

# APLC Day School Newsletter



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## 2026-2027 REGISTRATION

February is here, and we're looking forward to a great month ahead at APLC! Registration forms will soon be processed for the 2026-2027 school year and you will receive notification of the class your child is enrolled for the next school year.

Open registration will also begin, so please help us spread the word to all your friends, neighbors and relatives and consider signing up for the summer program!

## COFFEE GATHERING

Our Coffee Gathering will take place on February 19th, and we will have a special guest speaking with us about child development, behavior, and early intervention. Her name is Karina Schwarz, and she is a licensed professional counselor and art therapist. She is also Mrs. Barnes' sister and a former parent at APLC! Don't miss this informative session while you enjoy a light breakfast and coffee.

## SILENT AUCTION AND FAMILY NIGHT NEWS

Our major fundraiser of the year kicks off with an online silent auction on Monday, March 23. The auction will conclude with a Family Night on Thursday, March 26 starting at 5:30 PM, featuring a catered meal. Dinner will include turkey, brisket, beans, mac and cheese, and all the fixings! Tickets will go on sale soon!

As in past years, we are creating class books for each class, which will be displayed as soon as they are completed and available for families to order. For those new to the program, these books feature photos of the children enjoying the many learning opportunities and fun they've had throughout the year—and I promise, you'll want one!

We are also seeking auction item donations of any kind—restaurant gift cards, salon services, photography sessions, and more. Anything you're able to contribute would be greatly appreciated! All proceeds will be dedicated to paying for staff development and training.

## CALENDAR DATES

**\*IN-HOUSE  
REGISTRATION ENDS\***

**FEB. 4**

**\*BOARD MEETING\***

**FEB. 5**

**\*WILLIE'S SPIRIT NIGHT\***

**FEB. 11**

**\*COFFEE GATHERING\***

**FEB. 19**

# Chapel Notes

Our Noisy Offering will begin February 18th! The children love to hear the sound of the coins when they put them into the tin bucket! All proceeds will go to providing quilts to children and families who need them through Lutheran World Relief. Our puppet shows are on February 17th & 18th. "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. Barnes



**APLC DAY SCHOOL  
SUMMER PROGRAM**

June 9 - 12      June 23 - 26      July 7 - 10

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The graphic features a large photo of children playing in a sandbox at the top. Below it are three smaller photos showing children engaged in various activities: one group is making pasta necklaces, another is quilting, and a third is playing with toys. The background is yellow with decorative elements like a stylized sun, leaves, and circles.

# TRAIL RIDER'S BREAKFAST

What a fantastic Trail Rider's Breakfast we enjoyed this year! We were lucky to have some beautiful weather and the children were busy and had a wonderful time as they enjoyed breakfast tacos, searched for gold in the sandbox, created pasta necklaces, and participated in many other fun activities.

A huge thank-you to our amazing parent volunteers who helped make this event such a success. We truly couldn't have done it without you!



**Willie's**  
GRILL & ICEHOUSE

*Join us for a*  
**SPIRIT NIGHT**

TO BENEFIT  
**Abiding Presence Day School**

<b>WHEN</b> Wednesday, February 11th <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**

The graphic features the Willie's Grill & Icehouse logo at the top. Below it is the text "Join us for a SPIRIT NIGHT" in a mix of red and blue fonts. The event is for "Abiding Presence Day School". A table provides the date and location. At the bottom, it states that Willie's will donate 15% of the check and provides the website and promo code.



# Community Events, Parenting Tips and Resources

## APLC Church Activities

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

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 the church office at (210) 494-8884 to RSVP for the next orientation. Childcare is available for your convenience.



### 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 2026 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo runs from February 12 - March 1, at the Freeman Coliseum fairgrounds. Tickets are on sale at [sarodeo.com](http://sarodeo.com) or at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

## Let's Rodeo San Antonio!

- Catch the fast-paced action of Team Roping in the Freeman Coliseum: Feb 19th-20th
- Get ready for some squealing fun at our Swifty Swine Pig Races
- Experience the thrill of Mounted Shooting in the Freeman Coliseum: Feb 16th
- Cheer for the kiddos competing in Youth Rodeo, in the Freeman Coliseum: Feb 25th-27th (Finals on the 28th at 4 pm)
- Spend your afternoon in the Freeman Coliseum watching the inspiring and unforgettable Exceptional Rodeo: Feb 16th at 5 pm
- 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 Roundup
- Mosey on over to see the baby chicks at Animal Adventures
- Say HAY to our horses on Stable Lane, next to the Food Court
- Get up close and cuddle with friendly animals at the petting zoo—perfect for kids and animal lovers alike
- Milk a “cow” at Animal Adventures
- Head to the livestock barns and watch competitors’ scrub-a-dub-dub their animals
- Drop a line in our interactive fishing pond



## Lakeshore Learning - Cool Creations

- **When:** Saturday, February 7 and February 21, 2026, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- **Location:** 327 NW Loop 410 Ste. 103, San Antonio, TX 78216
- **Cost:** Free
- Another month with TWICE the fun! At each event, kids are invited to make crafting magic with Wikki Stix.
- **Feb. 07 - Lots of Love Card**
- **Feb. 21 - Zany Accessories**
- Website: [www.lakeshorelearning.com](http://www.lakeshorelearning.com)
- Contact Phone: (210) 340-0504
- Contact Email: [lakeshore@lakeshorelearning.com](mailto:lakeshore@lakeshorelearning.com)
- Category: [Family Fun](#), [Ongoing Programs](#), [Free](#)
- This is a free, walk-in event held at all locations between the hours listed. No reservations needed.
- Parents and guardians, don't forget to check in when you arrive...you might win a \$100 e-gift card!



## Cowboy Heritage Festival at The Pearl

- [Pearl 303 Pearl Pkwy San Antonio, TX 78215](http://Pearl 303 Pearl Pkwy San Antonio, TX 78215)
- [marketing@pearlbrewery.com](http://marketing@pearlbrewery.com)

Price: Free

Time: 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Celebrate South Texas culture at the inaugural Cowboy Heritage Festival on **February 7!** This free, family-friendly event at Pearl kicks off Cowboy Heritage Month with live music, unique food, and traditional vaquero skill demonstrations. Enjoy rodeo-style activities for all ages in the heart of San Antonio. Don't miss this legendary tribute to our local cowboy roots!