

APLC DAY SCHOOL NEWS

May 2025

Calendar Dates:

May 1—Board Meeting

May 14—Parent Appreciation Brunch

May 13 & 14—Last days of chapel

May 15 & 16—Pizza lunch provided to children

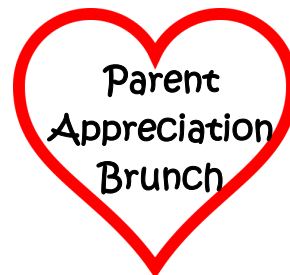
May 16—Last day of school

June 10—13—First Summer Camp

June 24-27—Second Summer Camp

July 8-11—Third Summer Camp

July 22—Parent letters mailed



To all the wonderful parents who have volunteered their time and talents this year at Abiding Presence—we, the staff at APLC would like to do something for you! On Wednesday May 14th, we will host a brunch for you from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The teachers will be cooking!! We hope you will take some time to enjoy a tasty brunch as our way of saying thank you for all that you do! Every parent has done something to contribute— from being Secret Reader, helping with the Silent Auction, Trail Riders breakfast, Fiesta, or just arriving everyday with a smile of support! Come and let us show you **OUR** appreciation!

Wall of Memories

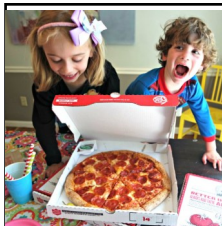
You may have noticed our “Wall of Memories” in the lobby outside the Day School office. The children decorate a tile with special markers and then they are baked in the oven. Through the rest of the month, we will be hanging the completed tiles produced by the children on the wall in the lobby of the Day School. Especially for those departing 4 & 5 year olds—what a great memory it will be for them when they come back to visit! The cost is only \$10.00. Contact the office if you are interested.



If you have your tuition payment on automatic pay—**please remember to stop payment for the summer!**



Pizza Lunch



A pizza lunch will be provided to your child on their last day of school either — Thursday or Friday, May 15 or 16th! (PreK-2 & 3's classes will have pizza both days). You

will be asked by each class to send in fruit to have in addition to the pizza. If your child does not eat pizza—please send a lunch with them. You will need to send their snack and water bottle as usual.



Community Events, Parenting Tips and Resources

Guiding Children by Using Questions

Asking children questions is a way to guide them toward healthy behaviors by helping them think about what they do—and what effect they have on others. Over the course of many years, children who receive lots of gentle reminders—often in the form of questions—develop the ability to think about behaviors before doing them. For families, it can be hard to remain patient and calm as a toddler grabs a toy from a playmate or a 5-year-old throws a snack she doesn't like on the floor. It can be tempting to punish children to quickly put a stop to their behavior—but punishment often teaches children little about better alternative behaviors and it runs the risk of emotional harm.

What just happened here? is an excellent question after a child's behavior has caused a problem (e.g., maybe he has just knocked over a lamp while running in the house). It is important that he not be afraid that he will be punished when you ask the question, as that fear may limit a child's ability to think. The child will not be afraid if the relationship with the caregiver has been gentle throughout the child's experiences and never (or rarely!) impatient with her learning from mistakes. Many people think that a child is getting away with something if we don't punish them, but thinking about the behavior develops the improved behaviors far better than punishment would have.

Asking a question *before* an action is also an excellent way to encourage good behaviors. For example, when getting a child dressed for going outside, asking *Is it going to be cold outside?* is a more helpful and thought-provoking than simply telling him to put his coat on.

Asking a child about his behavior can stop the behavior *as it is happening* and get him to think about it. The best questions are ones that require more than a yes-or-no answer. Here are some examples.

- What problems are there when you run in the house?
- What happens when you grab your sister's doll away from her?
- What do you see on the table that might easily spill?
- Why is it healthy for you to brush your teeth?
- What are the good behavior ideas we came up with for going to the store?

The feelings we express when we question children are very important. Children know when we are upset with them. If we display anger or irritation, they may feel anxiety or fear—and that's when they aren't doing their best thinking. But if we can stay calm and warm as we ask these guiding questions, we'll see that troublesome behaviors end more quickly and become less common.

Asking children open-ended questions starts a conversation—and builds a relationship—and it even helps develop children's brains. Asking them open-ended questions that help them think about how they want to behave, supports reflection, and increases self-control over time. Kids' environments have an effect on their behavior, so you might be able to change that behavior by changing the environment. If you find yourself constantly saying "no" to your 2-year-old, look for ways to alter your surroundings so that fewer things are off-limits. This will cause less frustration for both of you.

