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ANLC NEWSLETTER APRIL, 2010

News from Charles Grisier, Principal

Dear ANLC Community,

ANLC is a special place to learn. We have the same academic standards as all Arizona schools but it is our approach to learning that sets us apart from more traditional schools. We believe in the importance of experimentation, discovery and the love for learning.

During March we had a few spring events that highlighted ANLC student learning. On the first Friday after the start of spring (March 26) we had Ladybug Release Day. Students went to the garden with their buddy classes to learn about the garden, spring, and the benefits of ladybugs. Then the ladybugs were released. Students shrieked with enthusiasm.

Family Read (the last Friday of the month) students showcased their published writings with families through the Student Treasures program. Students spent weeks on developing their stories, research, writing and revision until their final writing was ready for publication into a hard bound book. It was a joy to see students beam with pride as they saw and then shared their books as real authors.

Thank you for your continued support of ANLC.

Happy spring!

Charles Grisier
 ANLC Principal

April

- 2 District Recess – NO SCHOOL!
- 6 Think Tank Meeting (Site Council), 2:30-3:30 pm
- 7 Wednesday Wellness Walk
- 8 ANLC – Battle of the Books
Taste of Arcadia at Arcadia HS, 5-9 pm
- 12 AIMS Testing, April 12th-April 23rd
- 13 Stanford Testing, April 13th-April 23rd
Bilingual Advisory @ Paiute Center, 6-7 p.m.
- 14 Wednesday Wellness Walk
- 20 Battle of the Books @ Mohave, 9:30-10:30 am
PTO Meeting, 6-7 pm
- 21 Wednesday Wellness Walk
- 22 DNA Day @ Arcadia High (Gleam 4), 8:15-10am
- 23 Exploration Friday, 8:20-10:40 am
- 28 Wednesday Wellness Walk
Bikes for Books, 8 am
- 30 Family Read, 7:50-8:20 am
Silent Auction & Carnival, 5-9 pm

May

- 4 Think Tank Meeting (Site Council), 2:30-3:30 pm
- 5 Wednesday Wellness Walk
Read & Lead Celebration, 8-10:15 am
- 10 Book Fair (April 10-14)
Bilingual Advisory @ Paiute Center, 6-7 p.m.
- 12 Wednesday Wellness Walk
- 13 Night of the Arts & Sciences, 5-8 pm
- 19 Wednesday Wellness Walk
- 26 Last Day of Classes, Early Release
Wednesday Wellness Walk
- 31 Memorial Day - Holiday



SPORTS SCHEDULE

April

- 7 Track Meet @ Chaparral HS, 4-6 pm
 - 14 Track Meet at Arcadia HS, 4-6 pm
 - 22 Track Meet at Coronado, 4-6 pm
 - 28 Relay Meet at Arcadia HS, 4-6 pm
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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!!!!

Every April our school competes with Cocopah and Mohave in a Battle of the Books. Any students (fifth grade students require parental permission) from our Gleams 3 and 4 may participate. Students read four books in teams of three. This year's books are:

Ranger's Apprentice, Book One: Ruins of Gorlan by Flanagan;

Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Sonnenblick;

The Hunger Games by Collins; and

Flygirl by Smith.

On April 8th, our student teams will compete in our school competition to narrow fourteen teams down to three. The remaining three teams will compete against Cocopah and Mohave at Mohave on April 20th in The Battle of the Books. Wish all of our teams luck in the next several weeks!!



PROPOSED NEW START TIME FOR ANLC

At the March 23 governing board meeting, the time task force introduced a proposal to have 2-bell start times across the district. Detailed information on benefits and rationale are listed on the SUSD website under the time task force. The new proposed school time for all elementary and K-8 schools is 8:45-3:15 p.m. Middle schools and High schools will go to school 7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m. The SUSD governing board will vote on this issue on April 13, 2010.



ANLC LIBRARY

It's time to begin looking for your child's missing library books! Please check with your child as to whether he/she has books that are overdue. Both Mrs. Kertman and your child's teacher have access to your child's checked out books and can let you know the names of the books.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Also, our BOGO (Buy One Get One free) Scholastic Book Fair is due to occur during the week of May 10th, so we will certainly need parent assistance. This type of event can only occur because of parent volunteers.

Please speak to Diane Sanders or Bonnie Kertman as to which days you can work at the Fair.

Parents, thank you for all your HELP!!



