



SLICES NEWSLETTER

March 5, 2021

Calendar Highlights

March 8 - Tuition Contracts and Deposits Due

March 8-12 - Lower School Map Measurement

March 9 - 7:00 pm - Parent Connections Meeting - featuring guest speakers Ben Wahl and Ryan Wecker. Zoom link [HERE](#). Password: parent

March 11 - 9:00 am - Coffee Cart on [Zoom](#)

March 14 - Clock Spring Forward - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 15-19: High School Map Measurement

March 15 - Next Steps - Lifelong Learning: [more info on p. 8](#)

March 18 - 9:00 am - Coffee Cart on [Zoom](#)

March 25 - 9:00 am - Coffee Cart on [Zoom](#)

April 1 - 9:00 am - Coffee Cart on [Zoom](#)

April 1 - 4:00 pm Parent Council meeting (Zoom link will be sent out)

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

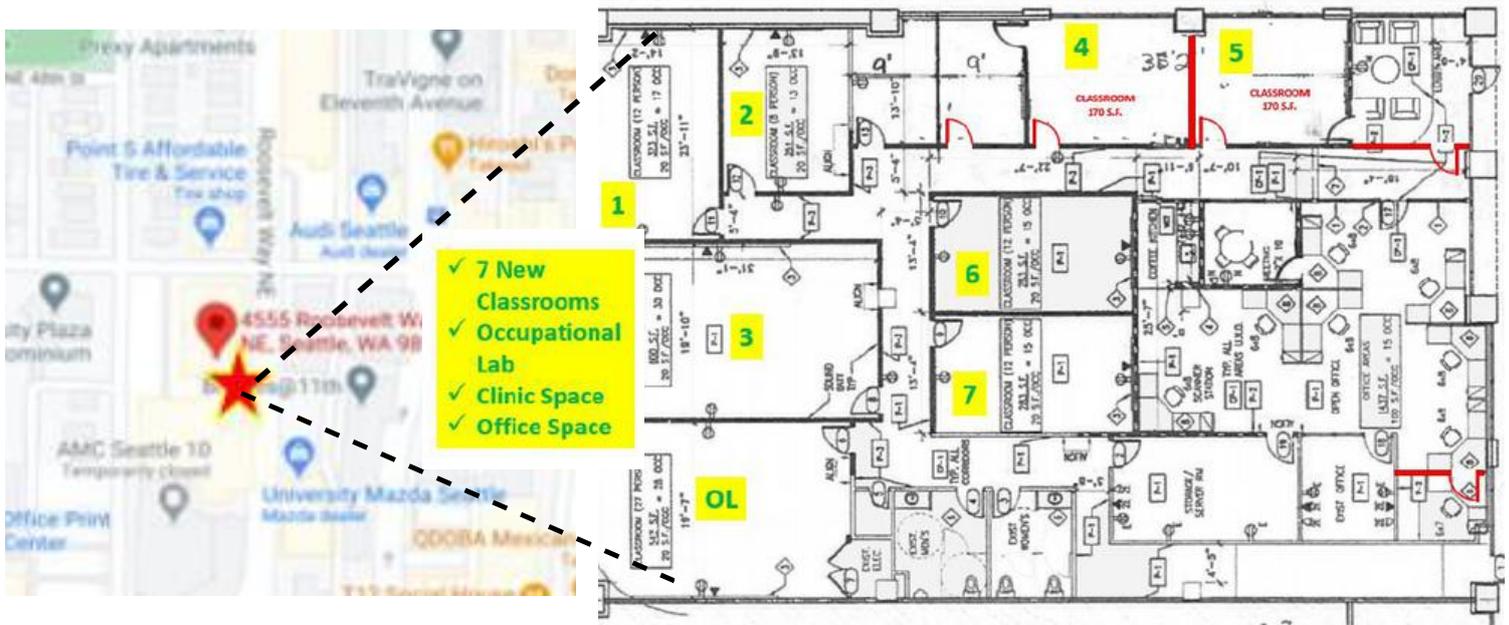
Parent Council and Expansion Update

At our online Parent Council meeting on Thursday, March 4 we discussed a number of upcoming projects for families to join in the near term and the coming year. Tanya will be sending out more information. Be on the lookout for your chance to get involved with:

- Staff Appreciation Week in May
- Plans for our Virtual "Not-Quite-A-Fun-Run" event we are formulating for June.

The council is also exploring how to facilitate photos and end-of-year yearbooks, given our present circumstances. And in the coming school year with APL's expansion - see below - there are going to be increased in-person opportunities since we will have more common spaces and an area for an APL Bookstore, which will benefit from having adult volunteers.

Please plan now to join us in April for the next Parent Council meeting - on Zoom on Thursday, April 1 at 4:00 p.m. Tanya will send out the Zoom link that week (and no, there is no April Fool's connection!)



We are very much looking forward to expanding the footprint of APL in the coming school year! Our new "South Campus" building at 4555 Roosevelt Ave. NE, near the corner of 47th Ave. and Roosevelt is going to give us a lot more opportunities.

The new building will give APL students:

- A secure, dedicated space for the Middle School and High School
- 6,800 additional square feet
- Seven additional classrooms
- A room that can serve as an Occupational Studies Lab
- A common area for independent work & socializing
- A space for an APL Bookstore

This will free space at our current U. Heights location, which we'll call "APL North." We will be able to expand space available for grades K-5 - resulting in a phase-in of each grade level having its own classroom, allow space for adding a Speech-Language Pathologist, add more clinical office space for families to meet with the clinical team.

