



# The Lion's Roar



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## Save Money

### Re-ENROLLMENT

At the April Workshops

It is time to make your plans for **RE-ENROLLMENT!**

We shortened the January Workshop to about 45 minutes. (We like it, how about you?)

We want to **streamline the April Workshop too**, but YOU will need to do a little preparation at home.

Prior to the April Workshop you will receive a **One-Step Re-Enrollment Form** made just for your family. We will e-mail it to you.

We ask that you **complete the One-Step Re-Enrollment Form BEFORE** the April Workshop so we can save time at the meeting.

Please bring the completed form and a check for next year's tuition. Early planning will help you prepare your finances so you can get the 20/20 discount. Tuition checks must be included with your form.

At the meeting you will need to update a few other forms. In order for you to complete re-enrollment you will be asked to update:

- ◆ **Medical Record updates** provide copies of your child's immunization records that can be left with us. **VERY IMPORTANT!!!!**



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

- ◆ **Your e-mail address**
- ◆ **Name, date of birth, and grade level** of any children you wish to **enroll for the first time.** (Not yet sure? Pray, talk it over with your spouse, decide. It is **better to decide now** than later.)
- ◆ **Your checkbook (tuition)**
- ◆ **New phone and address**, if they have or will be changing.
- ◆ **New insurance or employment info.**

**At the April Workshop you will be asked to:**

- Turn in your updated One-step Re-enrollment form** and your **tuition check.**
- Update** and **initial & date** health forms, emergency forms, etc.
- Verify Student Name** (Important for June Celebration. Check spelling for each of your students' names).
- Get blank forms at** [www.APS4me.com](http://www.APS4me.com).

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## June Promotion Celebration

### PROMOTION CELEBRATION JUNE 8, 2012

Can you believe it!

It seems like we were enjoying *Orientation* just last month and it's already time for graduation.

**June Promotion Celebration, June 8, 2012 7:00 p.m.**

**The June Promotion Celebration will be held at: Shepherd of the Hills Church.**

**Stop now and put it on your calendar. You want to be in town for this!**

Technically this is our mandatory 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Workshop.

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Save on Tuition

Tuition Details

Now is the Time

APS has three ways for you to save money on tuition. Make sure you plan ahead so as to take full advantage of the following three APS benefits: (No pun intended. Well, maybe a little.)

# 3 Ways to Save

**I 20/20 Vision Discount:**

20% off of Registration and Tuition fees. Applies if full yearly tuition is paid when re-enrolling (and for new families if enrolled and paid by May 31).

RE-enrollment checks should be submitted at the APRIL workshop.

**II eScrip:**

50% of eScrip contributions credited to your family\*.

**III Referral Rewards:**

\$10.00\* for each new family you refer to APS who completes enrollment.

- ◆ Only one APS Referral Reward per new family.
- ◆ Referral must be made at time of enrollment.
- ◆ An APS Referral Reward form must be submitted with the new family's enrollment form. See form on page 11 or at: [www.APS4me.com](http://www.APS4me.com).
- ◆ A Referral Reward for one new family may not be "shared" by multiple APS families.
- ◆ Referral Rewards total amount may not exceed a referring family's total yearly tuition.

\*eScrip and Referral Rewards will be awarded as APS Lion Moola redeemable for APS Tuition and APS Special Events that have fees made payable to APS. Lion Moola is not exchangeable for curriculum, lessons, HSLDA, CHEA, or any non-APS event.

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**Friends Bringing Friends.**

If you have friends interested in joining APS, please talk to them **NOW**. (Be sure they include the APS Referral Rewards form with their enrollment form.)

Each year we turn away dear people who contact APS too late. **They should not wait** until September or even June to decide.

**Your friends need to decide NOW.**

Will you help them decide if APS is right for them? Try to explain to them that it is like Noah's Ark; the doors close before it starts to rain. If they want in, now is the time.

APS begins accepting enrollment forms from new families **April 15**.

