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## ANLC NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER, 2009

### News from Charles Grisier, Principal

ANLC is off to another great start this year. The staff met over the summer and they continue to meet so we will have a safe, smooth-running school in order to focus on academics as well as the social/emotional development of our students.

You might have noticed an improved school atmosphere and environment at ANLC. We have implemented our new PBIS (positive Behavior Intervention Supports) program. Expectations are clear, the campus is safer, and we've developed ways to positively recognize the great work our students exhibit. The Jaggy 200 club is in place. Students who are recognized for exhibiting good choices around our three rules; Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. Miss Yesenia calls home to speak to a parent congratulating your child on a great job. Have you gotten a call yet?

We also have adult supervision starting at 7:00 a.m. All students who arrive between 7:00-7:20 will go to the cafeteria. There is adult supervision in the café starting at 7:00. At 7:20 the students are excused from the café to go to the playgrounds. There is an adult near the bus drop off and the cafeteria to remind our students (and parents) to please use the crosswalk at 62<sup>nd</sup> and Exeter for safety reasons.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have an earlier start time than K-6. The 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders start at 7:40 a.m. and the K-6 start at 7:45 a.m. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders start their day with enrichment classes.

Next Wednesday we will not have Wednesday Wellness Walk because it is Picture Day. Dr. Catalani will also be visiting ANLC and meeting with parents that morning in the library.

Thank you for your continued support of ANLC. If you have a question, concern, or celebration; please do not hesitate to contact Miss Jones, assistant principal or myself.

Sincerely,

Charles Grisier, Principal

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### Important Upcoming Dates

#### September

- 3 Meeting for Parents of Gifted Students, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 8 Bilingual Advisory Meeting, Paiute Center, 6-7 p.m.
- 7 **HOLIDAY – Labor Day – NO SCHOOL!**
- 9 Picture Day  
Dr. Catalani visits ANLC, 8-10 a.m.
- 10 Field Trip to Desert Stages Theatre, Ms. Mason's Class, 9-11 a.m.
- 15 Friends of ANLC Meeting, Library, 6-7 p.m.
- 16 Early Release – Teacher Professional Development 12:15 p.m.
- 17-18 Health Screening
- 21 Field Trip to Chase Field, Folger, Gramer, Iaboni, Wadas, 9:30-1:30 p.m.
- 25 Family Read, 7:50-8:20 a.m.  
Field Trip, Glean 2, 10:30-1:30 p.m.  
Future Titan Night at Arcadia H.S. 7-9 p.m.
- 28 **District Recess – NO SCHOOL!**

#### October

- 2 Exploration Friday, 8:20-10:40 a.m.
- 6 Think Tank (Site Council), Library, 2:30 p.m.
- 12-16 **Fall Break – No School**
- 20 Bilingual Advisory Meeting, Paiute Center, 6-7 p.m.
- 20 Friends of ANLC Meeting, Library, 6-7 p.m.
- 28-30 **Early Release for Conferences, 12:15 p.m. dismissal**
- 29 Picture Retake Day
- 30 Family Read, 7:50-8:20 a.m.



## Friends of ANLC

**Exploration Friday!** Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year!! As many of you know, Exploration Friday is a unique program offered at ANLC. Exploration Friday enriches the academic atmosphere for our students by exposing them to a variety of classes not typically found in the classroom.

Some of the past classes offered have included: mock trials, desert awareness, suturing, photography, investigative reporting, and many various science and sports classes. Offered four times a year, the day consists of two class periods, each one hour long with a recess break between sessions.

The committee is looking for parents interested in becoming involved by being on the committee, teaching classes, or assisting with classes. It's fun and a great way to become involved on campus!!!

**The first Exploration Friday will be held on Friday, October 2nd.** Please join us! New ideas are always welcome and appreciated.

If you are interested, please contact Aida Hatem [athatem1@earthlink.net](mailto:athatem1@earthlink.net) or Su Byron [subyron721@aol.com](mailto:subyron721@aol.com).



**Art Masterpiece** is a wonderful program at ANLC. Once a month an Art Masterpiece volunteer goes into the classroom to present a work of art to the children and then the kids get a chance to create their own masterpieces. We need volunteers to work in the classroom either as presenters or assistants. Please join us for our first meeting on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 am in the ANLC library. We will go over the program and answer any questions. We hope to see you there!

**Dear Friends of ANLC,**

*Thank you so much for your generous support of our second annual retreat held in the cool pines of Christopher Creek, Arizona. The majority of the teachers and staff dedicated three days of their summer break to attend part or all of a three day, two night retreat held from July 27th - 29th.*

*Not only did this retreat build camaraderie amongst the staff through singing, card games and visiting, we also attended four training workshops. The first workshop, True Colors, was a team building exercise that identified our strongest personality traits. This was a fun way for our team to identify our similarities and differences. Throughout the rest of the retreat, phrases such as "I'm a green, so I need to analyze this" were heard.*

*On Tuesday, we were trained by district administrator, Karen Benson, on establishing norms for our meetings. By identifying the norms, we are able to be more productive and have meaningful meetings. The staff and teachers also carried this training into their committee meetings and classrooms.*

*During our afternoon work session, we received training in our school positive behavior program. We established our three school rules of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. In addition, the committee presented a working copy of the behavior expectations showing what behaviors the three rules look like in various areas of the campus.*

*Our final training session was held on Wednesday morning where we debriefed and collaborated on a list of questions/suggestions provided by Friends that will build ways to help us work together.*

*This retreat wouldn't be possible without the support of Friends of ANLC. It is through your generous donations to Friends that we were able to hold our staff retreat. Thank you parents!*

*Sincerely,*

*The Staff of ANLC*

Finally, please don't forget our upcoming **Friends of ANLC Meeting** on Tuesday night, September 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the library. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## SCRIP



### Support ANLC with eScrip!

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- Click on "YES RENEW!"

