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# APLC DAY SCHOOL NEWS

February 2025



## Calendar Dates:

- Feb. 6—APLC Board Mtg.
- Feb. 12—Parent Coffee Gathering
- Feb. 18 & 19 Puppet Show
- Feb. 19—Willie’s Spirit Day
- March 6—APLC Board Mtg.
- Mar. 11-14- Spring Break
- March 31—Online Silent Auction begins

## 2025-2026 School Registration


**Registration forms have been processed for the 2025-2026 school year. You will receive notification of the class your child is enrolled for the next school year. We still have openings for the next school year—so spread the word to all your friends, neighbors and relatives! Consider signing up for the summer program!**

## Silent Auction and Family Night Update

Our major fundraiser for the year will begin with an online silent auction on Monday, March 31st. The silent auction will close with a Family Night including a catered meal on Thursday, April 3rd at 7:30. This delicious meal will include turkey, brisket, beans, mac and cheese and all the “fixins.” Tickets will go on sale at the end of March.

As in the past, we are creating class books for each class and will have them on display as soon as they are completed for families to order. For those of you new to the program, the class books include pictures of the children showing all the learning opportunities and fun they have had this year. I promise—you will want one! We need auction items of any kind—restaurants, gift cards, hair salons, photographers—ANYTHING would be greatly appreciated!

All proceeds will be dedicated to paying for our mud kitchen on the PreK-2 playground and the magnetic wall on the large playground.



*Join us for a*  
**SPRIT NIGHT**

TO BENEFIT  
**Abiding Presence Day School**

<b>WHEN</b> Wednesday, February 19th <b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>WHERE</b> San Pedro 15801 San Pedro Avenue San Antonio, TX, 78232
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MENTION YOU ARE DINING IN SUPPORT OF  
**Abiding Presence Day School**  
& WILLIE'S WILL DONATE **15%** OF YOUR CHECK

ORDER CURBSIDE OR DELIVERY AT [WILLIESGRILLANDICEHOUSE.COM](http://WILLIESGRILLANDICEHOUSE.COM)  
**PROMO CODE: SPIRITNIGHT**

# Community Events, Parenting Tips and Resources

## Building Social and Emotional Skills at Home

School classrooms are busy places where young children learn all sorts of things, including social and emotional skills such as how to express feelings and how to work together with friends on a project. Here are some suggestions for helping your child develop social and emotional skills at home.

**Puppets.** Teachers sometimes talk with children about conflicts and help them think about solutions while using puppets and families can try this technique at home. Puppets are a great way to introduce children to feeling words like *happy*, *sad*, *angry*, and children will sometimes talk to puppets about their feelings. Puppets can also help in discussions about challenging topics, like getting to bed on time.

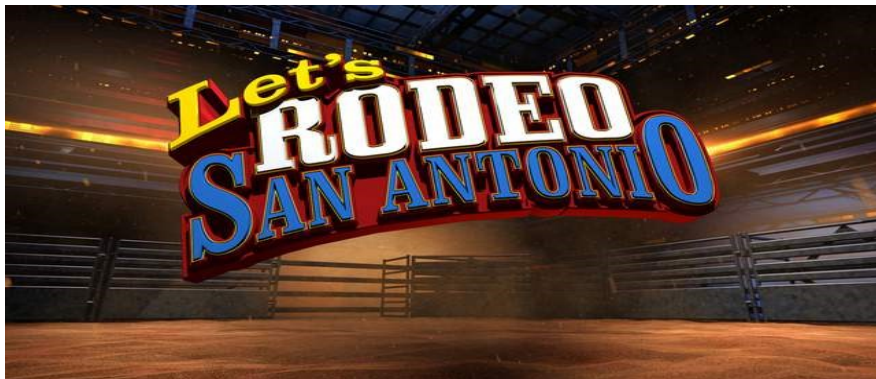
**Think out loud.** When your child hears your thinking process, it helps her understand how to cope with frustration and solve problems: "Whoops. My favorite shopping bag has a hole in it. I'd better take another one with me to the grocery store."

**Read bedtime stories.** There is something magical about this end-of-the-day routine that makes it the ideal time for talking about feelings. Discuss the characters and events in the story. Invite your child to share her thoughts and feelings by asking questions: "What do you think he should do? How do you think she feels? What would you do if you were this character?"

**Do a job together.** Instead of asking your child to do a chore alone, do it with her. The two of you might fold laundry, set the table, rake leaves, or paint a wall. Help your child join in by shortening the handle of a broom to make it child-size or providing a small paintbrush or roller.