See [www.APS4me.com](http://www.APS4me.com). □□□

**Info to help you with re-enrollment:**

Below are the Full Payment and Monthly Payment totals due with your one-step re-enrollment form.

Forms and tuition payment will be collected at the April Workshop.

Checks will not be cashed 'til May 31, but we need them and your one-step re-enrollment form at the April Workshop.

**Full Payment**

**20/20 Vision Discount Tuition:**

# of Students	20% Discount Applied (you save)	Total Due with form
1	-\$ 45.50	<b>\$197.00</b>
2	-\$ 82.00	<b>\$358.00</b>
3	-\$109.50	<b>\$483.00</b>
4	-\$128.00	<b>\$572.00</b>
5	-\$133.00	<b>\$607.00</b>
6	-\$138.00	<b>\$642.00</b>

**Details of 20 / 20 Discount**

# of Students	Reg Fee (\$25 per student)	Yearly Tuition	Registration + Yearly Tuition	20% Discount Applied	Subtotal	Ins Charge	Total Due with form
1	\$ 25.00	\$202.50	\$227.50	-\$ 45.50	\$182.00	\$15.00	<b>\$197.00</b>
2	\$ 50.00	\$360.00	\$410.00	-\$ 82.00	\$328.00	\$30.00	<b>\$358.00</b>
3	\$ 75.00	\$472.50	\$547.50	-\$109.50	\$438.00	\$45.00	<b>\$483.00</b>
4	\$100.00	\$540.00	\$640.00	-\$128.00	\$512.00	\$60.00	<b>\$572.00</b>
5	\$125.00	\$540.00	\$665.00	-\$133.00	\$532.00	\$75.00	<b>\$607.00</b>
6	\$150.00	\$540.00	\$690.00	-\$138.00	\$552.00	\$90.00	<b>\$642.00</b>

**Monthly Payment**

**Min. Amount Due upon Enrollment if paying Tuition monthly.**

# of Students	Reg Fee (\$25) + Ins Fee (\$15) (\$40 per student)	Monthly * Tuition	Minimum Due with form
1	\$25 * 1 = \$ 40	\$22.50	<b>\$ 62.50</b>
2	\$25 * 2 = \$ 80	\$40.00	<b>\$120.00</b>
3	\$25 * 3 = \$120	\$52.50	<b>\$172.50</b>
4	\$25 * 4 = \$160	\$60.00	<b>\$220.00</b>
5	\$25 * 5 = \$200	\$60.00	<b>\$260.00</b>
6	\$25 * 6 = \$240	\$60.00	<b>\$300.00</b>

\*Base tuition is as follows:

- Child #1 \$ 22.50 per month for nine months
- Child #2 \$ 17.50 per month for nine months
- Child #3 \$ 12.50 per month for nine months
- Child #4 \$ 7.50 per month for nine months
- Child #5+ \$ 0.00 Additional tuition is waived for families with 5 or more children concurrently enrolled in APS. Registration Ins Fees still apply.

Pay full tuition at enrollment time and you will **save 20%** Now that's a deal!

APS Yearbook Ads

Student Talent

APS Yearbook Ads

Each year the APS Yearbook offers you the opportunity to place "love note" ads and / or promote your business with a paid ad.



This can encourage your students for a lifetime (or bring in new business).



Our top-quality yearbook will be a keepsake remembered for years. As an APS Family you Can publish a Loving message to your children, your spouse, or to other APS-families.



Grandparents can participate, too. Yearbook production costs are lowered by ads, so you might also try to "sell" at least one ad to a business. Hair / nail salons, stores, dentists, car mechanics, insurance agents, etc. all get involved in community projects. All you have to do is ask.