For uninterrupted contributions, renew annually by Nov. 1st.

*That's it! Just a few minutes of your time means valuable money for our school!*

***We appreciate your support!***



## Keep Our Friends Safe

As safety is one of our priorities at ANLC, we ask that all parents help us in keeping our children safe during pick up and drop off. Students not taking the bus should either be walked to the campus by an adult or dropped off only in the drive-through lane. The city allows us only the crosswalks at Exeter and 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, so please do not cross the street near the cafeteria (where Montecito and the entrance into the front parking lot connect). This poses a danger to the students as there are many cars trying to enter and exit the parking lot during the pickup and drop off times. Please note that when driving out of the turnaround at pickup and dismissal, only right turns are allowed. Because there is no crosswalk available and walking to the available cross walk is not feasible, please do not park on Montecito. Instead, please park along the west side of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street or along Exeter. We ask that you either drop your child(ren) off at the drive-through lane at the front of the school or park on Exeter and use the sidewalk to enter school.

Again, thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe.



## SILVER APPLE AWARD!

Nominate your favorite teacher for the Silver Apple Award. Simply write a letter of 100 words or less about why your teacher is special. Include your name, address and phone number and the name of your teacher. The entry must be signed by the School Administrator and mailed to:

Silver Apple Award  
5555 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85013

You may nominate more than one teacher but each entry must be submitted separately. Entries must be received by 3/5/10 to qualify.



## BOX TOPS AND SOUP LABELS!

Calling all Box Top Clippers! We did a great job last year raising money through the Box Tops program, let's keep up the good work. All you have to do is clip the Box Top coupons from products you normally buy & turn them in at the library. There is a complete list of products that contain the Box Tops coupons at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). You can also register on the web site and track how our school is doing as well as print coupons on products that contain the box top coupon. Each Box Top is worth .10 cents...that adds up to an easy way for our school to earn extra cash.

We also collect Campbell Soup Labels which helps our school with supplies. So keep on clipping!

## The One Year Plan



### *Parent's Guide for Helping Children Succeed in School*

by Jim Fay

1. Love and Logic parents remember that parents can't teach for teachers and teachers can't parent for parents. Remember that teachers and parents can't learn for kids no matter how much we love them.
2. Show the same amount of love for your children regardless of their success in school.
  - a. Show sadness rather than anger when they have trouble at school.
3. Expect your children to do their share of the chores at home.
4. Spend some time each day talking with excitement about your work and your day. They will want to imitate you and will soon begin to talk about school and their day.
5. Take turns reading to each other every day.
6. Have your children teach you something they have learned at school. Do this once per week.
7. Encourage your children to do things that "charge their batteries." Encourage them to try many different activities as a way of discovering interests and talents.
  - a. Remind them that they will build their careers around their talents, not around their weaknesses.
8. Provide a time and place for homework. Expect that they will study. Allow them to study either by writing the assignments or thinking hard about them for a reasonable amount of time.
  - a. If they decide to study by thinking instead of writing or reading, have them think of a plan for explaining it to the teacher.
  - b. Support the teacher to handle this:
    1. Don't fight with children over the homework.
    2. Don't fight with the teachers over the grade or consequence.
    3. Tell your children that you will love them regardless of their grades or the number of years it takes to complete each grade.
9. Don't pay your children for good grades and don't punish for bad grades. Be excited about the good grades and sad for the children about their bad grades.
10. Have your children bring home papers.

- a. Look at the right answers instead of the wrong ones.
- b. Don't correct the wrong answers—leave this for the teacher.
- c. Have your children explain the reasons for the answers being right. If they don't know, give them three choices:

1. You cheated?
2. You tried hard?
3. You are getting smarter in that subject?

11. Expect this Love and Logic program to take about one year before you see good results. Remember that children who have a hard time at school need to get away from it for a while each day. More homework and problems at home about school won't help.

- a. Don't complain to teachers that they should give this child more homework.

- b. Use this program instead and you will see amazing results in one year.

- c. Fight with your children and their teachers about homework and the problem will still be there in years to come.

12. Love and Logic parents remember that highly successful people put most of their efforts into their talents and maintain minimal standards on everything else.

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### NEW PARENT CONNECTION

Are you a new parent? Each month we'll address an aspect of ANLC that might be new to you.

***Wednesday Walk:*** Most Wednesdays throughout the year the entire school body meets at the flagpole to observe the raising of the flag. The students and staff then walk around the upper field, usually with their Reading Buddy. It's a great tradition that incorporates fitness and friendship at the same time! Families are welcome to join us.