



The Lion's Roar



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New Date: June 14, 2013

June Promotion Celebration

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June 14, 2013**

A few weeks ago we learned that the date of our June Promotion Celebration conflicted with the Hume Lake youth summer camp date for Grace Baptist Church. This meant that a number of APS students, including some seniors, were going to have to choose to miss camp or miss graduation; Not a pleasant choice.

In order to avoid such a conundrum, we asked Shepherd of the Hills church, the site of our Celebration, if there was any way we could move our Celebration to an earlier date.

This is not as simple as it sounds, but they worked hard and were able to accommodate our request.

We also queried all APS families with seniors to confirm the date change would be acceptable to them. It is.

BOTTOM LINE:

The 2013 APS June Promotion Celebration has been moved up by one week to **Friday June 14, 2013.**



*You shall know the truth and
the truth shall set you free*

We trust this will make it easier for everyone to attend.

**Rehearsal will be held
Thursday June 13.**

**Grade sheets for all APS
students are due by Friday
June 14, 2013.**

Each year we try to co-ordinate scheduling our graduation date with the churches represented by our families, including Grace Baptist.

For the past 5 years or so, dates at Hume Lake have been a problem. Our graduation date has to be scheduled at least a year in advance, so logistics can be a challenge.

If anyone has an idea as to how we can permanently avoid such date conflicts, we would love to hear it.

We very much support the youth ministries of our various local churches, and believe we enjoy their support of our ministry as well. ☐☐☐

iPhone Example

Parents Set Rules So Kids Learn Life Lessons

A thirteen year-old boy was thrilled to find an iPhone under the Christmas tree this past Dec 25 – then was surprised by the rules and regulations for use that came with it.

The rules and regulations for use were not from Apple, they were from his mother. She wrote:

*Merry Christmas!
You are now the proud owner of an iPhone. You are a good and responsible 13 year old boy and you deserve this gift. But with the acceptance of this present comes **rules and regulations.***

*Please read through the following contract. I hope that you understand **it is my job to raise you into a well-rounded, healthy young man** who can function in the world and coexist with technology, not be ruled by it.*

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NARCISISTIC SELF- ESTEEM

PROTECT US FROM OURSELVES

A recently published article reveals that some educators are now beginning to see what HR professionals have recognized for several years. It seems that "empty praise" and meaningless accolades may not actually produce an intelligent human being after all.

For probably the better part of two decades the education mindset in this nation has been largely based on Esteem building techniques, with much less emphasis placed on accuracy than on feelings and self-worth of the individual student. They didn't necessarily have to be right, but they absolutely had to feel good about themselves in the process.

This evolved into a world where there were no losers, everybody was a winner, and trophies and ribbons went to everyone – just for being there.



If they could just get real life to cooperate with that philosophy, everything would have been ok.

According to the article, "A growing body of research over three decades shows that easy, unearned praise does not help students but instead interferes with significant learning opportunities."

In fact, researchers are now finding that empty praise – esteem building without a proper foundation of achievement, can have the direct opposite effect from what was intended. They have found, in "study after

study", that "children rewarded for being smart become more likely to shy away from hard assignments that might tarnish their star reputations." This is very, very bad news for the companies that print those "My Child Was Student of the Week" bumper stickers.

None of this will be a shock to some human resources professionals, who are now attempting to figure out what makes the Gen Y generation tick. In fact, employers have been struggling in recent years with the first full wave of these new workers, fresh from their idealistic upbringing and outcome based education, where failure was not an option only because there was no such thing as failure.

There have been warning signs. In 2007 a study showed that college students were far more narcissistic than their 1980's predecessors. In fact, of the 16,475 students who completed the "Narcissistic Personality Inventory", fully two thirds had above average scores, an increase of 30% over 1982.

These students were described by the researchers as "self-centered", and were "more likely to have romantic relationships that are short-lived". Additionally, they were "at risk for infidelity, lack emotional warmth," and more likely to "exhibit game-playing, dishonesty, and over-controlling and violent behaviors." Not the stuff of heroes, to be sure.

So, we can be encouraged that some educators are finally figuring it out, and modifying their approach.

Our parents were right. Actually learning something and learning it correctly may be the best thing for a person's self-esteem.

I can hardly wait for the first batch of students taught that way to emerge. Prepared, intelligent, unburdened by the weight of 2,000 meaningless ribbons, they will confidently enter the workforce and selflessly fund the social security system. God Bless them. There is hope.

Source: Robert Wilson, President & CEO of WorkersCompensation.com, and "From Bob's Cluttered Desk"

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

A law requiring the posting of 'Road Work' signs has resulted in the following (right):



Not everyone is fortunate enough to be home schooled!



APS FAMILY NEWS

02/04/13 –
03/11/13 Mon

Time:
9:45am –
11:30am

Cost:
\$30 per bowler
for
6-week session

Location:
SCV –
23700 Lyons
Ave. Newhall

APS BOWLING Class: The **APS K – 6 PE Co-op** is excited to invite **ALL APS FAMILIES** to join us for our 6-week segment of bowling at Valencia Lanes in SCV.

This event is open to all family members ages 4 years – adult. (Yes, parents can bowl too!) ALL 7th – 12th graders, especially APS 6th, 8th and 12th grade graduates, are highly encouraged to join us!

Participants will receive age-appropriate instruction on the fundamentals of bowling and good sportsmanship and all will receive a certificate and a treat at the end of our segment.

Cost includes use of bowling balls and bumpers if needed, plus shoe rental and 90 minutes of bowling time each week! We always have such a great time and we're looking forward to seeing lots of our APS friends!

We have the whole bowling alley available to us so please come join us!

The cost is only \$30 per bowler

Make checks payable to Valencia Lanes.

APS Bowling Class

Parent Name _____

Total Number of Bowlers _____ x\$30 = _____

Amt Paid \$ _____

Make checks payable to "Valencia Lanes".

Child Name _____ Grade Level _____

Child Name _____ Grade Level _____

Child Name _____ Grade Level _____

Phone # _____

Email _____ @ _____ .

Mail Coupon, Payment & SASE by **01/29/13** to:

Susan Todd
28330 Gibraltar Lane,
Castaic, CA 91384

Questions that need answers:

- Why don't you ever see the headline *Psychic Wins Lottery, Again?*
- Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- Why is it that to stop Windows, you have to click on "Start"?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
- When dog food has *new and improved* taste, who tests it?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- Why are they called **apartments** when they are all together?
- If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport "terminal"?
- Why do feet smell and noses run?
- Why is the "Department of the Interior" in charge of the outdoors?
- Why do they call two planes almost colliding a "near miss"? Isn't it a "near hit"?
- Why is there Braille at a drive-up ATM?

iPhone Rules Example

K-6 PE Co-Op; Jan – May '13

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Failure to comply with the following list will result in termination of your iPhone ownership.