As your child changes, you'll gradually have to change your parenting style. Chances are, what works with your child now won't work as well in a year or two.

Teens tend to look less to their parents and more to their peers for role models. But continue to provide guidance, encouragement, and appropriate discipline while allowing your teen to earn more independence. And seize every available moment to make a connection!



Fiesta San Fernando

- **When:** Saturday, May 3, 2025, 10:00 am - 11:00 pm
- **Location:** 115 N Main Ave., San Antonio, Texas 78205
- **Cost:** Free

Fiesta San Fernando, our Official Fiesta event is an event rooted deep in our city's history where "fiestas" began over 260 years ago!

Fiesta San Fernando is a celebration of family, food and fun, and it's free!

We feature live entertainment, family cooked food and beautiful arts and crafts.

You have a great view of both parades they pass along side our event! And you won't have to go far to grab some great food and drink!

Fiesta San Antonio's King William Fair

- **When:** Saturday, May 3, 2025, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
- **Location:** 122 Madison St., San Antonio, TX 78204
- **Cost:** \$15 advanced tickets \$20 at the gate | Kids ages 0-11 yrs. are Free

Since 1968, the King William Fair has grown into the best family-friendly Fiesta® San Antonio event. Beginning with a delightfully funky parade, the day-long event offers a variety of art and craft vendors, lively music, dance, Kid's Kingdom play area, and delicious food and beverages.

Kids can play at Kid's Kingdom, which offers a mix of children's activities from crafts to basketball games and rides; as well as a rock-wall climbing in a tree-shaded park setting.

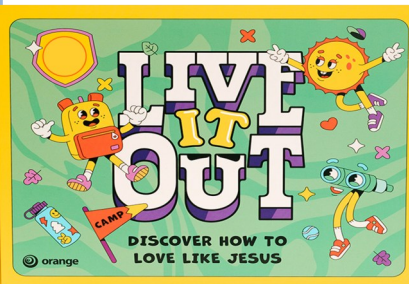
The King William Fair is the primary fundraising event for the King William Association, a non-profit organization which works to preserve and protect the historic King William neighborhood and promote the unique cultural heritage of San Antonio. Proceeds support the arts, education, and community improvements with family fun in Texas' first residential historic neighborhood.



APLC Church
Activities

Chapel Notes

Vacation Bible School



Great news! Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Come learn what it means to take God's love out into the world and share it with others! For more information, email Holly Blackmon at hblackmon82@gmail.com.



The Texas Ramp Project is a nonprofit organization that provides wheelchair ramps to low-income older adults and people with disabilities identified by local healthcare providers. Ramps are built with volunteer labor, keeping costs to a minimum, and are built without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, age or gender.

DID YOU KNOW... The ramps are built exclusively by local volunteers. That means that TRP can hold the cost of a ramp to about a third that of a retail contractor. For an average of \$800 to \$1,000 in materials and a few hours of donated labor on a Saturday morning, the life of a homebound person can be completely transformed.

I have truly been blessed with my experience of leading Chapel for your children. The joy in each face as they have listened to a Bible story, watched a puppet show, or sang and signed a song will be with me always. Please plan to join us for Chapel on May 13th, as we honor and celebrate our PreK-4/5 class. May God bless them and their families as they move forward next year!



Mrs. Kleinert

Program Evaluation Results

Many thanks to the parents who took the time to return the Program Evaluations. Your kind comments are very much appreciated. Twenty-three out of forty-eight surveys were returned.

Comments from families:

It's the best! Thank you so much! Longer hours and open 5 days would be so helpful. We love it here! I would be in favor of children getting to bring their own backpack instead of the school issued bag. I look forward to continuing. We love this program and we're sad it is our last year here. I would love to have more information about the Spanish they are learning in school so we can reinforce it at home. Just wish it were 5 days or until 3 pm-for the working parents! I would love to see a 5+ or "gift of time" class for families who may want to postpone kindergarten for one more year. For the silent auction: I believe adding more information/pictures to the online auction would help to more accurately represent what items are. Maybe auctioning off things like memberships to the Zoo, DoSeum...etc. Middle of the week is kind of hard (for younger siblings), Having some gluten free items on the menu would be really helpful.

Honoring our PreK-4 & PreK-5 classes



Our last chapel days will be Tuesday & Wednesday May 13 & 14 at 9:15 am. We will be honoring our departing 4 & 5 year old's moving on to kindergarten - on Tuesday, May 13th. We will be sending out more information next week. Please mark your calendars for this very important event!



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