology work
- LuLuRoe clothing
- Full tool kit and tool bag

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

Who?

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. Extended family or friends wonder what APL is all about? They can find out from our teachers, BT's, parents and Executive Director during the Live Event.

Invite them all!

Register [HERE](#).



*Thank!
You!*

Thank you Thank you Thank you
Thank you for volunteering! We have filled almost every slot for auction volunteers. Great job everyone! Thank you in advance for your time and effort to make this a successful auction week. If you still want to join the fun, there are a couple of spots left. Sign up [HERE](#).

Upcoming Online Programming

Aspiring Youth Speakers and Panels

Aspiring Youth invites you to join their free virtual panel on February 3. It is a great opportunity to gain new ideas and perspectives with this wonderful community.

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 link) can be found on the attached flyers.

College Bound Resource Fair for Students with Disabilities

Register for College Bound 2021!

The 5th Annual College Bound Resource Fair is just a week away!

This unique event was created specifically for people with disabilities who aspire to become college students and the families and educators in their lives.

College Bound has gone virtual for 2021, so join us from the comfort of home for presentations and resources curated to help you make college a success.

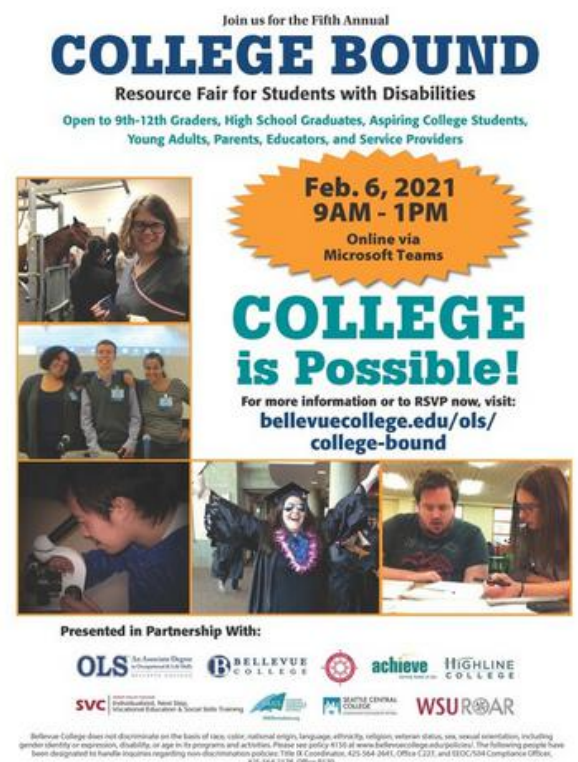
Saturday, February 6, 2021

9AM - 1 PM

Online via Microsoft Teams

Register [HERE](#).

College is Possible!



Join us for the Fifth Annual
COLLEGE BOUND
Resource Fair for Students with Disabilities
Open to 9th-12th Graders, High School Graduates, Aspiring College Students,
Young Adults, Parents, Educators, and Service Providers

Feb. 6, 2021
9AM - 1PM
Online via
Microsoft Teams

**COLLEGE
is Possible!**

For more information or to RSVP now, visit:
[bellevuecollege.edu/ols/
college-bound](http://bellevuecollege.edu/ols/college-bound)

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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 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