*(Just think of the possibilities!)*  
 1/8 page \$ 28 (business card)  
 1/4 page \$ 40 size 3.75" x 5.00"  
 1/2 page \$ 80 size 7.50" x 5.00"  
 Full page \$160 size 7.50" x 10.00"  
**The deadline for Ad Orders is APRIL 15. - ☐☐☐**

APS YEARBOOK AD ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 APS Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_  
 APS Ad sizes:  1/8 pg \$28  1/4 pg \$40  1/2 pg \$80  
 Full page \$160  
 Business card or camera-ready ad is enclosed ~ **OR** ~  
 Text for ad is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like the APS Yearbook Team to help FINE TUNE my ad. My draft is enclosed
- I have sent an electronic draft of my ad to [freedindeed@reagan.com](mailto:freedindeed@reagan.com)
- I have enclosed a photo and / or a hardcopy draft of my ad.

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to APS.  
 Send ads, order form, and payment to:  
 APS-YEARBOOK  
 PO BOX 802274 Santa Clarita, CA 91380  
 E-mail electronic camera-ready ads to [freedindeed@reagan.com](mailto:freedindeed@reagan.com)

**STUDENT TALENT**  
 We love to showcase the talents of APS student and parents at the June Promotion Celebration.



Please send this coupon and an audio or video tape of the intended piece, **by May 8. Seniors interested in giving the Senior Speech, YOUR audition tape is DUE AT THE APRIL WORKSHOP – See Senior To Do List.**

**STUDENT TALENT**  
 For June Promotion Celebration

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband  Wife  Child ...has special talents.  
 A demo tape / CD / DVD is enclosed.  
 Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Coupon & SASE to:  
**APS PO Box 802274 Santa Clarita, CA 91380 by 05/08**

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**Set-up of Senior Displays must be completed Thurs night from 6:00pm – 6:45pm ONLY.**

**All seniors need to set-up their displays on Thursday evening.**

Display space is limited. We need everyone's cooperation to make sure fire codes and safe exits are maintained.

**Setup of Senior Displays will be Thursday night 6:00pm – 6:45 pm ONLY.**

**ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO SET-UP A DISPLAY ON FRIDAY WILL BE ASKED TO RETURN THEIR MATERIALS TO THEIR CAR. This really does mean you.**

**To help your children enjoy the Promotion Celebration, please make sure they know what to expect**

If your children know what to expect it will be easier for them to **be on their best behavior** and to enjoy themselves. **What should your children expect?** Your children will be called on stage, by grade. Once on stage, each student will be called by name and receive a certificate and other awards achieved through APS. This year medals will be given backstage and individually announced and worn on stage.

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**In addition to turning in grade sheets and attendance sheets for all students**, we will use the evening to **individually recognize each student on stage** and display a sample of some of their talents.

If you or your student(s) have talent you would like to highlight, please use the coupon on **page 3** to let us know – very soon.

**We love to showcase the talents of APS performers.** Please send in the coupon and an audio or video of the intended piece so we can better manage our time.

**The coupon is on page 3** of this issue of *The Lion's Roar*.

We will also have limited space for Seniors to set-up their displays.

**Seniors will have table space at the church on which to place their Senior Displays.**



## A reminder about the April Workshop

We ask that **parents of all seniors AND Seniors** attend the **SATURDAY April Workshop.**

We will **discuss graduation.**

**Failure to attend may disqualify seniors from participating in the June Promotion Celebration.**

## The Twenty-Five Words Every Toddler Needs to Know

If a two-year-old has a limited vocabulary it may indicate hearing problems, autism, or a developmental disorder such as dyslexia. Researchers from the [Child Study Institute at Bryn Mawr College](#) have identified a list of 25 words every toddler should be using by age two.

Dr. Leslie Rescorla, the director of the institute, presented her findings at the annual meeting of the [American Association for the Advancement of Science](#).

The [Daily News](#) reports that Professor Nan Bernstein Ratner, who moderated the panel, described these words as the "canary in the coal mine." (If you don't know what that means try "Goggling" the phrase)

The average toddler uses 75-225 words and is able to combine them into phrases. Twenty-five is considered the minimum for late talkers.

