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APLC DAY SCHOOL NEWS

December 2018

Christmas Program

Our annual Christmas Chapel Programs will be held on December 19 & 20 beginning at 9:30 and will last about 20 minutes. The children will act out the trip to Bethlehem and the arrival of our Savior. The children in the PreK-2 classes will be our special guests. Be sure to bring your cameras—you won't want to miss this!! When you hear and see your children singing and signing Christmas carols you will know the Reason for the Season!



Calendar Dates:

- Board Meeting—Dec. 6
- EZ's Fundraiser—Dec. 6 2:00 pm to closing
- Christmas Program—Dec. 18 & 19 & 9:30 am
- Christmas Holidays— Dec. 25—Jan. 4
- School resumes—Jan. 8
- In-House Registration begins—Jan. 15
- Parent Coffee Gathering—Jan. 17 & 18
- Tom Kinsey visits—Jan. 30

The Magik Theatre's "The Pirate's Holiday" is coming to APLC. More details on page 3!



Many thanks to the families of APLC for our Teacher Appreciation lunch on Wednesday, November 7th. We walked into the gym to see three beautifully decorated tables with delicious food and treats! How thankful we are to Jake Waggoner (Finnley's Dad in the PreK-3 class) for donating food from Corner Bakery! It was so kind and thoughtful of you.

Special thanks also to Ale Lewis, Monica Quiroz, Trey Meador and Sarah Jerigan for working all day to decorate and clean up! Monica made us the most wonderful salmon I have ever tasted! I know I speak for the teachers when I say that we feel so special and appreciative of all the families at APLC!

YOU ARE THE BEST!



Don't forget

EZ's Fundraiser Family Night Out at 281N & Bitters - Thursday, December 6 from 2:00 to closing. All you have to

do is enjoy a family night out and put your receipt in the labeled box and the Day School receives 15% of the proceeds! See you there!

Community Events, Parenting Tips and Resources

Theft Alert —from Love and Logic

I know a loving mom who does just about everything to make sure her kids are happy every second of the day. If there isn't the type of food they like in the fridge, she runs to the store to buy it. Whenever the newest electronic device comes out, she makes sure they're the first to own it.

Of course, she refrains from requiring any chores out of them, because she knows they work hard at school. Besides, it upsets them when she asks them to help.

Unfortunately, and unintentionally, Mom is stealing from her children. They are two of the most miserable human beings on earth. They walk around (actually they sit around) most of the time with scowls on their faces. Because Mom has stolen their self-esteem and gotten them hooked on stuff, nothing seems to bring happiness or contentment. Everything is "stupid" or "boring."

When we train our kids to believe that getting stuff is the key to happiness, might we be stealing their lifelong joy and sense of fulfillment? In our audio, [Parents are Not ATMs](#), we teach that true contentment comes from earning things rather than being showered with them.

To protect your children from this type of insidious theft, experiment with the following:

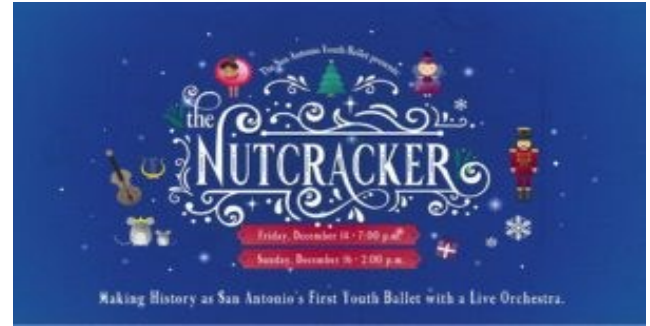
The next time your child wants something, ask, "How do you think you might earn that?"

Instead of taking on the problem of affording the item, say, "You may have that as soon as you can afford it."

Give them some ideas about how they might earn the required cash, and give yourself a pat on the back for not giving in.

Notice how proud they are when they earn things through good old-fashioned perspiration.

Thanks for reading! Jim Fay



The San Antonio Youth Ballet is Making History as San Antonio's First Youth Ballet with a Live Orchestra! Join us for the enchanting, timeless Christmas classic featuring over 80 youth and professional dancers and the [South Texas Symphonic Orchestra](#).

Adults \$30

Military/Students/Seniors \$20

Children 3-10yrs \$10

Friday, December 14 at 7pm

or Sunday, December 16 at 2pm

Location: Jo Long Theatre at The Carver Community Cultural Center



Open daily November 17 - December 31 from 12:00 - 9:00 p.m. Sunday - Friday & Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Zoo Lights is a holiday tradition for the whole family! Stroll under an array of twinkling lights while you sip hot cocoa, roast s'mores, ride camels and enjoy our Lakeside Lightshow.

*As a friendly reminder, when the sun sets most of our animals head inside, so if you arrive after 5:00 p.m. – prepare yourself to be amazed by our sights, activities and festive eats, but you won't see many animal friends.



A holiday spectacular, Old West Christmas Light Fest brings the holidays to life with drive-thru light displays and an Old West town filled with lights, food and fun under the beautiful star-filled Texas sky at an all-new location, Enchanted Springs Ranch, 242 Hwy 46 W in Boerne. Enjoy dazzling lights, visit Santa, snap holiday photos and travel back in time with games, activities and family fun as Christmas Light Fest celebrates five years of bringing holiday magic to San Antonio and the Hill Country. The 2018 event is open 6-10 p.m. each Thursday through Sunday evening beginning Thanksgiving night, Nov. 22nd through Sunday, Dec. 16th, as well as EVERY night Dec. 20th – 30th, including Christmas Eve and Christmas night.



APLC Church Activities

Christmas Music at Abiding Presence

Noels at Noon

Come and rest your spirit on Thursdays in December. Music begins at 12:00 noon followed by FREE lunch in the gym.

- **December 6 - UTSA Flute Ensemble, Dr. Rita Linard, director**
- **December 13 - Penny Compton, trumpet; Dr. Grace Ohlenbusch**
- **December 20— Dan Klein Jazz Trio**

Christmas Choirs Concert

Sunday, December 9, 4:00 pm

Abiding Presence Choirs present an afternoon concert featuring the music of John Rutter, including "Gloria" with brass, percussion, and organ. Plan to stay for a reception and share some Christmas spirit.

Christmas Handbell Concert

Sunday, December 16, 4:00 pm

Featuring the APLC Bells of Praise and SPP Joyful Noise Ringers, the program will include many of your favorite holiday tunes. This concert is at San Pedro Presbyterian Church.



Chapel Notes

We have been working hard on our songs for the Christmas Program! You won't want to miss it! Due to the Christmas Program rehearsals, we will not have Chapel on December 11th and 12th. Remember to have your cameras ready for Chapel on December 18th and 19th, as the children tell the Christmas Story in their own special way!

Love, Mrs. Larsen



As a reminder, the other half of your supply fee will be due in January. The first half was paid at the beginning of the school year. The supply fee can be included with your January tuition. Please refer to your yellow fee card for the correct amount. If you are still unsure what the amount is—please call or come by the office, we are happy to help!



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IS COMING TO APLC!

The Magik Theatre will be performing "The Pirate's Holiday" on Saturday, Dec. 15th at 3:00 pm in the gym. This event is free to enrolled children of the Day School—siblings and church member children are \$6.00 each. Adults are free. Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon with your children and get into the holiday spirit! Hope to see you there—no reservations needed.



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Christmas Holidays

As a reminder, we will be closed from December 25th through January 4th. School will resume on Tuesday, January 8th. We hope you have a great holiday with your family and friends!