I love you madly and look forward to sharing several million text messages with you in the days to come.

1. It is my phone. I bought it. I pay for it. I am loaning it to you. Aren't I the greatest?
2. I will always know the password.
3. If it rings, answer it. It is a phone. Say hello, use your manners. Do not ever ignore a phone call if the screen reads "Mom" or "Dad". Not ever.
4. Hand the phone to one of your parents promptly at 7:30pm every school night and every weekend night at 9:00pm. It will be shut off for the night and turned on again at 7:30am. If you would not make a call to someone's land line, wherein their parents may answer first, then do not call or text. Listen to those instincts and respect other families like we would like to be respected.
5. It does not go to school with you. Have a conversation with the people you text in person. It's a life skill. *Half days, field trips and after school activities will require special consideration.
6. If it falls into the toilet, smashes on the ground, or vanishes into thin air, you are responsible for the replacement costs or repairs. Mow a lawn, babysit, and stash some birthday money. It will happen, you should be prepared.
7. Do not use this technology to lie, fool, or deceive another human being. Do not involve yourself in conversations that are hurtful to others. Be a good friend first or stay out of the crossfire.
8. Do not text, email, or say anything through this device you would not say in person.
9. Do not text, email, or say anything to someone that you would not say out loud with their parents in the room. Censor yourself.

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01/08/13 Tues
Time: 12:30 - 2:00p

Cost: \$5 per child

Grades: K-6

Location:

PE is being held after

Teaching Tuesdays at

a park near where

Teaching Tuesday is held.

Sign up for **either or both** by coupon

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO Susan Todd

APS K-6 PE CO-OP: JAN – MAY: Our fun PE Co-op continues in the second semester for all K-6ers and their preschool siblings! Come join us for kickball, obstacle courses, flag football, soccer, volleyball, and softball, PLUS several FREE PLAY days and a fun, end-of-the-year excursion to the swimming pool!

The Presidential Champions, CAT Days, Christian Character and Attendance Award programs will continue of course! "SPECIAL INVITATION! All APS families are invited to bring a sack lunch and join us at the park right after Teaching Tuesdays to enjoy a fun lunch together before PE Co-op starts at 12:30pm! Watch for details in your confirmation letter!

Parents will be asked to help with coaching and childcare, as well as providing needed equipment, (balls, mitts, etc.) We meet at locations that are freeway close for SFV and SCV families. We look forward to seeing all of our APS friends!

Registration for K-6 P.E. CO-OP **JAN – MAY** requires a new coupon for the second semester. Classes will be held from 01/08/13 - 05/14/13. No PE on 03/26/13.

SCV K-6 PE CO-OP JAN – MAY

Parent-Helper's Name _____

Total Number enrolled _____

Please mark 1 or more:

- I will coach the following sport: _____
- I will help in whatever way I can.
- I'm not sure what would be best for me to do.
- I can provide childcare during the PE class.

Child Name _____ Grade Level _____

Child Name _____ Grade Level _____

Child Name _____ Grade Level _____

Phone # _____ Amt Paid \$ _____

Email _____ @ _____ . _____

Mail Coupon, Payment & SASE
by 12/16/12 to:

Susan Todd
28330 Gibraltar Lane,
Castaic, CA 91384

iPhone Rules Example

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10. No porn. Search the web for information you would openly share with me. If you have a question about anything, ask a person - preferably me or your father.

11. Turn it off, silence it, put it away in public; especially in a restaurant, at the movies, or while speaking with another human being. You are not a rude person; do not allow the iPhone to change that.

12. Do not send or receive pictures of your private parts or anyone else's private parts. Don't laugh. Someday you may be tempted to do this despite your high intelligence. It is risky and could ruin your teenage/college/adult life. It is always a bad idea. Cyberspace is vast and more powerful than you. And it is hard to make anything of this magnitude disappear - including a bad reputation.

13. Don't take a zillion pictures and videos. There is no need to document everything. Live your experiences. They will be stored in your memory for eternity.

14. Leave your phone home sometimes and feel safe and secure in that decision. It is not alive or an extension of you. Learn to live without it. Be bigger and more powerful than FOMO -- fear of missing out.

15. Download music that is new or classic or different than the millions of your peers that listen to the same exact stuff. Your generation has access to music like never before in history. Take advantage of that gift. Expand your horizons.

16. Play a game with words or puzzles or brain teasers every now and then.

17. Keep your eyes up. See the world happening around you. Stare out a window. Listen to the birds. Take a walk. Talk to a stranger. Wonder without googling.

18. You will mess up. I will take away your phone. We will sit down and talk about it. We will start over again. You & I, we are always learning. I am on your team. We are in this together.

It is my hope that you can agree to these terms. Most of the lessons listed here do not just apply to the iPhone, but to life. You are growing up in a fast and ever changing world. It is exciting and enticing. Keep it simple every chance you get. Trust your powerful mind and giant heart above any machine. I love you. I hope you enjoy your awesome new iPhone.

Merry Christmas!

xoxoxo

Mom

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SWING DANCE CLASS – YES!

APS Swing-Dance Class



APS Parents (and other adults), Seniors, Juniors and 10th graders are invited to attend this class.

APS is again offering private swing-dance lessons. It is hoped that these APS-only classes will help students and their parents learn some cool dance moves so that they can **fully enjoy the Senior Formal**.

Those NOT attending the Formal are welcome to join the class. Those who took the class in previous years should sign up again.

The class is open to all APS parents, APS families attending the APS formal and their guests (APS-moms and dads, seniors, siblings, etc).

Space is limited, so we ask that no non-dancing siblings "come to watch" the classes.

The course will be canceled if a minimum of 24 students is not met.

WHEN: Tuesday evenings 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm; **3/05; 3/12; 3/19; 4/02; 04/09; 04/16** (No class 03/26; Easter)

WHERE: Grace Baptist Church, SCV

COST: The six-week series costs **\$30 per person.** (= only \$5 per session)

All class fees must be **paid in full** by the deadline. As usual, there are no refunds.

Please make your check **payable to APS**. Send coupon, SASE, and payment by **02/01/13** to:

APS

PO Box 802274 Santa Clarita, CA 91380



WEAPONS OF MATH INSTRUCTION

SWING DANCE CLASS

A public school teacher was arrested at John F. Kennedy International Airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule and a calculator.