In a previous study, Rescorla demonstrated that children with normal [delayed speech](#) tend to catch up by four or five. She adds that when helping late talkers build their language skills, it's a good idea to focus on basic vocabulary.

Rescorla says **parents shouldn't panic** if their toddler is using fewer words than average, but they should consider having them evaluated by an expert. Early intervention offers the best outcome.

### The 25 common words that should form the building blocks of a toddler's vocabulary:

-all gone	-baby	-ball	-banana	-bath
-bye bye	-book	-car	-cat	-cookie
-daddy	-dog	-eye	-hat	-hello/hi
-hot	-juice	-milk	-mommy	-more
-no	-nose	-shoe	-thank you	-yes





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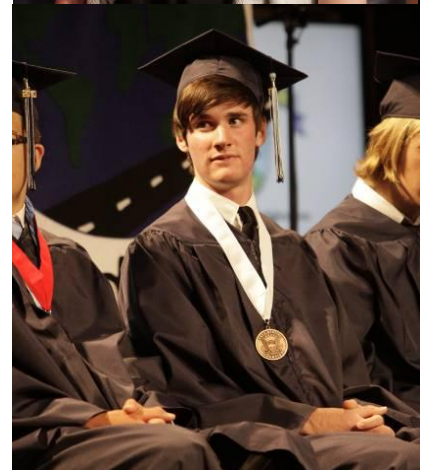
## Things to Remember about The June Promotion Celebration:

- Richard and Cindee need your help identifying **Special Achievements** they should mention when **your child's name is called**. Please mail a **BRIEF list of MAJOR accomplishments** to APS, by **May 15** telling about your child's special awards, achievements, etc. The **brief list** must be **IN WRITING** (typed if possible). **No phone calls** please. **If you don't write it down, they won't know to announce it.**
- If for any reason your student(s) is not able to attend, **it is critical that you contact APS** as far in advance as possible. Since all promotion certificates are alphabetized, one missing student will throw the whole group off sequence. We are looking for 100% participation.
- **Please have students dress appropriately and give yourself enough commute time.**  
The Promotion Celebration is a special evening reflecting our overall desire to "Celebrate Excellence". Please make sure your student's are **dressed in keeping with the excellence of the evening**.  
The Celebration is also a wonderful opportunity to start your own traditions. Dads, how about taking the day off from work and honoring your wife for all her hard work. Or, perhaps you can take the family out for an early dinner. Remember **Friday traffic is usually jam-packed**. Give yourself time.
- Our "**Official Promotion Day Photographer**" is once again APS-Dad Chris Steadman. Chris is a highly respected photographer. 8x10 group prints of your children and a data DVD of all backstage group photos and all on-stage candid photos are available for purchase; Photos will be taken "live" on stage and backstage during the Celebration. Candid photos will also be taken throughout the evening.
- **FILMED DVDs:** The Celebration will also be professionally filmed (digitally). DVDs of the June Celebration are available for purchase, by coupon.

Promotion Celebration will be held at **Shepherd of the Hills Church**. Give yourself enough time to come early, get settled and get good seats. All seats are on the ground floor. The reception following Commencement will be in the **church patio area**.

- **Doors open at 6:30 p.m. PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY**
- Bring your **grade sheets and attendance sheets** completed through the end of the 4th quarter. **Deposit grade & attendance sheets in the APS mailboxes marked 'GRADES' or 'ATTENDANCE'**. **DO NOT send grades or attendance sheets to your Happy Helper.** **Standard Late fees apply starting the day after the Celebration.**

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PLEASE HELP MAKE THIS YEAR'S PROMOTION CELEBRATION THE BEST EVER!

Please help with Refreshments + something else.

