

October 2025

APLC Day School Newsletter



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CALENDAR DATES

- *Board meeting* Oct. 2
- *Library cart begins* Oct. 9/10
- *Individual Pictures* Oct. 14
- *Sharing & Caring Drive*
Oct. 14- Nov. 7
- *Parent Coffee* Oct. 15
- *Fire truck Visit* Oct. 16
- *Rocco the Service Dog*
Oct. 22
- *Puppet Shows* Oct. 21 & 22

A SEASON OF GROWTH

October is here, and with it comes cooler days- hopefully!-, colorful leaves and plenty of excitement at our school! This month we look forward to celebrating the joys of fall with various activities, hands-on learning and opportunities to grow and help others. As we embrace the season of change, we are reminded of the wonderful progress our students are making each day!

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER- school closures

Typically, we follow Northeast Independent School District regarding school closures, however, we will remain open on election day, November 4th.

School will be closed on Nov. 13th for Parent Conferences. We will be closed the week of Thanksgiving—Nov. 25– 28.

STOP, DROP, AND ROLL

We are excited to announce that Station 14 Fire Department will visit our school for Fire Prevention Month. The fire truck demonstration will be held on October 16th 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. We were only able to get one day for the fire truck visit—so if this is not a regular school for your child—you are welcome to bring them to school for the duration of the visit.

INDIVIDUAL PICTURES

Holly Trammell will be taking individual pictures in the outdoor chapel area on Tuesday, October 14th. You will receive a link where you can view different proofs of your child's photos and choose your favorites. We will be sending out more information next week. On picture day, we usually begin after drop off with the youngest classes and progress to the older classes. Mark your calendars!




HOLLY TRAMMELL
PHOTOGRAPHY

Chapel Notes

October brings with it the excitement of our first puppet show! Julie and Sandy (our puppet friends) will return on October 21st and 22nd. 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.

Mrs. Barnes



Silent Auction & Family Night

Our major fundraiser for the school year is our Silent Auction and Family Night held the first week of April. We ask each class to create a basket with donated items from each family. We have Class Basket Coordinators that have volunteered to coordinate the theme and items needed for the basket. You will receive a link in the next couple of weeks to participate.

We also need help to solicit donations for the Silent Auction— it is never too early to start! If you would be willing to help me and be on the committee—please see me in the office.



PARENT COFFEE GATHERING

Our second Parent Coffee Gathering will be held on Wednesday, October 15th right after drop-off. We will meet in the gym for a light breakfast, coffee, fruit and water.

Stop by for a few minutes or more and meet a new friend or visit with old friends that have returned to school. Hope to see you there!

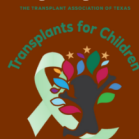
Sharing & Caring Drive

Oct. 14-
Nov. 7

Teaching children about philanthropy is teaching them about compassion, kindness, citizenship and so much more! It teaches them how important it is to give to those who are less fortunate than they are.

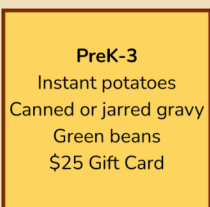
This year we have chosen Transplants for Children as our philanthropic endeavor. Transplants for Children assists families and children to master the lifelong changes of pediatric transplantation. We will be working with the church to collect donations for Thanksgiving baskets.

Each class has been assigned three items to donate. Feel free to purchase as many items of these as you wish. We are also asking for at least one \$25 HEB gift card from each class for the recipient to purchase a turkey. Let your child help you choose what you buy at the store. Have fun while giving back!



PreK-2

Cranberry sauce
Canned fruit
Cornbread or biscuit mix
\$25 Gift Card



PreK-3

Instant potatoes
Canned or jarred gravy
Green beans
\$25 Gift Card



PreK-4/5

Corn
Canned sweet potatoes or yams
Stuffing mix
\$25 Gift Card



Rocco the Service Dog

On Oct. 22nd, Rocco will be visiting our school! Rocco the Service dog is part of an organization called Canines 4 Christ: *Our mission is letting Christ's love shine through us and our canines as His disciples when we visit people who need love, hope, and compassion that only God's message can provide. We want them to know that God loves them. Millions of people have been touched by this saving message as we bring God's light of love into the darkness. We currently go to places such as cancer centers, grief centers, children's hospitals, nursing homes, veterans hospitals, hospice facilities, special needs facilities for the mental and physically disabled, home visits, prison's, 911 call centers, schools, and crisis disaster response locations and many other places upon request.*



Community Events, Parenting Tips and Resources

APLC Church Activities



Wednesday, October 29

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, confirmation, or
high school Buzz this night*

You can also sign up to
HOST A TRUNK or DONATE
GOODIES

Have fun decorating your vehicle with
a theme—maybe a song, fairy tale or
storybook character. Nothing too scary,
this is for kids. Come in costume
yourself.

We need Pumpkins

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 and we will distribute them!



Guiding Children By Using Questions

By Jack Wright

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.



Visit Universal City's Pumpkin Patch for Kids Day featuring: inflatables, turkey shoot, robotics demos, and face painting!

Plus, Fright Night from 7:00-9:00 PM

Website: www.facebook.com

Contact Phone: 210-659-0333

When: Saturday, October 18, 2025, 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Location: 2150 Universal City Blvd, Universal City, Texas, 78148

Cost: Free Admission and parking



Enjoy FREE trick-or-treating, pumpkin spice, and everything nice at San Antonio Zoo during the Halloween season for Zoo Boo! presented by PNC. Guests can enjoy trick-or-treating, engaging entertainment, animal encounters, fall-flavored food and drinks, and special themed weekends that guarantee a memorable visit each time!

- When: Sunday, October 12, 2025, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Location: 3903 N. St. Mary's St. San Antonio, TX 78212



The two-day event is free and open to the public, bringing together traditional art and culture with live music and entertainment to celebrate the Day of the Dead. Festivities include live music, original artwork, a dance, drum and puppet procession, arts and crafts for kids, and the largest open altar exhibition in San Antonio. Food and beverage vendors available.

For general event information or information on how to participate as a sponsor, vendor or artist: info@muertosfest.com

When: October 25-26, 2025

Where: 630 Nueva St. San Antonio, TX 78205

Dances start at 11:00am

Everyone Welcome