At a morning press conference, the Attorney General said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction.

"Al-Gebra is a problem for us," the Attorney General said. "They derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values. They use secret code names like 'X' and 'Y' and refer to themselves as 'unknowns,' but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country."

As the Greek philanderer Isosceles used to say, "There are three sides to every triangle."

When asked to comment on the arrest, President Obama said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, he would have given us more fingers and toes."

White House aides told reporters they could not recall a more intelligent or profound statement by the President. It is believed that the Nobel Prize for Physics will follow.

APS SWING-DANCE CLASS



Attending Parent Name _____

Child Name _____ Grade Level _____

Child Name _____ Grade Level _____

Child Name _____ Grade Level _____

Child Name _____ Grade Level _____

Adult Dancer Name _____

Adult Dancer Name _____

Adult Dancer Name _____

Adult Dancer Name _____

Total Number of Male Dancers _____

Total Number of Female Dancers _____

Total Number to Attend _____ x \$30 = _____

Phone # _____ Amt Paid \$ _____

My child(ren) will be in the care of a temporary guardian. (Write name on back of coupon.)

Mail Coupon, SASE and Payment by 02/01/13 to:

APS

P.O. Box 802274

Santa Clarita CA 91380



Swing Dance Class is FUN and HEALTHY
You CAN do it, really! It is so much fun!

VOLLEYBALL

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Fall Semester
02/01/13 Fri
05/24/13

Time:
**3:00 -
5:00 pm**

Cost:
\$85 per child

Grades: 7-12

Location: SCV

**Make
checks
payable to
APS**

Full Payment
of \$85 per child
may be made
with coupon

OR

2 Installments
of \$45 per child
may be made.

1st installment
of \$45 per child
due with
coupon.

2nd installment
of \$45 per child
due by January
Workshop

**THE TEAMS
ARE FULL**

If you have not
turned in your
coupon it is too
late - but you
can still come
cheer on the
teams.

VOLLEYBALL

APS is offering a great opportunities for its
students in grades 7 - 12: 16 weeks of
volleyball

Volleyball will be offered **only in the
Spring** semester.

Both the Aquatics and Volleyball
components may be taken separately; each
course will earn 2.5 PE **units**.

Spring Semester FEB 1 - MAY 25

Feb 1, 8, 15, 22; Mar 1, 8, 15, 22; (Closed 3/29)
Apr 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24

Volleyball will run for 16 weeks.
It will be held in the gym at The Church
of the Nazarene on The Old Road near
the Calgrove exit off the 5 freeway.

**PARENTS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS
MUST HELP**

Volunteers are needed to serve as:
Coaches, Asst Coaches, Asst
Team Manager,
Line Judges, Score Keepers,
Referees,

Training will be provided so that
parent line judges, referees, score
keepers and coaches will be as
prepared as possible. .

Each day will include aerobic
conditioning, volleyball skill development
and game competition. All students will
participate in these three disciplines
each day. Teams will be co-ed and will
be formed to be evenly matched.

The number of teams will be determined
by the number of parent coaches and
assistant coaches who volunteer.
Volleyball will take place

Friday evenings from 3:00-5:00 pm

Cost is **\$85** per player. APS Volleyball
will run for 16 weeks (see above
schedule).

Shorts and shoes are extra. Jerseys are
also extra if new ones are needed.
Team fees are due with coupon.

**JR/SR HIGH SPORTS - VOLLEYBALL
grades 4 - 12**

FEB 1 - May 24 VOLLEYBALL Fall Semester

Attending Parent Name _____

Child Name	Grade Level	Jersey Size
#1 _____	_____	_____
#2 _____	_____	_____
#3 _____	_____	_____
#4 _____	_____	_____

Sizes = Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL

Total # to Enroll ___ x **\$85** Total Amt Due \$ _____

- Payment In Full included with coupon.
- I will pay \$45 per child with coupon
and \$45 per child by January Workshop

Total Amt Paid with coupon \$ _____

The best **ability** is **availability**
I will be happy to help as:

(check appropriate boxes)
Training will be provided.

- Coach
- Referee
- Score Keeper
- I don't know anything about Volleyball
but I am willing to learn and help in any way
I can.
- Line Judge
- Asst Coach
- Score Flipchart

Email _____ @ _____ . _____

Phone # _____

Mail Volleyball Coupon, SASE & Payment

—by **12/10/12** to:

Danny and Karen Carver
29041 Discovery Ridge Dr
Santa Clarita, CA 91390



APS FAMILY NEWS

We are excited that our spring volleyball program will AGAIN be held at

The Church of the Nazarene gym
23857 The Old Road, Newhall, CA 91321
near the Calgrove exit off of the 5 Freeway.

APS Volleyball will take place **Friday afternoons from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.**
Fri 02/03/12 to 05/24/12

We are very excited to be able to return to the same gym as previous years for our volleyball program. The location is **conveniently located to families in both the SCV & SFV**, and will also allow for post-game 'hang-time' at the local **In-N-Out** which is also just down The Old Road from the gym!

THE TEAMS ARE FULL

If you have not turned in your coupon it is too late – but you can still come cheer on the teams.



This facility will allow us to accommodate four teams playing simultaneously on two courts.

We hope the **APS Volleyball program becomes a family activity** giving both parents the opportunity to cheer for their kids and help with the volleyball program. The gymnasium has plenty of seating for parents and siblings and bathrooms are readily accessible.

Using the church gym comes with a few rules that must be strictly adhered to in order to maintain a positive relationship with **The Church of the Nazarene**.

1. **Siblings must be with a parent at all times.** Parents who are coaching, score keeping, line judging, etc must make arrangements for another adult to supervise their non-player children, otherwise the non-player children may not attend.
2. **Children** (including team members) **may not run / roam around the gymnasium** or surrounding areas.
3. **Children** (including team members) **may not play / 'hang' in or around the church Campus.**
4. **Children** (including team members) who roam away from parents or otherwise violate the rules **will lose the privilege** of attending future volleyball sessions.

If any of rules are violated we run the risk of losing out on this great opportunity. Our students', siblings' and parents' best behavior is expected.

The start date for the volleyball program is **Friday, February 3 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.** The program will run for eleven weeks. The last game day will be Friday, May 24.

Thank you for your participation,

Danny Carver

Danny Carver, APS Volleyball Team Manager Dkcarver5@sbcglobal.net

ATTACKS ON...

CHRISTIANITY

ATTACKS ON...

