



SLICES NEWSLETTER

February 26, 2021

Calendar Highlights

March 1 - 7:00 pm: K-5 Town Hall (Zoom link for all meetings on page 4)

March 2 - 6:00 pm: Middle School Town Hall

March 2 - 7:00 pm: High School Town Hall

March 4 - 8:00 am: K-5 Town Hall

March 4 - 9:00 am: Middle School Town Hall (no Coffee Cart today)

March 4 - 4:00 pm: Parent Council Meeting (Zoom link to be sent by e-mail next week)

March 5 - 8:00 am: High School Town Hall

March 8 - Tuition Contracts and Deposits Due

March 9 - 7:00 pm: Parent Connections Meeting. Zoom link [HERE](#). Password: parent

March 11 - 9:00 am: Coffee Cart

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

Thank You for Masquerading with us!



Brady and Kelly in action

Thank you all for supporting us in so many ways through our 2021 Auction: *The Masquerade - Connecting for Inclusion*. All of us were excited to hold the event in an online format so we could safely show our community examples of how we are creating success for students all across the autism spectrum.

A special shout out to our Auction Chair and Cocktail King Robert-Haynes Peterson! And thank you Traci Corazin who shared her story and Sam's during the event.



Robert giving a virtual cocktail tutorial

Thanks to everyone's commitment, *the Masquerade* inspired over \$300,000 in donations, which are helping APL continue to create student success – even as we respond to the challenges of the pandemic.

And as we announced at the event, dedicated donations are being earmarked for our future *South Campus*. This additional space next to Trader Joes near the corner of 47th and Roosevelt (just blocks away from our main campus) will allow us to provide a richer experience for our Middle School and High School students, while also making room for a larger number of elementary school students in the future. We look forward to sharing more about this project after Mid-Winter Break.



"Incredible Turtle" art project from the 2-3 classroom

Check out links to videos from the live event, photos, social media posts, and other content as we keep posting it at aplschool.org/auction.

APL's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Statement



"Diversity - The art of thinking independently together" -Malcolm Forbes.

The Academy for Precision Learning is an educational community of diverse staff and families. We believe in fostering an environment where critical thinking is our greatest asset to engaging children, where all ideas are welcome, and where staff and students feel empowered to discuss Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

APL sees itself as an ally in the community. We are committed to engaging students, staff, and families in DEI work. We encourage everyone to educate themselves, be present in uncomfortable conversations, and be courageous around the work of DEI.

With our students, we use curriculum that celebrates the voices of those who are often marginalized, and challenges students to see themselves as agents of change.

With our staff, we make space for DEI work in three key ways. First our DEI committee plans professional development. Second, we facilitate affinity groups led by staff. Third, we have active speakers from the community for staff events. In 2021, we are partnering with speaker and author, Ayana King of Maximum Communications, to hold a four-part workshop series around Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for all staff.

With our families, we invite participation in classrooms to share experiences and learn alongside students. Not only do we listen to families when they have feedback and potential ideas for the DEI work we are doing at school, we also invite families to the table to share and discuss their experiences with students, staff, and leadership throughout the year.

We strive to have our community members take part in the hard work and conversations and use what they have learned out into the world to make a positive change.

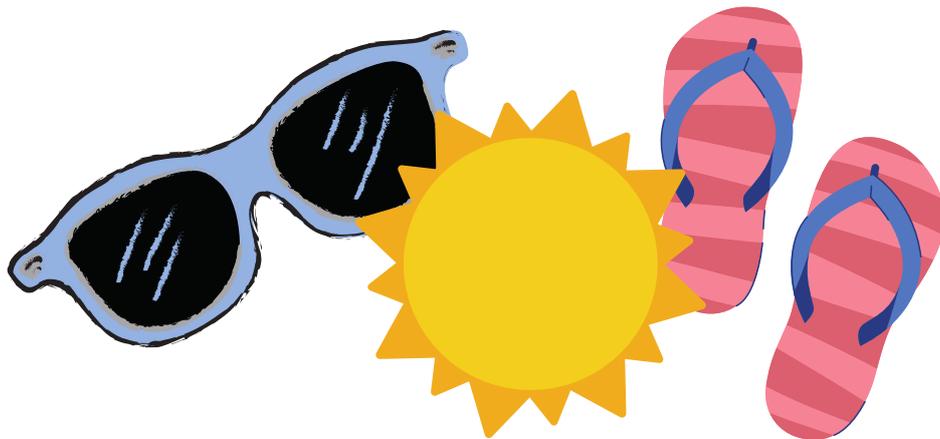
Contracts and Deposits

It's Time to Enroll for 2021-22 School Year
Contracts and Deposits are due March 8th

We are so excited for a new school year in our new building. Thank you to everyone who has already turned in their contracts and deposits! We have your student on their class list. If you haven't already, please take a few minutes and review and sign your contract via DocuSign. Next year will be better than ever at APL. Thank you! If you have any questions, Anne is available at anne.r@aplschool.org.

Take the ESY Survey

Extended School Year Returns This Summer!



See the letter below that has details about ESY, which will run in July and August. And if you haven't yet, please indicate interest for your student by filling out the Extended School Year (ESY) Survey.

Upcoming Online Programming

Our Spring 2021 Open House for Prospective Families is on April 8!



