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APLC DAY SCHOOL NEWS

October 2018

Congratulations!

Calendar Dates:

Board Meeting—Oct. 4
Sharing & Caring Drive—Oct. 9—Oct. 26
Fire Truck Visits—Oct. 9 & 12
Individual Pictures—Oct. 18 & 19
Parent Coffee Gathering—Oct. 25 & 26
Open House & Greenback Night—Nov. 1
Parent/Teacher Conferences—Nov. 7

Congratulations to three of our Teacher Assistants, Monica Castruita, Iris Guerra and Nicolette Martinez who have successfully completed their CDA—Child Development Associate Certificate in the last year! What an accomplishment it is for these wonderful teachers. They have worked and studied while taking care of their families for a year in order to complete the requirements needed to receive their CDA. I can't begin to tell you how proud we are of them. I know you will join me in letting all these teachers know how much we appreciate their dedication to the field of Early Childhood AND APLC.



Silent Auction Letter & Parent Coffee Gathering

This week, you received the green colored Silent Auction Letters asking for your help with our Spring Fundraiser. If each and every family would agree to help in some way by donating a homemade item or helping with set-up, clean-up, solicitations, decorations, etc., we would have the best Silent Auction and Family Night we have ever had!! Please take some time to thoughtfully consider what you can do to make this event successful. **As a follow-up to the letters, we will have more information about the Silent Auction volunteer opportunities at the Parent Coffee Gathering on October 25th & 26th.**

Individual Pictures

Ron Durica will be back to take individual pictures! Ron will be taking the pictures outside in the outdoor chapel



area. You will be able to order pictures

in time for the holidays!

October 18

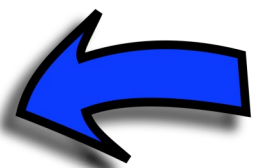
PreK-2

PreK-3, PreK-4

October 19

PreK-2

PreK-3, PreK-5



Community Events, Parenting Tips and Resources

Are Chores Punishment?—from Love and Logic

One of our social media followers recently raised an excellent question:

"We want to model completing chores with joyful enthusiasm, right? But then, sometimes when kids 'put back our energy,' they do so by doing chores for us. Are we not sending conflicting messages? Are chores fun – or are they a punishment?"

This is a great question and it gets right to the heart of Love and Logic. The answer is **YES** – we want kids to feel great about completing tasks and contributing to the home. Does that mean that chores are always pleasant? Of course not. Chores still require time and energy and human beings (especially grown-up ones) only have a limited supply of each.

We can almost think of "energy" like money. Spending money can be fun. But, if I am careless and break a window, I don't enjoy spending that money because I would rather spend it on something more fun. Spending time or energy (or money) to fix a mistake might feel good – but I could probably have found something else I would have preferred to spend them on.

An important thing to remember here is that the Energy Drain is about a restorative way to solve a problem (a problem the kid caused). We are not trying to punish kids or make them feel bad. For this reason, we don't panic when they end up *enjoying* the work they do to replace our energy. The goal wasn't to make them suffer, so we can feel good when they enjoy the process.

In the end, we want kids to feel good about working – whether their work is contribution *or* restitution. And if they don't feel so great about working to restore, the problem still got solved and we can move on.



- **When:** Sunday, October 7, 2018, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
- **Location:** 3903 North St. Mary's St., San Antonio, Texas 78212

Cost: Zoo Boo is included with general zoo admission, and FREE for zoo members.

San Antonio Zoo® hosts its family-friendly, non-spooky Halloween celebration, Zoo Boo! Held Saturdays and Sundays through October 28 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., the zoo will be decked out with Halloween fun complete with trick-or-treat stations, a fun hay maze, pumpkin painting, dance parties, and plenty of games. Families can even enjoy a ride on the Zoo Boo! Express. Little ghouls and goblins are encouraged to wear their best costume* for a chance to be in a costume contest.



Big Blue Blocks!



- **When:** Monday, October 8, 2018, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- **Location:** Hemisfair - 434 S. Alamo St. San Antonio, TX 78205

Cost: Free

Big Blue Blocks on the Great Lawn - the perfect play date for your little ones! Big Blue Blocks allow for creativity and use of fine motor skills besides being tons of fun. FREE!

Chapel Notes



APLC Church Activities



Wednesday, October 31

5:30-7:00 pm

APLC south parking area

FOOD GAMES FUN
FOR EVERYONE

Come to APLC for early fun on
Halloween evening.