*T*he Daughters of the American Revolution, one of the nation's oldest patriotic organizations, has **erased any mention of Jesus Christ** in their official book, removed prayers and poems that reference Christian imagery, and directed members to refrain from praying in the name of Christ, an outraged group of members alleged.

The dispute has been brewing for more than a year when DAR members learned that the newly revised Ritual and Missal books – the primary guide for chaplains – were altered. They noticed that the name of Jesus Christ had been omitted.

The DAR president general did not return calls seeking comment for this story.

The members said DAR leadership made the changes to be politically correct and to accommodate new members of other religious beliefs.

A state chaplain in the organization notified members of their concerns in a newsletter.

"The newly updated Missal and Ritual was written to reflect the desire to be considerate of other belief systems," the statement read. "The Chaplain General uses scripture from both the Old and New Testaments and prays in the name of God without reference Christ. Chapter and district chaplains need to follow the example set by the National Society." The statement also reminded members to "appreciate the differences in members' religious beliefs and to adapt our rituals and prayers to respect these differences."



That directive has infuriated rank and file members of the DAR – an organization that is deeply rooted in the Christian faith.

Several members of the DAR spoke with Fox News about their concerns – on the condition they remain anonymous.

"They are changing the legacy and intent of the Founding Ladies and rewriting the history of the Daughters of the American Revolution," one member told Fox News. "How dare they? They're supposed to be doing it out of inclusion. To me, it's exclusion. If they are saying it's because of religious tolerance – my question is – if someone is so incensed over the name of Jesus and words like 'white crosses' that reference soldiers who died for America – is it not they who are intolerant?"

The DAR has also reportedly eliminated an oath to the Constitution, a promise to respect the American flag, as well as patriotic hymns that reference God – including "America the Beautiful." Members were told those items were inadvertently left out of the revision and will be included in future publications.

"A group of us went through the Ritual and Missal and compared the old version and the new version," another member told Fox News. "Every single prayer closing in the name of Jesus Christ no longer included the name of Jesus Christ."

"For 122 years Christianity was included in the Daughters of the American Revolution," said one member. "Without the name of Jesus Christ it is surely not Christianity. This has never been an issue until December of 2011."

The DAR was founded in 1890 as a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization. Membership is open to any woman who can prove they are a lineal descendant of a patriot from the American Revolution. The organization has 170,000 members in 3,000 chapters.

The members said they tried to bring their concerns to the organization's leadership but were rebuffed.

"The response from the leadership was one of being inclusive and being sensitive to non-Christians and other beliefs," a member said. "The minority rules instead of the majority."

One chaplain said it broke her heart to take Jesus out of the prayers and there are reports that some members have resigned.

The members said they were particularly disturbed that the changes were made without the vote or the approval of the 170,000 membership.

And many are perplexed over who might be so offended by the mere mention of the name of Christ. "Who is it that is so incensed over the name of Jesus and any Christian symbol or reference – that they feel like they have to eliminate it from the Daughters of the American Revolution," one member asked.

They said Christianity had never been forced on any members but to remove it from the historic organization's documents is a "deception and twisting of history."

"They are negating our history, changing our history," one lady told Fox News. "This country was blessed by God Himself. Most of our Founding Fathers had Bibles in their hands and Jesus in their hearts and therefore America became what America is today. And through the last decade, it's been a constant chiseling away of our Christian foundation – our Judeo-Christian foundation."

Source: Todd Starnes

Todd is the author of *Dispatches From Bitter America* – endorsed by Sarah Palin, Mark Levin and Sean Hannity.

Living Wax Museum Info

Activity: Students will select a historical person to research. They should write a paragraph that includes the answers to the following questions:

1. What is your full, original name?
2. When and where were you born?
3. What were some interesting things that happened to you?
4. Why did you become famous?

Students should select an appropriate costume that their character might have worn during their lifetime. Parents are responsible for providing their children with an appropriate costume, make-up, props, etc.



Each figure will come up with a clever way to begin their presentation (to make their character "come alive"). As visitors mill about the museum, they will stop at the various figures scattered throughout the room and follow the directions posted by the child (parents) to bring the character alive.

For example, if a participant is a queen, they might post instructions telling guests to curtsy or bow. When a guest curtsies or bows the character will "come alive" and recite the paragraph that they wrote. Once they have finished, they will strike a pose and "freeze" until a new guest comes along and begins the process over again. (Understandably, some students will be able to "freeze", while others will be fidgety due to age constraints.)

INVITE grandparents, friends, etc. to visit our wax museum. The more guests we have the more fun it will be for the students. We have scheduled the event on a Saturday evening so dads, grandparents and friends can come.

Additional materials: Students are encouraged to put together a display board (similar to the three paneled science fair type board), with the following items displayed:

1. Title - Name of your historical person
2. Timeline - Record important dates and events in the life of your person.
3. Vocabulary - List new words that you learned during your research.
4. Portrait - Draw a detailed illustration of your person.
5. Bibliography - Document all resources you used for your research.
6. Reflection - Reflect on your person's life. Write a brief summary explaining what you liked or disliked about your person and why.

<p>04/11/13 Thur Time: Set-up 6:30 p</p> <p>Doors Open to Guests 7:00 p Cost: \$3.00 per participant</p> <p>Participants: Grades: 3 – 12</p> <p>Guests: Open to all family members & friends</p> <p>Location: Northridge</p>	<p>Living Wax Museum: FUN with Research, History, Drama / Speech, & Costumes</p> <p>Research a historical figure and bring them to life in the APS Living Wax Museum!</p> <p>This is a fun event for kids to incorporate research, public speaking, and drama.</p> <p>Each child will have the opportunity to bring their character to life for an evening of learning for both participants and guests.</p> <p>This event is open to APS student participants in grades 3-12.</p> <p>The cost is \$3 per participant. Make checks payable to APS.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Living Wax Museum</p> <p>Parent Name _____</p> <p>Total # participants _____ x\$3.00 = _____</p> <p>Total amount paid _____</p> <p>Participants:</p> <p>Child Name _____ Grade Level _____</p> <p>Child Name _____ Grade Level _____</p> <p>Child Name _____ Grade Level _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please contact me, I would love to help. Email _____@_____.</p> <p>Send coupon, payment, and SASE by 1/31/12 to: Heather Fortune PO Box 4282 Valley Village, CA 91607</p>
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News from the planet Bizarro

Is Vanderbilt University waging a war on religion?