Here are some areas that need helpers:



- Attendance Monitors (4);
- Backstage Helpers (8);
- Organize Refreshments;
- Clean-up Refreshments;
- Class Escorts (24),
- Special talent
- Set-Up Refreshments;
- Stage/church clean-up;
- Users (10),
- Medal Distributors (2)
- Serve Refreshments;

Please sign-up for at least one of the following (See coupons below & page 18):

- Backstage help during Celebration (we need lots of helpers)
- Refreshments / Reception
- Set-up / clean-up of facility

APS PROMOTION CELEBRATION: Fri. - 06/8/12

Our annual promotion ceremony, Celebrate Excellence, is a reflection of each APS family. We come together to honor the hard work done by our students and teachers and acknowledge the accomplishments of both. Open to all family members. Please mail your coupons ASAP, if you have not done so already.

To make the celebration a success we ask that each family pitch in and assist in one or more of the following:

1) Promotion Day Staging Team led by: M. Mena, L. Mgrdichian and P. O'Donoghue
The Back Stage Team is responsible for planning and directing the evening, scheduling talent, and coordinating promotion night activities involving YOUR CHILDREN. We need parents from all grade levels to act as guides for the children backstage. Have YOU ever helped to make it run smoothly? How about this year?

2) Promotion CHURCH Clean-Up Team led by: Neil and Ginger Mather
The Clean-up Team is responsible for going through the facility after the celebration, straighten it up and make it look like we were never there. The church, lobby, stage and backstage are especially important to tidy up.

3) Promotion Day Refreshments Team led by: Promotion Reception Team
The Refreshments Team is responsible for the coordination, preparation and presentation of our special refreshments. Providing goodies is part of it, but helping hands are needed to set out the food / drinks and help clean up.

4) Promotion RECEPTION Set-up & Clean-Up Team led by: Promotion Reception Team
The Set-up & Clean-Up Team is responsible for setting up the reception facility for the Celebration and returning the reception

PROMOTION CELEBRATION REFRESHMENTS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ # of Helpers \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ My children are in grades: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check one or more:  I can bring cookies  I can bring drinks  I can bring paper goods
- I can bring a cooler w/ice  I will help with whatever you need!
- I can help set-up at 6pm  I can help clean up the refreshment area (approx. 9:45pm)
- I can help serve refreshments after Promotion

Mail Coupon & SASE to
Promotion Reception Team
9701 Aura Ave.
Northridge CA 91324
ASAP

SAT TESTING

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# APS FAMILY NEWS

**SAT testing** for APS students grades 4 -10 will be held May 7 - May 10\*  
**IF YOU WANT TEST SCORES BEFORE ORIENTATION**

YOU MUST PROVIDE AN **EXTRA SASE** MARKED “**SAT SCORES**”.

- \* **Testing dates:** Monday, May 7 through Thursday May 10\*
- \* **Arrival times:** 9:00 – 9:15 a.m.
- \* **Testing times:** 9:30 a.m. to approximately 1:00 PM\*\*
- \* **Testing location:** Church on the Way, East Campus in the Lamb's House.

\*High School students should be able to complete their testing by Wednesday and should not have to come on Thursday. Unforeseen events may require longer testing, so Thursday is be a backup. Be prepared to attend, if instructed to do so.

\*\*Because there is a listening segment of the SAT Test that must be administered one grade at a time, we will try to test that segment at the end of the day and add about 30 minutes on Monday for 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and about 30 minutes on Tuesday for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

**The first day of testing all families will meet for a general assembly.**

The all-purpose general assembly room is upstairs. The meeting will take place before any testing begins. Teacher and room assignments will take place at that time. **BE ON TIME!** Give yourself plenty of time to deal with parking, traffic, etc. We will be testing at Church on the Way, East Campus in the Lamb's House.

**No student may come to testing and be left unattended.**

At least one parent **MUST BE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES** for each student. Standard parental consent form policy applies. If you are the temporary guardian for any student, please inform the SAT Administrator when you arrive, and make sure you have a valid/signed Temporary Guardian form with you.

