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APLC DAY SCHOOL NEWS

November 2023

Calendar Dates:

Nov. 2—Open House and Greenback Night

Nov. 8—Parent/Teacher Conferences—

Nov. 10—Outdoor Movie Night

Nov. 13-15— School Open

Nov. 16-17—School closed for Professional Development

Nov. 21-24—Thanksgiving Break

Christmas Program—Dec. 12

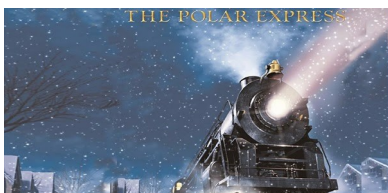


Open House and Greenback Night

Our first of only two fundraisers for the school year is our Open House and Greenback Night which will be held this coming Thursday, Nov. 2. In addition, we are raffling off a prime parking space and 4 tickets to Fiesta Texas. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$12.00. We will sell tickets before and after school. The winning ticket will be announced on Greenback Night, Thursday, Nov. 2nd. The children can't wait to show you their rooms and the artwork they have created. **We are asking for at least a \$35.00 donation per family which will be used for professional development.** All of our staff are required to get 24 to 30 hours of training each year. Your donation can be used to purchase raffle tickets if you wish. You can donate by check, cash or online. Many thanks for your support.

Outdoor Movie Night

Our annual Outdoor Movie Night will be on Friday, Nov. 10th in the outdoor chapel area. We will be showing the movie, "Polar Express." The movie will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Popcorn, hot chocolate and water will be free. Pizza is available at \$2.00 a slice or you can pre-order a whole pizza for \$12.00. (order forms will be sent out next week) Bring your blankets and enjoy a great family night!



Remember about the change of school days—Nov. 13-17!



As a reminder, APLC Day School will be open Monday, Nov. 13 through Wednesday, Nov. 15 and closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 16 & 17th. **For those of you that your child normally attends on Thursday—they will attend on Monday, Nov. 13th. School will be closed the following week for Thanksgiving.** This change in the school schedule allows the teacher to attend professional development. Our normal school schedule will resume on Tuesday, Nov. 28th. Thanks for your cooperation.

Community Events, Parenting Tips and Resources

10 Ideas To Get You And Your Child exploring outdoors

1. Go for a nature scavenger hunt.

Find something that:

- Is a certain color
- Is dry, wet, shiny, or pretty
- Is tiny or huge
- The wind blows
- Crawls
- Has no legs, four legs, or six legs

Or make up your own ideas!

2. Put a twist on your scavenger hunt:

- Find three flowers that are different. Smell the flowers. Close your eyes and see if you can identify the flowers by smell.
- Find a fuzzy leaf. Find a leaf that releases an aroma when crushed, such as sage.

Try finding things in categories, such as items with bark, items that are high, or items with branches.

3. Observe and sketch.

Examine items carefully and draw what you see. For example, find flowers of different colors and point out the petals and other parts. Or find a variety of leaves and observe the different shapes, colors, textures, and veins. You and your child can imagine you are scientists, observing and documenting what you see.

4. Follow an ant trail.

Look up and look down, look all around, and feel free to crawl on the ground. Place a small piece of food nearby and watch what happens.

5. Observe a tree throughout the seasons.

Watch for leaf and flower buds bursting in the spring, insects buzzing in the summer, and leaves changing colors in the fall. During all seasons, watch for visitors to the tree—birds and small animals looking for food or a resting place.

6. Find nature in surprising places.

Look for places to explore near where you live. Nature can hide in the cracks of a sidewalk, under the stairs, in abandoned lots, or on the edges of manicured lawns. Don't worry if you don't live near an open field, a forest, a desert, or a seashore.

7. Press flowers and leaves.

Find flowers and let them dry, pressed between the pages of a heavy book. Once they are dry, use them to make crafts. For example, put clear contact paper over the flowers to make a placemat. In the fall, try the same activity with leaves. Find orange, yellow, purple, red, or brown leaves. Find a dry leaf and crunch it!

8. Explore holes and mud.

In an out-of-the-way corner, dig a hole and pour water in it to see what happens. Ask your child where she thinks the water goes. Play with the mud, squish it between your toes, and jump over or in the hole. When you are done, fill the hole with dirt again, and check it later to see what's growing there.

9. Explore seeds.

Find some weeds! How are their seeds dispersed? Do the seeds cling to your clothes, are they carried by the wind, or are they flung when the seedpods are touched? Ask your child what he discovered during this investigation.

10. Collect conservatively.

Discuss collecting with your child. If the ground is carpeted with acorns or flowers, it's probably okay to take one unless it's on a refuge where collecting is prohibited. Examine something for a few hours and then let it go again. Keep fireflies in a jar and release them the next morning. Transfer fish, turtles, or frogs to an aquarium for a night. Some fish will survive in an aquarium if you transfer them with the same water from where you found them.



Saturday Farmers Markets at the Historic Pearl

- **When:** Saturday, November 18, 2023, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **Location:** 312 Pearl Pkwy, San Antonio, TX 78215
- **Cost:** free admission

Every Saturday, join over 50 local vendors at Pearl for the Farmers Market. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (rain or shine) shop locally-grown and produced foods. This event is free to the public; no tickets are required.



Schertz EMS CPR & First Aid Training

- **When:** Saturday, November 18, 2023, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- **Location:** EMS Training Room: 1400 Schertz Parkway, Bldg 7, Schertz, TX 78154
- **Cost:** \$30 for one course or \$50 for both

Schertz EMS is an American Health & Safety Institute Training Center and an American Heart Association Training Site. We offer Community Courses once per month at our facility, these courses require sign up ahead of time via phone or website.