Many of the university's religious student groups think so. They have been told by the administration that **they cannot have faith or belief-based requirements for leadership**. That means an atheist could run for leadership of a Christian group, a Jew for leadership of a Muslim group, a Pagan for leadership of a Catholic group, and on and on.

It's all written into **Vanderbilt's nondiscrimination or "all-comers" policy**. All student groups must register next month. **As part of the registration, they must sign a statement of affirmation that they will abide by the nondiscrimination policy.**

Vandy Catholic -- a student group with some 500 members -- has decided it cannot agree to the policy and will be leaving campus in the fall. PJ Jedlovec, the president of Vandy Catholic, says it was a difficult decision, one made after much prayer and discussion.

"We are first and foremost a Catholic organization," says Jedlovec. "We do, in fact, have qualifications -- faith-based qualifications for leadership. We require that our leaders be practicing Catholics. And the university's nondiscrimination policy -- they have made it clear that there is no room in it for an organization that has these faith-based qualifications."

The university says it is "deeply disappointed" by Vandy Catholic's decision. But the administration is sticking by its guns. In a statement provided to Fox News, Vice Chancellor of Public Affairs Beth Fortune said, "We do not believe our nondiscrimination policy to be incompatible with religious freedom. Vanderbilt's policy does not mandate whom student organizations should elect as leaders -- it simply **allows for anyone to be**

eligible for membership and to seek a leadership position."

Religious groups used to have an exemption from the university's nondiscrimination policy, but that language was erased last year. [The Christian Legal Society](#), which was cited as being out of compliance with the nondiscrimination rules, points out that **fraternities and sororities are exempt from the "all-comers" policy and that religious groups should be, too.**

What's ironic is that Vandy Catholic is in compliance. It's constitution simply states that potential leaders must be "[undergraduate students at Vanderbilt University](#)." But when the school reiterated its policy in preparation for spring registration, Vandy Catholic leaders felt their hands were tied.

Father John Sims Baker is Vandy Catholic's chaplain. He told Fox News, "I was trying to withhold judgment about it. But I do have to say I really felt kind of kicked in the gut -- actually...that's what I felt. I thought, you know, I could sort of see where I was afraid this was going."

As a private university, Vanderbilt is allowed to make rules that might not pass muster at a public institution. In fact, [Tennessee lawmakers are working on legislation](#) that would specifically prohibit state universities from extending nondiscrimination policies to student religious groups.

In another attempt to change the school administration's mind, **other religious groups on campus plan to sign the statement of affirmation, then submit charters that clearly outline a faith-based criteria for leadership.**

That will likely provoke another confrontation with Vanderbilt leadership -- one that may see more religious student groups leave. □□□

State Sued over "Year Of The Bible"

HARRISBURG, Pa. -- A national atheist and agnostic group is suing Pennsylvania lawmakers for passing a resolution that declares 2012 as "The Year of the Bible."

MyFOXphilly reports the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) filed a federal lawsuit arguing that the Pennsylvania House's declaration is unconstitutional.

The resolution, which was authored by State Rep. Rick Saccone, passed unanimously in January 2012.

The lawsuit names Saccone as one of three plaintiffs, and claims the resolution is tantamount to the state endorsing "state-sponsored religion."

They also claim to take issue with content in the Bible, including "violent, sexist and racist models of behavior that FFRF members find personally repugnant."

"(This content) potentially could encourage persons who rely on them to act in a manner harmful to them and others," the lawsuit claims.

Saccone has said the resolution is meant to recognize the impact the Bible has had on the U.S. and on the state, and does not inhibit anyone from believing or not believing in any faith.

"Most citizens don't remember that a joint session of Congress passed a similar resolution signed by President Ronald Reagan on February 3, 1983, declaring that year as the Year of the Bible in America," Saccone said.

Democratic Rep. Mark Cohen said he wanted to reconsider the resolution, and that he regretted that he didn't realize the resolution's content at the time of the vote. □□□

APS FAMILY NEWS

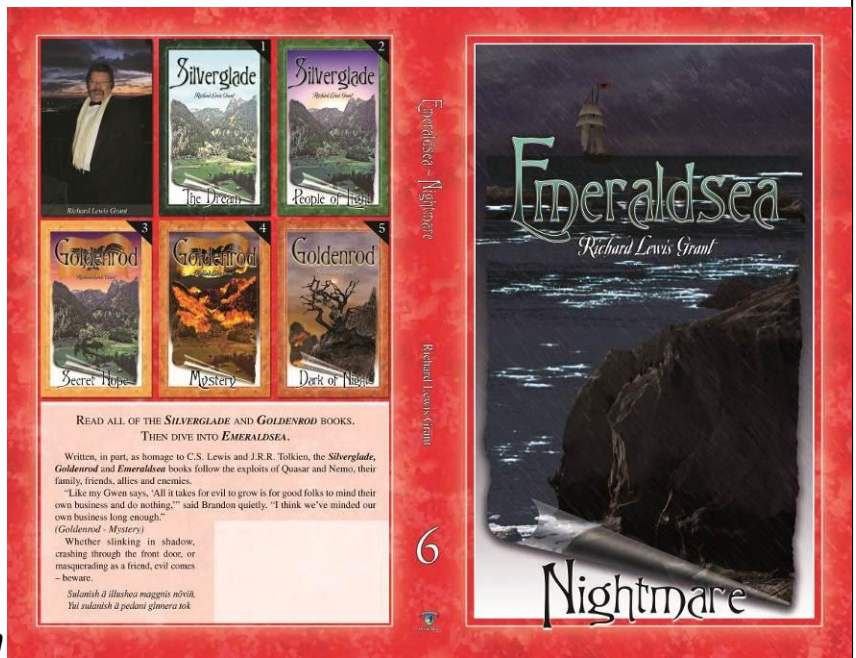
Thank You For Your Support

Barnes and Noble invited Richard Grant to hold a book signing at their Valencia Store this past November.

A good number of APS families joined the Grants at the store. The store noted the show of support and demonstrated their appreciation in two ways:

- 1) they made a financial contribution to the APS College Scholarship fund
- 2) They now carry Richard's books on their shelves.

APS Has The Best People In Town



KJ McDonald (APS 10th grade) performed at *Colburn School of Performing Arts* in November. In December, he performed *Mozart Violin Concerto No 5* with the Palmdale



Concert and Symphonic Orchestra (left). During Christmas break KJ traveled to Florida to study with **Itzak Perlman**, perhaps the world's greatest living violinist. Congratulations KJ!

Kayla Burnham (APS 12th grade) performed in the stage production of *White Christmas* at Canyon

Theatre Guild (right) from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Congrats Kayla!