**Students who are NOT being tested**

- 1) May go to the playground equipment **ONLY IF** their parent remains with them.
- 2) If you bring siblings who are not being tested you should **bring snacks and drinks for them**. Please do not take snacks and drinks intended for students who are being tested. Snacks and drinks are **provided ONLY for students being tested**.
- 3) You should also **bring books, school work, coloring materials**, etc for siblings who are not being tested. Your non-testing students must be totally self-sufficient. Bring everything you will need to keep them occupied.

**Students who ARE being tested need to have specific things.**

- 1) Two sharpened #2 pencils
- 2) Scratch paper (for math segment)
- 3) Calculator - students may use calculators on designated portions of the test. (And NOT on other portions)
- 4) Reading book or drawing paper (so that they have something quiet to do in case they finish a test segment early). Make sure you **give your student something to do** if they finish a test before others who are being tested in their group. **Please provide a book, drawing materials, etc. for this purpose.**



# APS FAMILY NEWS

<p>04/30/12, Mon. Time: 7:30 pm Grade: 6 Cost: FREE Location: SCV</p>	<p><b>8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PREP MEETING!</b> Parents of NEXT year's Senior High students have some <b>IMPORTANT</b> items to discuss, now!  <b>If you have an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student this year YOU NEED TO BE HERE!</b>  This is an informational meeting for parents who will have a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student next school year (2012-2013). This event will be combined with the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Prep Meeting (see below) Please bring goodies to share. Held at the Grant's house.  <b>DO NOT MISS THIS!</b> Send coupon and SASE to: <b>APS</b> PO Box 802274, Santa Clarita, CA 91380 <b>by 04/16/12.</b></p>	<p><b>8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PREP FOR HIGH SCHOOL MEETING</b>  Going from <b>Jr. High school to Sr. High</b> is a big step. This meeting is designed to help make it easier.  Parent Name _____  Phone # _____  Amt Paid \$ __n/a__  Mail Coupon and SASE to: <b>APS</b> PO Box 802274 Santa Clarita, CA 91380 by <b>04/16/12</b></p>
<p>04/30/12, Mon. Time: 7:30 pm Grade: 6 Cost: FREE Location: SCV</p>	<p><b>6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PREP MEETING!</b> Parents of NEXT year's Junior high students have some <b>IMPORTANT</b> items to discuss, now!  <b>If you have a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student this year YOU NEED TO BE HERE!</b>  This is an informational meeting for parents who will have a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student next school year (2012-2013). This event will be combined with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Prep Meeting (see above). Please bring goodies to share. Held at the Grants' house.  <b>DO NOT MISS THIS!</b> Send coupon and SASE to: <b>APS</b> PO Box 802274, Santa Clarita, CA 91380 <b>by 04/16/12.</b></p>	<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> GRADE PREP FOR JR HIGH SCHOOL MEETING</b>  Going from <b>elementary school to Jr. High</b> is a big step. This meeting is designed to help make it easier.  Parent Name _____  Phone # _____  Amt Paid \$ __n/a__  Mail Coupon and SASE to: <b>APS</b> PO Box 802274 Santa Clarita, CA 91380 by <b>04/16/12</b></p>

# APS FAMILY NEWS

## RESERVE THE DATE

All **11th Grade Students** and their parents:  
The "Preparation for Senior Year" meeting is  
**6:30 pm - Friday, 05/11/12**

Location:

The home of APS Dad and Mom  
Danny and Karen Carver (SCV)

All **11<sup>th</sup> grade students** planning to  
graduate from APS **and their parent**  
**MUST attend.**

**Failure to attend may disqualify seniors from participating in the  
June Promotion Celebration**

This will be an informative and fun pot-luck  
dinner meeting designed to help prepare you  
for your senior year.

**More details will be provided via e-mail.**

## 11<sup>th</sup> GRADE HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING CHART WORKSHOP

**12:30 pm**  
**Sat 04/21/11**

This is required so that all  
11<sup>th</sup> grade students  
**KNOW what courses**  
**remain** for them to  
complete next year in order  
to graduate.