Website: [schertz.com](https://www.schertz.com)

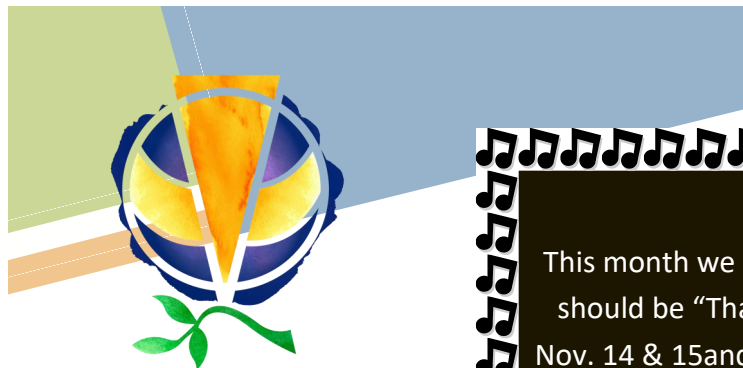
Storytime Stampede at Briscoe Western Art Museum

- **When:** Saturday, November 18, 2023, 10:30 am - 11:00 am
- **Location:** Briscoe Western Art Museum: 210 W Market St San Antonio, TX 78205
- **Cost:** see site for details

Storytime Stampede is designed to foster art awareness, fine motor development, language and literacy, cognitive development and social-emotional growth. Providing an excellent opportunity for families to unplug and practice their social skills, children can also work on language development and listening skills. Listening to stories provides children with a chance to be introduced to new words. As they learn new words their vocabulary will build - all while they're having fun.

Website: www.briscoemuseum.org





APLC Church Activities

Chapel Notes

This month we will hear the story of how we should be "Thankful." The puppet show is Nov. 14 & 15 and it is entitled - "Remember to Say Thanks." Happy Thanksgiving!



Reformation Celebration

Save the date! The Reformation Celebration is on Oct. 29. Join us as we unite as a community for a meal and fundraising. The silent auction of the Lent paintings goes towards the remaining \$33,300 to pay off the mortgage and enter 2024 debt-free.

<https://givebutter.com/c/APLCAuction/auction/categories/1051/art>



November 5th @ 2:00 am



Weather Change

Please be sure to send your child to school with a coat or jacket to play outside. We will go outside every-day unless it is raining! You will need to change out their extra clothes that they keep at school too.

HELPING SENIORS IN NEED



Northeast Senior Assistance, a non-profit organization situated on the grounds of MacArthur Park Lutheran

Church, is seeking dedicated volunteers to provide assistance to the senior population residing in northeast San Antonio. For more information, visit neseniorassistance.org or call (210) 967-6372.

APLC Fundraisers

APLC Day School has only two fundraisers a year—one in the Fall and one in the Spring. The Fall fundraiser supports teacher professional development. The Spring fundraiser is a Silent Auction which we will have online. We need your help to make this successful. We have sent out a questionnaire asking for your help. Please help us by returning the form ASAP.

Many thanks to all the families of APLC for your generous donations of canned goods, mashed potatoes, and biscuit mix. This sharing project gives us a great opportunity to discuss with the children how important it is to help others less fortunate than ourselves! **You still have time to donate—we have extended the deadline to Friday Nov. 10th.** We try to include \$25.00 HEB gift cards to purchase turkeys in the baskets—please thoughtfully consider if this something you could do. Our parents are so awesome—it is what makes APLC so special.

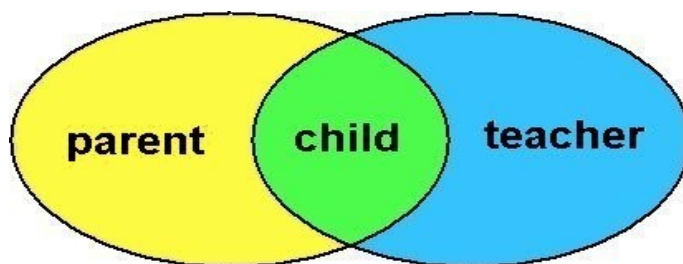
Thank you





What are YOU Thankful For?

Miss Ale, from the office, will be visiting the PreK-3 & 5's class to tell the children a story about a tree without any leaves. It is a Spanish story that is so appropriate for this time of the year. We are hoping to give our tree on our bulletin board—"Thankful" leaves inspired by the children of the



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Be sure to mark your calendars for Monday and Wednesday, November 6 & 8th for Parent/Teacher Conferences! APLC Day School will be closed on Wednesday so that we may have the opportunity to complete all our parent conferences. Childcare will be provided for children over the age of 15 months in the PreK-2 classroom. If you haven't turned in your parent questionnaire—please do so as soon as possible. We look forward to meeting with you on Monday or Wednesday.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 12 at 9:30 am to attend our version of the Christmas story told through the eyes of the children of the Day School. You won't want to miss it!



In case your child mentioned this—we practiced a severe weather drill on Tuesday of this week. The children are alerted to the drill by a whistle. The children come out of their classrooms and sit in the hallway with their heads down. We talk about the importance of safety during a storm and keeping away from windows if necessary. We practice this drill quarterly.

We also practice fire drills monthly—the children hear the alarm they would hear if there was a real fire so that they will know what it sounds like. Our Licensing representative has asked that we have a fire drill during naptime—parents of the Prek-2 class will be informed prior to this drill.

Finally, we practice a lockdown drill quarterly. We talk to the children about being safe in the classroom in the event that we need to either stay in the room or move to another place. There are always questions from the children about why—but we always give information that is age and developmentally appropriate. If you have any questions—please don't hesitate to contact the office.

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