We would like to ask **EVERY APS family to sponsor one Special Event this year.**

It's Easy!

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WAR ON RELIGION

Gay Porn Actor Reinstated As Teacher

News from the planet Bizarro

State University of New York at Stony Brook has decided to no longer cancel classes for major Christian and Jewish holidays

in an effort to ensure that some religions are not given special treatment and to "afford equal support and equal respect to students and faculty from all faiths."

Jewish students would be impacted on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Passover and Holy Week.

Christian students would be impacted on Good Friday. The Christmas holiday is protected under a union contract and occurs when classes are traditionally not in session.

The university had considered allowing faculty to schedule exams on Saturday and Sunday – a time when many Christian and Jewish students attend worship services. However, that decision was tabled after reaching a compromise with students.

"As a secular university, as a state-funded university our priority must be to maximize instructional opportunities for our students," said Charles Robbins, vice provost for undergraduate education. "First and foremost, it's important to note that while I respect everyone's concerns, **the reality is it's a relatively small number of people who are upset.**"

Robbins told FOX News Radio the university's decision to stop canceling classes for Christian and Jewish holidays offers "equal protection under the regulations to everybody and no one is getting quote, unquote, special treatment."

No statement was issued regarding Islamic holy days or holidays of religions other than Christianity and Judaism. □□□

A former gay porn actor and director who was fired for violating the Miami-Dade School Board's code of ethics has reportedly been cleared to pursue his teaching certificate again.

Shawn Loftis, 36, spent six years in gay pornography and owned his own company, *World of Men*, until he quit the industry in 2010. He then got a job as a substitute teacher at Nautilus Middle School in Miami Beach, but was later targeted in a "moral crusade" by the school's principal and was eventually fired for violating the Miami-Dade School Board's code of ethics and for gross immorality, NBCMiami.com reports.

In November, the Florida Department of Education banned Loftis from obtaining a teaching certificate for five years, but that decision was reversed by the state's Education Practices Commission, the website reports. And since he has already passed the exam, Loftis just needs a job to resume teaching.

"I just hope that a position comes available at **Miami Beach High; that is where I really want to be,**" he told the station.

Miami-Dade Public Schools spokesman John Schuster said the certificate, however, does not guarantee employment. □□□

Source FoxNews



Gay porn actor Shawn Loftis gets back teaching certificate

Modesto California teacher leaves wife, children to live with one of his students

Controversy is continuing to swirl around a 41-year-old Modesto teacher, who resigned his position, left his wife and moved in with an 18-year-old student; a girl who is only 1 grade older than his own daughter.

The former Enochs High School teacher, James Hooker, is fighting back against allegations that he did something illegal as police investigate whether the relationship began before the girl turned 18.

Jordan Powers' mother said she has proof their relationship began sooner. She said she has text messages, phone records and a police report to help build her case.

Hooker has left his wife and children, including a daughter who is a junior at the same high school.

"There would be nothing to arrest me on," Hooker said. "There was no relationship before she was 18. There's a lot of rumors going on."

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He also called his girlfriend's mother's allegations a "pack of lies" and urged people to be careful in choosing what to believe.

Modesto City Schools Supt. Pam Able confirmed Hooker's resignation. In an email to the Modesto Bee, Able confirmed Hooker's resignation and said that allegations of the relationship are a "source of great concern for staff, students and parents."

"I consider student-teacher dating relationships to be not only unprofessional, but immoral," Able said.

The couple appeared on "Good Morning America" and "Dr. Phil" to defend their relationship.

"I don't regret anything," Hooker said.

"He's my best friend," 18-year old Jordan Powers said. "I mean, he's more than just a lover."



However, since then, another former student has come forward to say that she had a sexual relationship with James Hooker when she was a 17 year old student at Modesto's Beyer High School and Hooker worked at Modesto's David High School.

Modesto Police Department has arrested James Hooker charging him with one count of sexually assaulting a teenage girl for the incident that police say happened 14 years ago. The case is pending. □□□

State Subsidized Child Care

Illinois - Cornelius Osborne may not seem like baby-sitting material. He was convicted of raping two women. A succession of felonies, from robbery to failing to register as a sex offender, repeatedly sent him to prison, state records show.

But over more than two years, the state paid Osborne nearly \$5,000 to baby-sit two children, before his latest conviction for dealing drugs put him back behind bars.

Osborne wasn't the only sex offender paid by taxpayers to baby-sit. An investigation found cases of convicted rapists, molesters and other violent felons given access to children over the past decade.

The money comes from a \$750 million-a-year program that subsidizes child care for more than 150,000 impoverished Illinois families. □□□

A 'cool' California high school teacher was taken into custody after she allegedly helped her students get high, FoxNews reported.

Japhia Huhndorf, a chemistry teacher at Livingston High School in Sacramento, allegedly ordered chloroform through the school but did not use the ingredient in her lessons.

Police allege that Huhndorf took three students, ages 16 to 18, and 'either showed them how to do it or she poured it on a cloth for them to inhale,' the station reported, citing Ray Fong, a police sergeant.

She didn't encourage the students to get high, a teenage victim told the station. **It was "just to ease the stress."**

One student apparently passed out after using chloroform with the teacher.

The alleged abuse spanned two months during what should have been after-school tutoring sessions.

Huhndorf (right) was released on bail when , later the same week, she was again arrested **after police found nitroglycerin in her classroom.**

Police believe she manufactured the explosive, which is used in dynamite.



Huhndorf was booked into jail on charges of having an explosive device in a public place. Her bail was set at \$500,000. Huhndorf was also charged with three counts of felony child endangerment related to the chloroform incident

Obviously the kids loved this teacher... She let them do drugs in her classroom and showed them how to make dynamite!!

"She was a cool teacher ... I can't believe this ... she wouldn't do this, " says one of Huhndorf's students.

Well that's some tax dollars well spent... Heck of a teacher selection process we've got here in California!

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Source: FoxNews

SCHOOLS ARE NOT SAFE FOR CHILDREN AND OTHER LIVING THINGS

News from the planet Bizarro

*M*iramonte Elementary School was closed for two days to allow the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) **to replace the entire staff.**

Relocated employees include administrators, teachers, secretaries and custodians. The displaced staff will continue to receive pay and will undergo counseling.

The decision comes after the arrest of two Miramonte Elementary teachers for alleged lewd acts against students.

Both men accused of committing sex crimes against children are in custody.

Mark Berndt, was arrested and charged with committing lewd acts involving 23 boys and girls at the school.

