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## ANLC NEWSLETTER MAY, 2010

### News from Charles Grisier, Principal

Dear ANLC Community,

We have less than a month of instruction left to the school year. Teachers remain focused on student learning while integrating fun activities into the classroom.

Many of you are aware of the state budget crisis that will affect ANLC. The May election for the 1 cent sales tax is May 18. This will determine class size numbers, specials (art, PE, music, and technology), and Assistant Principals among other issues. If the 1 cent sales tax does not pass, we will have fewer staff, no elementary specials, and no assistant principal. Although this scenario is grim, regardless of the outcome, ANLC will strive to incorporate the arts in the classroom.

We still have some events planned for the last month of school. Parent Observation Day has been extended to a week (May 17-20). The ANLC Annual Talent Show will be that Friday, May 21. Parents are invited to observe the classroom environments and provide input on the best learning environment for your child(ren). Families are also invited to the talent show.

Think Tank has approved more than ten ANLC Summer Courses. A flyer has gone home. You can also find info on our website. Think Tank has also approved additional positions to support students before school and during lunch.

Thanks for your support,  
Charles Grisier  
ANLC Principal

### May

- 4 Think Tank (Site Council), 2:30-3:30 pm
- 5 Wednesday Wellness Walk  
Read & Lead Celebration, 8-10:15 am
- 10-12 Catalina Island Field Trip - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders
- 11 Androcles & the Lion, Grades 5-8, 8-9 am  
Androcles & the Lion, Grades K-4, 1-2 pm  
Bi-Lingual Advisory Meeting @ Paiute, 6-7 pm
- 11-14 Book Fair
- 12 Wednesday Wellness Walk
- 13 Night of the Arts & Sciences, 5-8 pm  
Book Fair
- 17-20 Parent Observation Week
- 18 PTO Meeting, 6-7 pm
- 19 Wednesday Wellness Walk
- 21 Family Read, 7:50-8:20 am  
Talent Show, 8:30-10:30 am
- 25 Parent Orientation Day  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade to Wet & Wild, 9:30-4:00 pm
- 26 Last Day of Classes, Early Release  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony, 9-10:30 am
- 31 Memorial Day - Holiday



Every year parents and grandparents volunteer to work as Art Masterpiece presenters.

Without their hard work and dedication this program would not be possible. Once again they have done an outstanding job bringing the fine arts into our childrens' classrooms and we wish to thank the following people:

Jennifer Davidson  
Becky Henrie  
Dot Judiscak  
Scott Price  
Anthony Horne  
Laurie Koster  
Aida Hatem  
Margaret Ann Lippincott  
Allison Siegel  
Jackie Lee  
David Burchard  
Sondra Winters  
Chris Thiele  
Sandy Oglesby  
Colleen Ruff  
Margaret Gossett  
Pam Passey  
Stephanie Cadwell  
Mary Ellen Tomson  
Sharon Berk  
Alejandrina Vostrejs  
Nicolette Lemmon  
Meredith Stewart  
Cindy Ensign  
Susan Moran  
Tom Cooper  
Christine Erlandson  
Marcela Waggener  
Breyan Sussman  
Joanie Avann  
Ginny Higgins Wooden  
Shannon O'Donnell  
Lisa Campbell  
Lisa Espinosa  
Jeeyoung Kahng Pinnella

***Thank you all*** for an Inspiring Year of Art Masterpiece!

**On May 13<sup>th</sup> visit our Art Masterpiece Gallery located in the Gym during The Night of the Arts and Sciences**

Sincerely,

Traci Wilbur  
Polly Weisiger  
Nancy Dicke  
Art Masterpiece co-chairs



**Please continue to save Box Tops over the summer. If each child returns in August with 20 that will earn \$1,200 for ANLC!**

Jane Jacobson  
Box Tops Coordinator



Thanks to all of the wonderful parents and friends who volunteered for Exploration Friday. Your help organizing, presenting, assisting, collecting attendance sheets, setting up refreshments, setting up classes and offering leads made the program a huge success this year.

## **BUY-1-GET-1-FREE BOOK FAIR, May 11-14**

The very popular buy-one-get-one-free Scholastic book fair starts Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. We don't make any money on it but it's a great way for students, parents, and teachers to stock up on books for summer reading!

**Please shop AND volunteer!** The sale is staffed entirely by parent volunteers and we try to have it open before school, during lunch breaks, and after school each day. However, if we're unable to staff all the shifts, we'll have to reduce the book fair hours. We have several volunteer shifts still available with times from mid-morning to the evening, and most shifts are only an hour or less. Please email us at [friendsofanlc@cox.net](mailto:friendsofanlc@cox.net) if you can help.



**A note from Nurse Kay:** Any medications that were sent in for your student must be picked up on or before the last day of school. District Policy does not allow me to keep medications over the summer to be used next year, or to send medication (with a few minor exceptions) home with students. Any medication not picked up will be discarded or donated. Thank you for your understanding! Kay Beauchamp, RN

Thank you!!!!

**Kay Beauchamp, RN, BSN**  
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## **8<sup>th</sup> graders to go to Wet-n-Wild**

All SUSD 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Be sure to ask for it. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip had been abandoned in the past but the middle school principals have resurrected the trip. It should be fun!