**At least one parent**  
from each family with  
11<sup>th</sup> grade students  
enrolled in APS  
**must attend**  
(no students please).

Parents who miss is  
meeting **must schedule a**  
**make-up meeting** at the  
Grant's convenience.  
**MAKE-UP MEETING**  
**FEE IS \$1.00 PER**  
**MINUTE (Yes, that's right.)**

Please do your homework. You  
need to be **PREPARED** for this  
meeting!

A flyer was distributed at the  
January Workshop

### 11<sup>th</sup> GRADE H. S. PLANNING CHART WORKSHOP - 12:30 pm Sat 04/21/12:

Attending Parent's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

I will be happy to bring refreshments.  
Please call me.

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Amt Paid \$ \_\_n/a\_\_

Mail Coupon, payment and SASE by **03/21/12** to:

APS  
PO Box 802274  
Santa Clarita, CA 91380

I understand I need to come  
prepared with the following:

- Pens, yellow high lighter,**
- Blank HS Planning Chart**
- print from APS Website
- bring at least one blank Chart

**Most current CUM**

**Completed High School  
Planning Chart**

- course titles **MUST** match  
CUM

- course titles must be entered in  
the correct area of the form.

**Course titles that I estimate  
will be taken in 12<sup>th</sup> grade will  
be entered on my chart.**

**I will do my homework in  
advance and will be  
PREPARED for this meeting!**

**I have read the H.S. Planning  
Chart Instructions in my  
Survival Guide.**

## APS Referral Rewards Program

The Referral Rewards program is designed to say "THANK YOU" to the APS family who refers a new family for enrollment in APS.

A one-time \$10.00\* reward will be made to the one family designated on this form as the Referring Family. The Referring Family must be currently enrolled in APS. Even though several APS families may know a new family, only **ONE** APS family can receive the Referral Reward.

**Referring Family Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (First Name) (Last Name)

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

**New Enrolling Family:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (First Name) (Last Name)

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be submitted in the same envelope as the New Family's enrollment form and sent to APS.**

**Please do NOT submit this form separate from a New Family's enrollment form.**

**Please do NOT include more than one Referral Rewards form with a New Family's enrollment form.**

*APS has the best people in town!*

**\*Note:**

- Referral Rewards will be awarded as Lion Moola, redeemable for APS tuition and APS Special Events for which checks are made payable to APS.
- Referral Rewards given to a specific APS family will not exceed that family's current yearly tuition.
- Referral Rewards will be given only in the event that the new family is accepted for enrollment, completes the enrollment process, and pays full yearly tuition at enrollment or remains with APS for the full school year.

# APS FAMILY NEWS

## APS BOOK FAIR

**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2012**

Grace Baptist Church, SCV - 22833 Copper Hill Drive, Santa Clarita, CA 91350

**ONLY OPEN TO CURRENT APS FAMILIES AND APS ALUMNI FAMILIES**

Want a head start on the 2012-2013 school year?

Do you have unused school curriculum taking up space?

Wondering how to sell or give away unwanted school material?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, then **come early** to the next APS Quarterly Meeting, Saturday, April 14, 2012.

### Attention Buyers:

Admittance of buyers is free. Doors open to buyers at 9:00 a.m.

Material(s) may not leave a seller's table unless it is paid for.

Bring your own bags to carry purchases.

Bring money. (Cash is best. Lion Moola **not** accepted)

Children are not invited so please make other arrangements for their care off campus.