Martin Bernard Springer, was arrested and booked on suspicion of committing lewd acts upon two 7-year-old girls at the school. □□□

A man arrested after allegedly making comments on an ESPN website about **killing children** has been identified as a resident of **Valencia CA.**

The suspect is 21-year-old Eric Yee. He is accused of posting comments at a sports-focused ESPN blog or chat room in which he allegedly said he was "watching kids and did not mind murdering them," according to a press release from the department's Santa Clarita Valley Station.

"The blogger mentioned that it would be like the Aurora, Colorado shooting," the press release said.

Bristol, Conn-based ESPN alerted police to the online post. Bristol police then traced the post to Yee.

"The Internet service providers at one of the ESPN sites were very good and acted diligently in contacting police," Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Darren Harris said.

Several firearms were found inside Yee's home in the 23000 block of Edenton Place, Valencia. The residence overlooks **Santa Clarita Elementary School and Arroyo Seco Junior High.** Parents with children at the schools said they were briefed on emergency response procedures.

A search warrant was served on the home after detectives conducted surveillance of the location, the Sheriff's Department said.

Neighbors said the suspect lived in the home with his parents and was "well educated."

The Sheriff's Department said it was in contact with Yale University police "to ascertain if there are any outstanding suspects." It was not clear what

*M*onday, December 14, revealed every parent's nightmare. Adam Lanza murdered six adults and 20 children at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, in addition to his mother, whom he murdered at their home.

The massacre has ignited the debate over gun control, coming at the end of a year in which several major mass shootings took place, before and after the school killings, at which most of the victims were six or seven years old.

Without putting too fine a point on it, **school safety is one more reason to home school our children.** □□□

*T*he U.S. Supreme Court will not intervene in a controversy over Christian prayers delivered before commission meetings in Forsyth County, North Carolina.

The North Carolina chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and Americans United for Separation of Church and State praised the decision as a victory for the First Amendment.

The high court's decision leaves in place a federal appeals court ruling that held that the predominantly **Christian prayers at the start of commission meetings violated the First Amendment's** alleged ban on government endorsement of a particular religion.

The court found that more than three-quarters of the 33 invocations given before meetings between May 2007 and December 2008 referred to "Jesus," "Jesus Christ," "Christ," or "Savior."

That, according to the court was a problem.

"Faith is as deeply important as it is deeply personal," Judge J. Harvey Wilkinson wrote in the July 29th appellate court ruling. "and the government should not appear to suggest that some faiths have it wrong and others got it right."

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relationship the student had to Yale, though neighbors said they believed he had graduated from the Ivy League institution, which is in New Haven, Conn.

The department said later that there was no indication that there were additional suspects, or that there were additional threats or concerns to area schools.

Yee was held on \$1 million bail at the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station. □□□

COURT RULES AGAINST PRAYER IN "IN JESUS' NAME"

For the past seven years Pastor Terry Sartain has ministered to police officers and their families in Charlotte, N.C. Whenever the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept. invited him to deliver an invocation, he prayed in "the name of Jesus." Volunteer chaplains in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept. will no longer be allowed to invoke the name of Jesus in prayers at public events held on government property.

Major John Diggs, who oversees the chaplain program, told television station **WSOC** that the policy is a "matter of respecting that people may have different faiths and that it is not aimed at any one religion or denomination."

Sartain, the pastor of **Horizon Christian Fellowship**, told Fox News Radio he was scheduled to give an invocation at a promotion ceremony. Before the event, he received a telephone call from his superior major.

"I was told chaplains can no longer invoke the name of Jesus on government property," Sartain said. "(He said) if I could refrain from that during the invocation he would appreciate that."

Sartain said he was surprised by the telephone call. The pastor said he's prayed "consistently" in the name of Jesus at past police department events without any issues.

"I'm very sad about it," he said. "I'm a pastor and Jesus is the only thing I have to offer to bless people – his life and his person."

"It brings about a very real concern about where we are heading as a nation," he said. "I serve a God who loves people unconditionally, who died for their sins on the cross, who wants to reconcile himself to them and love them where they are at – and now I'm told I can't bless people as a result of that."

The police department said he could still pray – just not to Jesus.

So to whom was the

Christian minister supposed to pray?

"That was my question," Sartain said. "If I'm going to pray – what should I pray?"

He said the police department wanted him to deliver a "secular prayer."

"Even when I wasn't a Christian – in my past – I didn't even know what a secular prayer was," he said. "Why even pray if it's to the one who's in the room? That could be anybody."

Sartain said the new policy has put him in a difficult spot.

"You don't want to compromise your faith," he said. "At the same time you want to honor those who are in charge over you."

So Sartain asked the police department to withdraw his name from consideration for future public prayers.

"I didn't really need to do that as a chaplain," he said of the public prayers. "I still wanted to have the influence with the police officers and their families."

At least some people in the Charlotte area support the decision to remove the "Jesus-centric" prayers.

"It's past time when they should've made a policy," ACLU member Jim Gronquist told WSOC. "It's improper to mix up religion with the function of state agents, and as long as they're state agents, they should not be able to do that."

Sartain said **it's apparent that "Christians for the most part are targeted in these days that we exist in."**

"As Christians in the United States of America – what we are saying as believers – is we want the same rights and privileges as everybody else," he said. "Let the playing field remain level."

Source: Todd Starnes
Todd is the author of *Dispatches From Bitter America* – endorsed by Sarah Palin, Mark Levin and Sean Hannity

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Americans United Executive Director Barry Lynn hailed the Supreme Court's decision not to consider the case. His organization was one of the groups sponsoring the lawsuit.

"When government meetings are opened regularly with Christian prayer, it sends the unmistakable message that non-Christians are second-class citizens in their own community," Lynn said in a statement. "That's unconstitutional, and it's just plain wrong."

But David Cortman, an attorney representing Forsyth County, said the ruling makes **Christians second-class citizens.**

"That's what this case shows," said Cortman, an attorney with the Alliance Defense Fund. "We believe the Supreme Court has missed an opportunity to clear up the differing opinions among the various circuit courts. It really is disappointing."

The decision means prayers are still allowed, but the county must police the words to make sure one faith group is not represented over another faith group.

"America's founders never shied away from referencing the God to whom they were praying when offering public invocations; the citizens of Forsyth County should have this same opportunity," Cortman wrote in a statement. "No federal court has ruled that prayers cannot be offered before public meetings."

Source: Todd Starnes

With reporting from the Associated Press

TEACHING TUESDAYS

See Dates below.