## **eNewsletter**

We would like to explore the option of sending out the Newsletter via email. It's a simple way to go GREEN and will save our school printing costs and paper. If you would be interested in receiving the Newsletter via email only, please contact Friends of ANLC at [friendsofanlc@cox.net](mailto:friendsofanlc@cox.net)!! Every little bit helps!



## "Out of This World" Spring Carnival and Auction

Kudos to the Carnival Committee and all our Volunteers!

**A gigantic THANK YOU to all the volunteers** who donated lots of time and energy to planning, setting up, and running our very successful Out-of-this-World Carnival and Silent Auction on April 30th.

And **especially to the carnival and auction committee** who worked for months to make it fun AND profitable. They include Julie Robbins (teen lounge), Sally Jo Bannow, (those amazing decorations), Jennifer Funke (food), Rosita Pinedo (pre-sales), Margaret Gossett and Ann Rodarte (classroom creations and class baskets), Traci Wilbur (volunteers), Judy Maltz, Shannon O'Donnell, Alejandrina Vostrejs (silent auction), and **Natalie Lahr**, who piloted the spaceship and kept us all on course!

We have a preliminary tally and think that we've made a profit of \$20,000 for our school!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Carnival and bought things at the Auction to support our school!!

**-Friends of ANLC**

**Friends of ANLC** is the parent-run organization at **Arcadia Neighborhood Learning Center**. Parents and guardians of ANLC students are automatically members of Friends. No registration or dues are required.

We work with ANLC's teachers and administration and sponsor several activities and events during the school year, including Art Masterpiece, Scholastic Book Fairs, Exploration Friday, Family Nights, First Day Welcome, Garden programs, Teacher and Staff Appreciation events, and Night of the Arts.

We assist our teachers by funding school supplies, a staff retreat, and organize a First-Week Transportation program. We support our school nurse by assisting with a Health Fair and Screening.

We raise money through an annual Fall Fundraiser, Used Book Sale, and Carnival & Silent Auction, as well as through escrip, Box Tops/Soup Labels for Education, Cartridges for Kids, and Spirit Wear.

Our volunteers represent you at meetings of ANLC's Think Tank (site council), Arts in Education Council, Scottsdale Parent Council, Scottsdale Prevention Institute, Supporters of the Gifted, and Special Education Parents Advisory Council.

Finally, we keep our families and friends informed and in-touch through emails, the school newsletter, school directory, and our website, [www.friendsofANLC.org](http://www.friendsofANLC.org).

**And we need you! Please consider stepping forward to volunteer or to head up a Committee. It's rewarding and fun!**

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**TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION**  
We'll be celebrating our teachers and school staff during the week of May 17-21. Watch for more details.

## It's time to nominate new officers for Friends of ANLC!

The nominating committee of Friends of ANLC – our parent organization – is seeking primarily self-nominations for all officer positions and available committee chair positions. (You can also nominate someone else.) And we have a number of liaison positions to fill, including Scottsdale Prevention Institute Rep and Scottsdale Parent Council Rep.

Filling an officer, committee chair, or rep position is a great way to get more involved, meet people, and contribute to our school. Most of the positions have flexible time requirements. All it takes is a desire to have fun, be creative, and help make our kids' experience at ANLC the best it can be!

For more information on these jobs and their responsibilities, visit our website, [friendsofanlc.org](http://friendsofanlc.org), or contact a member of the nominating committee, Aida Hatem ([aidahatem@q.com](mailto:aidahatem@q.com), 602-952-8385), Natalie Lahr ([natalielahr@gmail.com](mailto:natalielahr@gmail.com)), or Diane Sanders ([dgsanders@cox.net](mailto:dgsanders@cox.net), 602-826-2233).

To nominate yourself or someone else, please email or call Aida, Natalie, or Diane by May 16<sup>th</sup>.



### AIMS, SAT 10 Reports

The Scottsdale Unified School District will no longer mail AIMS and SAT 10 student reports home during the summer due to budget constraints. AIMS and SAT 10 reports will be available to parents and students once school starts in August. If you would like an electronic copy of these test results, you may log in to Galileo starting July 1, 2010. Galileo log in directions can be found at [www.susd.org](http://www.susd.org) on the Assessment and Testing page. If you have questions about accessing your results online, please call 480-484-6203.



### Getting Kids to Think

*Dear Insider's Club Member,*

Have you ever stopped to think about what a blessing it is to be a good thinker? Now I'm not necessarily talking about being a genius or intellectually gifted. I'm mostly referring to being able to use good problem-solving skills and good old-fashioned common sense.

As this world becomes ever more complex and temptation-laden, it becomes more and more important that we teach our kids how to build their mental muscles. Listed below are some quick tips:

- When your kids ask you for help with something, encourage them to try a bit longer before you jump in to help them. The only way to really learn good thinking skills is by having to figure out some things on your own.
- Ask them as many questions as possible. Examples include, "What else might you try? What have you seen other people do to solve this problem? What would happen if you tried \_\_\_\_\_? Where might you learn how to do that? Is that something you could learn about in a book, by asking someone, or by looking on the internet?"
- Allow them to mess up. Too frequently, we step in and tell kids exactly what to do when we worry that they might make a mistake. When the consequences are small, allow them to blow it and learn.

In our book, [\*Love and Logic Magic: When Kids Leave You Speechless\*](#), we also teach the importance of limiting the amount of TV kids watch and how to deal with all of the arguing that can happen when we begin to set limits. The less TV your kids watch the better thinkers they will become.

Thanks for reading!  
Dr. Charles Fay