Spread the word for prospective families to join us online for our Spring 2021 Open House on April 8, 2021. This event will be held via Zoom from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Registrants will receive a Zoom invitation sent to the email address they provide when they register [HERE](#).

Current Families - Join us for an APL Town Hall Next Week!

There are exciting things on the horizon for APL as we look toward the end of this school year and forward to next year.

We invite our current families to learn more at next week's Town Hall meetings. These meetings will be an opportunity to share more information about our current strategic initiatives, the financial state of the school, and an outlook on the school overall. An opportunity for you to ask questions will be included.

We will hold two virtual sessions each for K-5, Middle School, and High School families. And if you can't attend, a recording will be made available.

K-5 Town Hall (Option 1), March 1, 7:00 pm
 Middle School Town Hall (Option 1), March 2, 6:00 pm
 High School Town Hall (Option 1), March 2, 7:00 pm

K-5 Town Hall (Option 2), March 4, 8:00 am
 Middle School Town Hall (Option 2), March 4, 9:00 am
 High School Town Hall (Option 2), March 5, 8:00 am

Zoom link for all meetings [HERE](#) or use this link:
<https://zoom.us/j/98846528152>

Upcoming Online Programming

RSVP for Parent Connections March 9th
with Ben Wahl and Ryan Wecker

We are excited to welcome Ben Wahl and Ryan Wecker as guest speakers for our Parent Connections Meeting on March 9th, 7:00-8:00 pm!

Ben and Ryan will be joining us to talk about services for adolescents and young adults offered by their organizations Aspiring Youth, Delphi Young Adults, Enigma ASD, and Thrive Seattle Housing.

Aspiring Youth Website: <https://aspiringyouth.net/>
Delphi Young Adults Website: <https://delphiyoungadults.com/>
Enigma ASD Website: <https://www.enigma-asd.org/>
Thrive Seattle Housing Website: <https://thriveseattleliving.com/>

In order to give our guests an idea of how many families will be joining us and who will be in the audience, please [RSVP HERE](#).

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91444899023>
Password: parent

If you have any questions regarding this event, please don't hesitate to contact Alicia directly at alicia.n@aplschool.org.

Upcoming Online Programming

Register Today for the 3rd Annual Washington Fatherhood Summit, *March 16-18*

Join the Washington Fatherhood Summit on March 16-18, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm & optional virtual lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm PT

Who: Fathers, providers, lay and professional leaders, policy makers, philanthropists, and fatherhood advocates.

Why: Help Washington State continue to build a state where all men can become the fathers they want to be.

Where: Zoom with interactive engagement.

Register on [Eventbrite](#) today!

3rd Annual Washington Fatherhood Summit: Resilient Dads: Fathering in Challenging Times

March 16th - 18th
8:30am - 12:00pm (PST)
12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch Optional

Visit our website: waFatherhoodCouncil.org for agenda, photo contest, VROOM focus group, and registration

Interagency Fatherhood Council Washington

Who: Lay & Professional Leaders, fathers, policy makers, providers, advocates, and philanthropists.

Why: Help Washington become a state where all men become the fathers they want to be

Where: Zoom with interactive engagement

What's New: Photo Contest- Win Prized! To launch WA Father's Photo Bank

Keynote: Corey Best
A father and leader in community organizing, authentic family engagement, racial justice, anti-racism and pre-crisis support by those impacted by the child welfare system.

Tell us your opinion! Give us the dad perspective of the VROOM app by participating in a focus group.

Supporting us in building the Washington Fatherhood photo bank by entering the photo contest

For agenda, photo contest, VROOM focus group, and registration visit: waFatherhoodCouncil.org

Interagency Fatherhood Council Washington

Featured Speakers:

3/16: Corey Best

3/17: Fatherhood Panel

3/18: Kevin Bremond, Co-Founder Alameda County Fatherhood Corps

More details [HERE](#).

Upcoming Online Programming

Update on Virtual Experiential Learning Week (April 5 - 9)

Hello APL Families,

We hope you are having a great start to the second half of the school year. We have quite a few fun things coming up and wanted to tell you a little more about Experiential Learning Week (ELW).

APL has been doing a version of ELW since 2015, and it has evolved over the years with this year being no exception. ELW is a chance for the students to break away from traditional classes and participate in a specific, focused group for the whole week. These groups have included: cooking, D&D, photography, science, etc. We strive to weave hands-on experiences with guest speakers and field trips. This year, due to COVID, ELW will be done virtually, including field trips during the week of April 5th-9th. This adds challenges, but also opens the possibility to explore opportunities outside of our immediate geographic location.

Because our activities will be taking place online, it will mean a slight change to your child's daily schedule. We will keep the same block schedule, but it will be filled with group activities, guest speakers, asynchronous activities (to complete and report back on), and beginning and end of the day check-ins. Our teachers and BTs will be with students, supporting throughout the day, as usual in addition to BCBA's and admin dropping in to check on groups.

During some of these asynchronous activities your children may need some additional support at home and we will make sure you have lots of advance notice. If you have any questions or concerns that come up now or in the coming weeks, please reach out to Shelly Frappier (shelly.f@aplschool.org) or Laura Barringer (laura.b@aplschool.org) and we will respond as soon as possible.

Expect more information as the groups are finalized and the activities/schedule is more set.

Thank you!

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 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