Administrative office space will be maintained in both locations - and the two campuses will be in easy walking distance of each other. Plus - you can drop in to Trader Joe's when you're at the South Campus. It's next door! If you have questions about the South Campus, watch for invitations to ribbon cutting and open house events over the summer, and feel free to reach out to Kelly or Kirk.

Contracts and Deposits

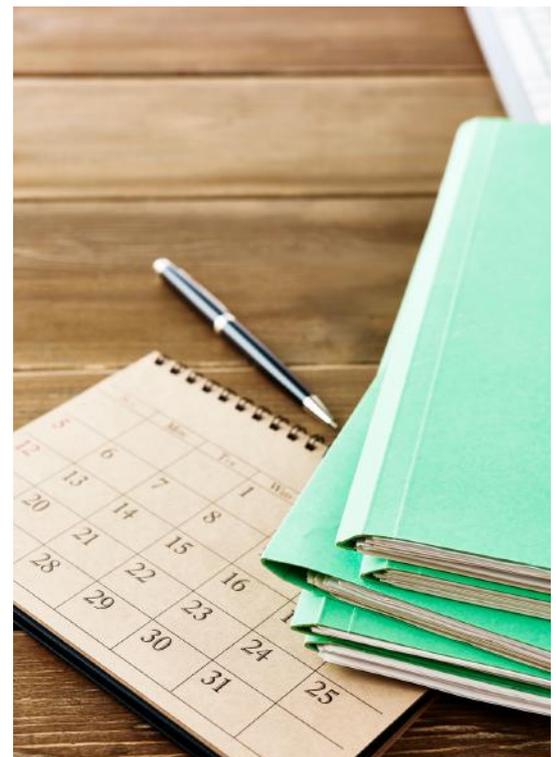
It's Time to Enroll for 2021-22 School Year
Contracts and Deposits are due THIS MONDAY, March 8th!

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.

Calendar Updates for the rest of 2021 and Beyond

We have been updating and confirming dates for the rest of this school year and drafting our calendar for 2021-22. Note that Friday, June 18, 2021 is the confirmed last day of school. We had June 21 held as the tentative last day to account for any possible snow days - but the snow conveniently fell during Mid-Winter Break this year!

We have also confirmed dates for Virtual Camps in May and have begun putting placeholder dates on our online calendar for next school year. Please remember that our program dates are subject to change so check back as you make plans. Our full calendar is online at <https://aplschool.org/events>, and Jesse periodically sends out a condensed PDF version of the calendar each school year. The most recent iteration of that document is on the Family Info page at <https://aplschool.org/familyinfo>. Contact us with questions at info@aplschool.org.



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.

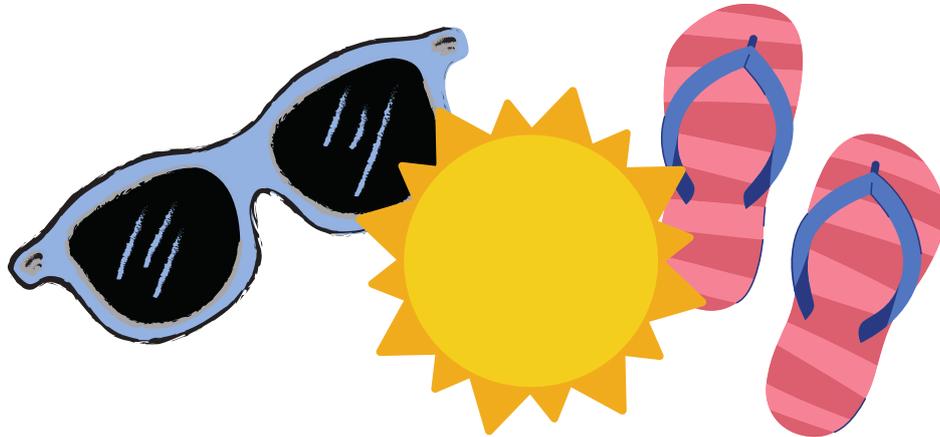
With our staff, we make space for DEI work in three key ways. First our DEI committee plans professional development. Second, we facilitate affinity groups led by staff. Third, we have active speakers from the community for staff events. In 2021, we are partnering with speaker and author, Ayana King 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.

ESY Information

Extended School Year Returns This Summer!



ESY will run in July and August! If you haven't yet, please indicate interest for your student by filling out the Extended School Year (ESY) Survey.

ESY Registration is Coming Soon!

If your student wants to be a part of ESY this summer, we need:

- 1) Completed 2021-22 School Year Tuition Contract
- 2) Completed ESY Contract

ESY contracts will be coming out soon via DocuSign. Don't miss out, get your regular school year tuition contract in so you are eligible for ESY!

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

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](#).

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!



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.

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

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!

Last Chance to Take Part: [Steps to Independence and Lifelong Learning](#)

APL's partnership continues with Seattle Children's Autism Center to implement the Next Steps Curriculum. There are two more sessions this month. 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 15 2021, be held via Zoom on Mondays, 5:00-6:30 pm.

Rotation 5: *Lifelong Learning* - 3/8, 3/15

Middle School Affinity Groups

If your student has been able to take part yet, please consider having them join one of our Affinity Groups for Middle School students. They 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