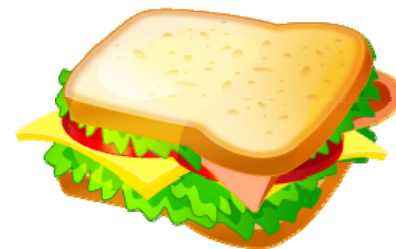
ANLC Middle School Classroom Teachers Honored

The Arizona Middle Level Association (AMLA) recognizes outstanding middle school teachers. This year, the 7/8 classroom teachers are being honored for their hard work and dedication to ANLC students. The teachers are Mrs. Christensen, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Sandstrom, Mrs. Gerberich, and Mr. Thomas. They helped develop a new 7/8 schedule that allows for enrichment and intervention on a 3-week cycle. This means that if a student needs or wants more help we have specific time during the day to meet with them. Each teacher also teaches an enrichment class. Some of our enrichment classes have been; fundraising as a business, readers' theater, gardening, student intern helpers, journalism, cooking and many more. The teachers will be honored at a banquet breakfast on April 23.



8th graders to go to Wet-n-Wild

All SUSD 8th graders will be going on an end-of-year celebration field trip to Wet-n-Wild on Tuesday, May 25, 2010. Mr. Grisier met with all 7/8 students and hand-delivered the information sheet to the 8th graders. Be sure to ask for it. The 8th grade trip had been abandoned in the past but the middle school principals have resurrected the trip. It should be fun!



Free and Reduced Lunch

Due to the sluggish economy many of our families are struggling. We want to be sure that ALL parents know about the Free and Reduced Lunch program. It is based on the family income and the number of people in the household. ANLC will be sending information home. Please complete the application. The school will also get money and possibly additional staff if we have enough students eligible for the program. It allows the student to have a free breakfast **AND** lunch – two meals per school day. **If you have any questions, please contact Miss Yesenia at 484-7513.**



Census 2010

The census occurs every 10 years. It is a way of counting how many people are in an area to determine how much money is needed for schools, police, and other programs for the community. It does not count nor ask for citizenship. Did you know that Congressional seats are based on population? The more people an area has the more representation they receive. I encourage you to take the time to complete the Census forms.



AIMS and Stanford 9 Testing is April 12-16 for all students in grades 2-8. All students in grades 2-8 must take the Stanford 9 or AIMS test.

PLEASE make every effort to ensure that your child is present, arrives to school on time and is well rested during testing week. If you would like to contribute a healthy snack to your child's class during testing week, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

If you have any questions about testing, please contact Taylor Jones, ANLC Assistant Principal and Testing Coordinator.



Love and Logic Tip

From www.loveandlogic.com:



Have you ever met an impatient adult who demanded to be served without ever having to wait? As a teenager and young adult, I worked a few restaurant jobs where I *really* got to see the long-term results of poor parenting in some of our impatient patrons. Years later as a psychologist, I met many couples

whose on-going marital conflict had a lot to do with the fact that they never learned to delay gratification as kids. On the highways of life, how many times do we see impatient people risk their lives - and the lives of many others - by trying to get just one car length ahead?

Are you giving your kids enough practice waiting? Or, have you fallen into the habit of serving them quickly to avoid a fit? Using behavioral conditioning, many children train their parents to jump to their every whim. They do this by gradually increasing the frequency and intensity of the punishment they provide when their parents don't move fast enough to meet their demands. As you well know, this "punishment" comes in the form of constantly repeating the same demand, whining, yelling, screaming, or even hitting.

Wise parents avoid this trap by setting solid limits:

- *I'll get that for you after I've seen you wait patiently.*
- *I do things for kids who aren't being pushy and demanding.*
- *You may have that when you've earned it.*

Wise parents also remember:

The more I appease my child when he is young, the nastier and unhappier he will be as an adult.

If your kids have already become a bit too demanding and argumentative, learn how to put an end to this manipulation by reading [Love and Logic Magic: When Kids Leave You Speechless.](#)

Thanks for reading!

Dr. Charles Fay

Celebrate Earth Day by Entering the Recycling Poster Contest...

Starting Monday, April 5th, pick up a poster board in Ms. King's Art Room!

Design a poster that gets everyone at ANLC to recycle by donating their old, non-working items like:

- Laser or inkjet cartridges
- Old cell phones
- Old video consoles and games
- Used up laptops
- iPods or PDAs or other electronic items

Bring your poster entry back to Ms. King by April 16 and be entered to win one of several \$\$ gift cards!

All posters will be placed around the school the week of April 19th to celebrate Earth Day, April 22nd.

Get your poster board today and get creative!

Plus \$\$\$ for ANLC School Projects!

Parents, you can donate anytime! How? Bring items into the ANLC office for the big green box with the Cartridges for Kids—Recycle logo on it.

Your donations mean cash contributed back to Friends of ANLC to benefit our kids. And, it also means your stuff is recycled rather than sitting in a drawer or the garage!



For more information or questions, visit:

www.cartridgesforkids.com

or

email parent volunteer, Nicki Lemmon,
nslemmon@lemmontree.com.



"Out of This World" Spring Carnival and Auction

Save the date! April 30th, 5-9 p.m. There will be lots of fun rides, great food, raffles, games and our famous silent auction!

Contact Natalie at natalielahr@gmail.com to donate items or volunteer. The best donations come from our parents!



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