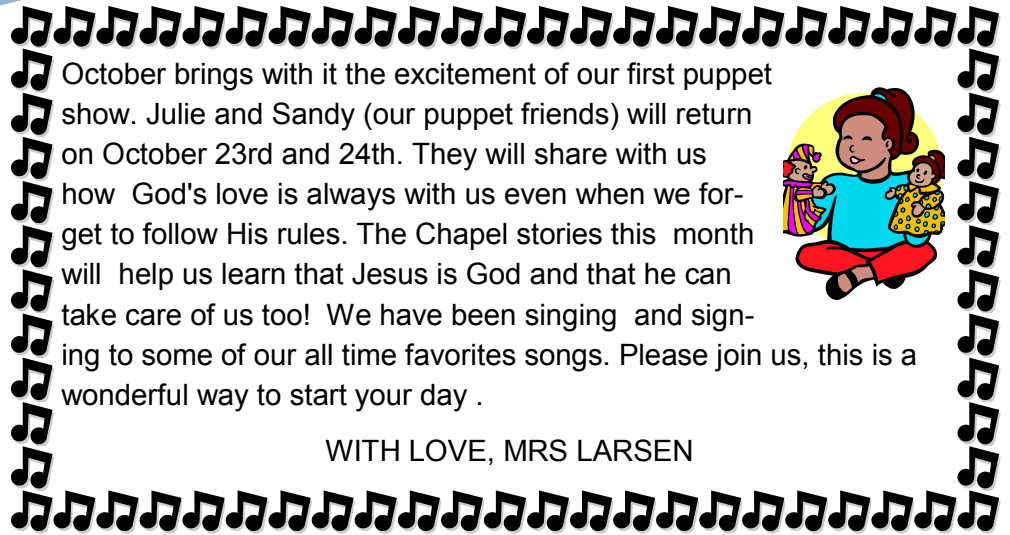
No choir rehearsals, confirma-
tion, or high school Buzz this
night.

Sign up to

HOST A TRUNK or DONATE
GOODIES

APLC.ORG →Coming Events

Have fun decorating your vehi-
cle with a theme—maybe a
song, story, storybook charac-
ter. Nothing too scary, this is
for kids. Come in costume
yourself.



October brings with it the excitement of our first puppet show. Julie and Sandy (our puppet friends) will return on October 23rd and 24th. They will share with us how God's love is always with us even when we forget to follow His rules. The Chapel stories this month will help us learn that Jesus is God and that he can take care of us too! We have been singing and signing to some of our all time favorites songs. Please join us, this is a wonderful way to start your day .

WITH LOVE, MRS LARSEN

WANT TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CLASSROOMS?

Look for sign-up sheets outside the classroom. The teachers will have a variety of ways for you to help in the classroom! It is our goal for each parent to help in some way this year—we want you!!



WANTED: PUMPKINS

The children really enjoy exploring pumpkins inside the classrooms and on the playgrounds. They also learn so many things while playing with them! Assorted pumpkins and gourds provide opportunities for the children to: investigate with their senses, compare and contrast physical attributes such as size and weight, practice counting skills, use gross motor skills and coordination to lift and move large pumpkins, and fine motor skills to manipulate small pumpkins. *We would greatly appreciate any pumpkins and gourds you donate to the school—they can be brought to the office or your child's classroom anytime!*





Teaching Children About Caring and Sharing

Teaching children about philanthropy is teaching them about compassion, kindness, citizenship and so much more! APLC Day School sponsors two events each year to teach children how important it is to give to those that are less fortunate than they are. Philanthropy can be a Family Subject—have fun while giving back! Explain the value. It's not about just giving money!

This year, we have chosen Haven for Hope as our philanthropic endeavor. We always try to choose organizations with needs that children can relate to when purchasing items to donate. When children arrive at Haven for Hope, they are given if needed, a Hygiene kit specifically equipped for children. The list of items in each kit is listed below:

FULL SIZE HYGIENE KIT - Kids For children residing temporarily at Haven for Hope - Kids Shampoo & Conditioner or 2-in-1, Dove Bar Soap (for sensitive skin) Kids Toothpaste & Toothbrush, Hand Sanitizer Wipes & Sunscreen

To make it easy to assemble kits, we have assigned one item from the kit to each class. Feel free to purchase as many of that item as you wish. Let your child help you choose what you buy at the store so that they begin to have an understanding philanthropy and the importance of sharing.

PreK-2 class: Dove Bar Soap & Hand Sanitizer Wipes

PreK-3 class: Sunscreen

Prek-4 class: Kid's Shampoo & Conditioner or 2-in-1

Prek-5 class: Kid's Toothpaste & Toothbrush

We will have a container outside the Day School office for your donations. We will be collecting donations from October 9-26.

Stop Drop and Roll!

Every year we invite the San Antonio Fire Department to visit our school during Fire Prevention Month. We will have demonstrations on October 9 & 12th at 10:00 am. The children will be shown what the firefighters look like in their uniforms in case of a fire in their home so they won't be afraid. In addition, Ryan Barnes, a parent of our school AND firefighter will be visiting the classrooms sometime in the next couple of weeks to reinforce what we learned! Many thanks to Ryan (Ronan's dad in the PreK-5's class).

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