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# ANLC Newsletter

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## Letter from Principal Charles Grisier

Dear ANLC Families,

Welcome to ANLC! The staff has been working hard over the summer to make sure this year is great. Over the summer, we spent three days in Payson on a retreat paid through *Friends of ANLC*, the ANLC PTO. Our two focuses were

- implementing Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) in order for teachers to collaborate throughout the year focused on student learning, and
- creating a school-wide Positive Behavior Intervention Supports program.

You might notice a more positive atmosphere at ANLC this year. We are spending more time at the beginning of the year talking about and modeling good behavior. This will allow students to understand the expectations, maintain a safe school, and provide supervision throughout campus.

Research suggests that students feel safer when expectations are clearly defined and followed through. Maslow's hierarchy of needs tells us that students must feel safe before being able to explore/discover/learn. Our goal is for students to feel safe so they can take risks in their learning and thinking and reach their potential.

Thank you for your continued support of ANLC.

Charles Grisier  
ANLC Principal  
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## Pilot Science Enhancement Program to Begin in September

A generous gift to Friends of ANLC will fund a pilot program at ANLC to enhance the science curriculum and integrate science into other core subjects in grades 3-6. The program, which we hope will become a model for the District, will also offer an after-school program and two Family Science Nights. Watch for more information.

## Important Upcoming Dates

### August

- 20 Parent Orientation Night, 5:30-7:45 p.m.
- 25 Kickoff **Friends of ANLC** (PTO) Meeting, Library, 6-7 p.m.
- 28 Family Read, 7:50-8:20 a.m.
- 31 Think Tank Meeting (Site Council) Library, 2:30 p.m.

### September

- 3 Meeting for Parents of Gifted Students, Rm. 122, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 7 Labor Day – **No School**
- 8 Bilingual Advisory Meeting, Paiute Center, 6-7 p.m.
- 9 Picture Day  
Superintendent Catalani Visits ANLC
- 16 **Early Release, 12:15 p.m.**  
Teacher Professional Development
- 17-18 Health Screening (**Volunteers Needed**)
- 21 **Friends of ANLC** (PTO) Meeting
- 25 Family Read, 7:50 – 8:20 a.m.  
Future Titans Night at Arcadia HS, 7-9 p.m.
- 28 District Recess – **No School**

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## Parent Orientation Night

Thursday evening, August 20<sup>th</sup>, is your chance to visit your children's classrooms, meet their teachers and hear about their plans for the school year. **Here's the schedule:**

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| 5:30 to 6:00 pm | Gleam 1 (grades K, 1, 2) |
| 6:05 to 6:35 pm | Gleam 2 (grades 3 and 4) |
| 6:40 to 7:10 pm | Gleam 3 (grades 5 and 6) |
| 7:15 to 7:45 pm | Gleam 4 (grades 7 and 8) |

Between 6 and 7 pm, Specials Teachers and Nurse Kay will be available in the café.

The Library will be open.

Throughout the evening, in the café, you'll find representatives and information on Band and Strings instrument rental, Kids Club and other after school programs, and Friends of ANLC.

## Volunteer Hall of Fame

### Our thanks to the many

**Friends of ANLC** who cut short their summer and donated their time and talents to our back-to-school activities during the past two weeks. They made all these events both successful and fun!



**Assembling student packets** were: Katy Vondy, Michele Davies, Margaret Gossett, Angela Rand, Cindy Ensign, Jules Gissler, Lisa Herrmann, Judy Maltz, Kate Campbell, and several students!

**Setting up and contributing to the Welcome Back Luncheon for Teachers and Staff** were: Traci Wilbur, Natalie Lahr, Jennifer Funke, Cathy O'Hara, Chad Lahr, Karie Taylor, Allison Siegel, Michele Davies, Jules Gissler, and Joe Tomson. **And then they helped with the packets!**

**Putting together a fun Friday Back-To-School Open House for families** were: Margaret Ann Lippincott, Shannon Jones, Jennifer Funke, Julie Poplawski, Rosita Pinedo, Aida Hatem, and Michele Davies.

**Arranging the Parent Welcome Reception** on Monday morning were: Shannon Jones, Karie Taylor, Chuck Taylor, Megan Rivera, and Mark Rivera.

The **fun signs and decorations** were made by Ann Rodarte and Lou Rodarte.

And thanks to the **Friends of ANLC officers** - Lou Rodarte, Margaret Ann Lippincott, Traci Wilbur, Valerie Norris, and Diane Sanders - who helped with every back-to-school event!

Special thanks to our first week **Transportation Volunteers** who showed up early, stayed late, tracked down missing info, and stood in the hot sun to make sure all our K,1,2 students got on the right buses and got home safely! They were Steve Maltz, Judy Maltz, Aida Hatem, Alejandrina Vostreis, Alison Espinosa, Alison Siegel, Angela Rand, Anthony Horne, Becky Slade, Barry Rich, Jean Lawson, Jennifer Funke, Julie Robbins, Karis Cronister, Kate Moss, Katy Vondy, Lisa Campbell, Lori Martori, Margaret Ann Lippincott, Michele Davies, Nash Weisiger, Rosita Pinedo, Shannon O'Donnell, and Traci Wilbur.

And the **Garden Committee** is already on the job. Thanks to Dot Judisack, Brad Randall, Ann Rodarte, Lou Rodarte, Reiley Rodarte, Eleanor Beger, Mary Sloan Beger, and Arcadia High School students Ian Beger, Brant Lillard, Harry Norem, and Danny Murphy for weeding and cleaning the Garden on Sunday.

**Wow! And that's just the first two weeks! (Please let us know if we missed any of you amazing helpers.)**

## Friends of ANLC (PTO)

**Friends of ANLC** is a parent run organization that supports our teachers and enriches the education of our children through our involvement and financial support. As the parent or guardian of an ANLC student, you are automatically a member of Friends. No registration or dues are required.

We want to **thank our returning parents** for all they do to make ANLC a special place, as well as **welcome new families** and encourage them to participate in our school community.

In addition to sponsoring several programs and events during the school year, **we are committed to keeping parents informed** and we are working to make it easier for all parents to participate. More information can be found at [www.friendsofANLC.org](http://www.friendsofANLC.org).

Friends of ANLC meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of the month, except in August, when **our meeting is Tuesday, August 25th, from 6 to 7 pm in the school Library**. Agendas and minutes of our meetings will also be posted on our website.

**We hope you'll join us.** New ideas and suggestions are always welcome!



Remember to bring the Box Tops and Campbell's soup labels that you collected over the summer to school and put them in the boxes in the library.

We have the potential of earning up to \$2,000 each year for programs at ANLC, so it's a great opportunity! If you have any questions, please contact Jules Scofield, [julz3035@yahoo.com](mailto:julz3035@yahoo.com) or (602) 321-7301.

We will also be participating in the Scrip and SchoolPop/soup labels programs this year. More information will follow in September.

### **Are you the Writer/Editor this Newsletter Needs ?**

Each month, a parent volunteer collects information and stories about what's happening around ANLC and then puts it all together in this newsletter. There are lots of people who contribute articles and updates, so this is mostly an editor's job. **It takes a few hours a month and you can do it anytime and from anywhere.** If you're interested or have questions, contact Margaret Ann Lippincott, [macharleslipp@cox.net](mailto:macharleslipp@cox.net) or Diane Sanders, 602-826-2233, [dgsanders@cox.net](mailto:dgsanders@cox.net).