Time:
10:00a – 11:30a

Cost for each Unit is \$7 per child regardless of age.

Location:
The home of Justin and Deanna Meadows in Castaic

Open to Pre-K – 6th grade

American Heroes
Sep 11, 18, 25

Animals
Oct 2, 9, 16, 23*
(*see coupon for Placerita Nature Center)

Thanksgiving
Oct 30, Nov 6, 13

Christmas Around the World
Nov 27, Dec 4, 11

Westward Ho
Jan 8, 15, 22, 29

US Presidents
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

Living Wax Museum Report Prep
Mar 5, 12, 19, Apr 2

Earth Sciences
Apr 9, 16, 23, 30

TEACHING TUESDAYS

Open to APS students in grades K – 6 and Pre-K siblings.

Taught by Cindee Grant, Liz Bonaventura, Deanna Meadows, Lisa Nakata and YOU

Registration by coupon is required. **Teaching Tuesdays meets regularly** on Tuesdays at the home of Justin and Deanna Meadows in Castaic. It provides a FUN and structured 1.5-hour learning time for students and their parents. Unit topics will be presented over a three or four-session timeframe.

Cost = \$7 per child for each unit.

This year the remaining unit topics are:

- American Heroes
- Animals
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas Around The World
- Westward Ho
- **U.S. Presidents**
- **Living Wax Museum Report Prep**
- **Earth Sciences**

American Heroes

FUN stories about real American heroes. Teaching Tuesday coupon must be received by 08/01/12

Animals

Age-appropriate exploration of safari animals, frogs, sharks and whales. Teaching Tuesday coupon must be received by 09/18/12

Thanksgiving

Explore Pilgrims, Squanto and this special American holiday. Coupon must be received by 10/16/12

Christmas Around The World

Explore how Christmas is celebrated in different countries. Coupon must be received by 11/13/12

Westward Ho

Explore Cowboys, Native Americans & the settling of the West. Teaching Tuesday coupon must be received by 12/11/12

US Presidents

Presents a history of select US Presidents. Coupon must be received by 01/22/13

Living Wax Museum Report Prep

Students prepare oral reports delivered in a fun, dress-up, 'first-person' presentation. Coupon must be received by 02/19/13

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Explores Volcanoes, Earthquakes, Water and Weather. Coupon must be received by 03/19/13

TEACHING TUESDAYS

Use a separate coupon for each Unit. Mark the Unit you plan to attend. Make a separate check & SASE for each unit.

If you are attending all eight units please send 8 coupons, 8 SASEs and 8 checks

This year **PE will be held AFTER T.T.** Registration for PE is by separate coupon. See Page 2.

A **NEW music station** has been added to T.T. Students will learn to play a simple instrument called a 'recorder'.

Each child will need a 'recorder', which can be purchased through APS or independently.

The group price through APS is \$5 per recorder, tax & shipping included (order below).

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Total Pre-K - 6 to Attend _____ x \$7 = _____

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Phone # _____ Amt Paid \$ _____

Make checks payable to APS

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Living Wax Museum Rpt Prep coupon received by 02/19/13

Earth Science coupon received by 03/19/13

Mail all coupons, payments & SASEs to:
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APS Senior Formal ~ Fantasea Yacht Club

<p>4/25/13 Thur Time: 6:00 pm</p> <p>Cost: \$120</p> <p>Cost before Dec 31 = \$100</p> <p>Location: Fantasea Yachts & Yacht Club</p> <p>Marina Del Rey, CA</p> <p>See page 5 & page 6 for Swing Dance Class details and coupon.</p>	<p>Date: Thursday, April 25, 2013</p> <p>Time: 6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Dinner and dancing on the yacht. Photos at Fernandez Home approx 2:00 pm</p> <p>Where: Fantasea Yachts & Yacht Club 4215 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey</p> <p>Who: APS Seniors (Class of 2013) & guests (10th grade or above) APS Juniors (Class of 2014) & guests (10th grade or above) APS Alumni and guests. All APS Parents may attend. Seniors and Juniors must be accompanied by at least one parent or comply with the APS Parental Consent Policy**.</p> <p>** The standard APS Parental Consent Policy is in effect. Students whose parent(s) do not attend the Sr. Formal must arrange with an attending APS Parent willing to be their temporary guardian and sign the APS Parental Consent form. Temporary guardians <u>will provide transportation</u>.</p> <p>** Non-APS guests must sign the APS Standards of Behavior and Dress. The APS Standards of Behavior and Dress applies to Alumni</p>	
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APS Guest _____ Grade/Age & Phone _____

APS Alumni _____ Phone _____

Attending Parents (Dad) _____ (Mom) _____

Non-APS Guest _____ Grade/Age/Phone _____

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I am bringing a non-APS guest
 I will provide an APS Standards of Behavior and Dress signed by my guest no later than my last payment.

Total Payment: \$120.00 x _____ number of people listed above = _____ (Amount enclosed)

Make checks payable to APS. Please send coupon, payment and SASE to:
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APS FAMILY NEWS



What are these people doing at this year's Jr./ Sr. High Christmas Banquet? Everyone KNOWS homeschoolers never have FUN, so it can't be FUN. Sure looks like FUN, but it can't be – right?

Teams of APS students and their parents competed in a variety of tasks and games; like opening wrapped presents while wearing oven mitts, eating jars of Liver Solids with Tofu (actually fruit puree baby food!), balancing Oreos on their foreheads and eating them without hands, hanging ornaments on precariously balanced yardsticks... But rather than explain it all, let's look at some great photos taken by APS-Dad **Chuck Todd**. Thanks Chuck. Thanks too, to APS-Mom **Marie Caulkins** and her team of helpers who did all the behind-the-scenes work.

This is why we always say: "APS HAS THE BEST PEOPLE IN TOWN" ☺☺☺



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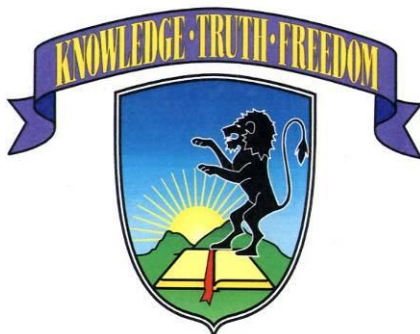
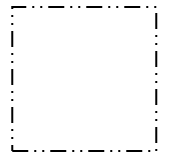


Glory to God in the highest

Merry Christmas; Richard, Cindee, Brandon and Brittany Grant



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Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom. 2 Cor 3:17