**Play games.** Card and board games and outdoor games such as tag or hop-scotch offer built-in opportunities for helping children learn to take turns, cooperate, handle frustration, and more. While playing games together, focus on fun instead of winning or losing.

**Prevent potential problems.** Before a friend comes to play, help your child put away toys he does not want to share. Before taking a bus to the zoo, provide a step-by-step explanation of what you will do: "We will wait at the bus stop for 5 minutes, then get on the bus and sit together and watch the sights go by for about 30 minutes [explain this as the length of one episode of a favorite TV show]. Then we will walk three blocks to the zoo and tour the lion house before anything else!" During the trip, remind your preschooler of what will happen next.



The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo will be held from February 6-23, 2025, at the Frost Bank Center/ Freeman Coliseum fairgrounds. Tickets are on sale at [sarodeo.com](http://sarodeo.com) or at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

### SOME FREE THINGS TO DO AT THE RODEO:

Catch the fast-paced action of Team Roping in the Freeman Coliseum: Feb 13th-14th Get ready for some squealing fun at our Swifty Swine Pig Races. Experience the thrill of Mounted Shooting in Freeman Coliseum: Feb 17th. Cheer for the kiddos competing in Youth Rodeo, in the Freeman Coliseum: Feb 17th-19th. Spend your afternoon at the Freeman Coliseum watching the inspiring and unforgettable Exceptional Rodeo: Feb 10th. Let's go Girls! Watch some barrel racing in the Freeman: Feb 11th-12th. Bust a move at our Street Fair, where live music plays all night. Capture a moment with the legendary Palomino Patrol on the grounds. Kick back and sing along to live music at the Michelob Ultra Roundup. Waddle over to see the baby ducks at Buckaroo Farms . Say HAY to our horses on Stable Lane, right outside of Freeman Coliseum. Get up close and cuddle with friendly animals at the petting zoo —perfect for kids and animal lovers alike! Milk a (fake) cow at the DairyMax Dairy Discovery Zone. Head to the livestock barns and watch competitors' scrub-a-dub-dub their animals! Drop a line in our interactive fishing pond!

### Weekend Entertainment at The Historic Market Square

- **When:** Saturday, February 15, 2025, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
- **Location:** 514 W Commerce Street, San Antonio, TX 78207
- **Cost:** Free admission

Enjoy live music, working artists, and food booths every weekend at The Historic Market Square!

Website: [www.marketsquaresa.com](http://www.marketsquaresa.com)

# Chapel Notes



APLC Church  
Activities

**ONLINE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

REVELATION  
Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom

FEBRUARY 3 - MAY 12  
MONDAYS | 7:00 - 8:30 PM

APLC ZOOM  
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February 3 - May 12  
7:00pm - 8:30pm

This online Bible study will help you discover how the book of Revelation provides profound reassurance and inspires perseverance for the church.

Guests are always welcome to fully participate in worship and study and fellowship at Abiding Presence. For many there comes a time to intentionally make a congregation your home.

A New Member Orientation is held in the spring and fall each year. Led by our pastor and Ministry Action Team leaders, you'll learn about the history and mission of Abiding Presence and myriad ways to engage in learning and service. The orientation is for those who still want to ask questions and those ready to become a member. Contact Us to sign up for the next orientation.

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One of our stories this month is Joshua and the Big Wall. The children will hear how Joshua encouraged people, to understand that God's way is always the best way. Our puppet shows are on February 18 & 19th. "Julie" and "Sandy" will share with us how we, too, can be ENCOURAGERS. This is always a fun one, "Sandy" does a little singing for us!

Mrs. Kleinert

## Parent Coffee Gathering

We will have our next Parent Coffee Gathering on Thursday, February 12 right after drop-off in the gym.



We will have a light breakfast including fruit, juice and coffee. Come and meet a new friend or get reacquainted with old friends!



## Trail Rider's Breakfast



WHAT A GREAT TRAIL RIDER'S BREAKFAST WE HAD THIS YEAR! FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR, THE WEATHER DID NOT COOPERATE WITH US— BUT WE MADE IT WORK! THE CHILDREN HAD SO MUCH FUN EATING BREAKFAST TACOS, DIGGING FOR GOLD IN THE SENSORY TUBS, MAKING PASTA NECKLACES AND SO MUCH MORE! MANY THANKS TO ALL THE PARENT VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED TO MAKE THIS EVENT SO SUCCESSFUL! WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

# Happy Valentine's Day