### Attention Sellers:

1. Each family must send a separate coupon in order to sell (see item 13 and page 13).
2. All Sellers must arrive by **8:00 a.m.** to help set-up the room.
3. Provide your own change. It is your decision if you accept checks. Get contact info if you choose to accept checks. APS is not responsible for NSF checks or charges.
4. A table will be provided on which you can offer "free" materials.
5. Kinds of things **OK to sell**:  
Current curriculum, unused workbooks, educational equipment such as microscopes. Each item should be in very good to excellent condition
6. Kinds of things **NOT to sell**:  
Games, sports equipment, electronics, items with no intrinsic educational value. Please no outdated material, broken bindings, ripped or falling out pages, etc.
7. Each Item **must be marked** with your name and cost on a removable label/sticker. "Free" items must be labeled "FREE".
8. Before buyers are admitted, sellers will be given 15 minutes to look and purchase other seller's books.
9. Do **NOT** bring children. They may **NOT** "play" on Grace Baptist's campus.
10. Remove ALL of your unsold and "free" books at the end of the event. These **MUST** be taken away by you. DO NOT leave your unwanted books for others to throw away.
11. A \$5.00 fee will be charged to each seller (to offset APS facility and administrative costs)
12. Table space will be on a first come first served basis.
13. Mail completed coupon with \$5 fee, ASAP. **Table space is limited.** Table space assignment will be made based on coupon postmark. If maximum table space is exceeded some coupons and fees will be returned. Include name, number of books/materials you plan to bring, your e-mail address and \$5 fee. Detailed instructions will be sent to you by e-mail.

E-mail questions to Linda Krager [lakbun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lakbun@sbcglobal.net).

See **COUPON** on next page

# APS FAMILY NEWS

BOOK FAIR



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## APS BOOK FAIR

Saturday, April 14, 2012

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Grace Baptist Church

## SELLER COUPON

(Each selling family must send a separate coupon)

Seller's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

Check all boxes that apply to you

- I am a current APS Family
- I am an APS Alumni Family (last year enrolled) \_\_\_\_\_
- I have never been in APS but I hope you won't notice.
- I have enclosed the \$5.00 seller fee (made payable to APS).
- I plan to bring approximately \_\_\_\_\_ items to sell.
- I understand I may be asked to bring fewer items depending on table space availability.
- I agree to arrive by **8:00 a.m.** to help set-up the room.
- I agree to remove all of my unsold and/or "Free" books at the end of the sale.
- THANK YOU SO MUCH, LINDA, FOR DOING THIS.

Mail coupon and payment so that it is  
**received by 03/24/2012** to:

**Linda Krager**  
24307 Magic Mtn Pkwy #45,  
Valencia, CA 91355

## APS VOLLEYBALL

## APS SPORTS

## APS AQUATICS



## Congratulations to the APS Volleyball & Aquatics teams



**“If you want it to happen make it happen”** and **“Celebrate Excellence”** are two APS mottos that can be seen in all we do.

A great example is the APS Volleyball and Aquatics programs under the direction of APS-Dad and Mom **Danny and Karen Carver** (Volleyball) and APS-Mom **Linda Krager** (Aquatics).

Thanks to these selfless parents and the others who help them, our kids can have a great team sports experience.

What can **you** do to “make it happen”?

### Volleyball 2012

#### Team A - Coach Kaye Gibson Asst Coach Trish Kenney

##### **Over.Net**

1. Chris Khechoom
2. Karson Gibson
3. Holly Chapin
4. Caroline Kenney
5. Joshua Song
6. Kelton Gibson
7. Whitney Syms

#### Team C - Coach Susan Todd Asst Coach Chris Kanke

##### **Kingdom Keepers**

1. Derek Todd
2. Monica Kanke
3. Jonathan Kugler
4. Jenna Mgrdichian
5. Hannah Freeman
6. David Monroe
7. Jordan Oleszkowicz
8. Sheila Jennings

#### Team B - Coach Geoff Gilbert Asst Coach Jodi Syms

##### **“Serve”vivors**

1. Kellie Fernandez
2. Mike Khechoom
3. Mikaela Carver
4. Rose Caulkins
5. Amanda DalSoglio
6. Andrew Wood
7. Alyse Mgrdichian

#### Team D - Coach Danny Carver Asst Coach Lauren Mgrdichian

##### **Comebacks**

1. Taylor Carver
2. Christian Fernandez
3. Josh Gilbert
4. Sam Mgrdichian
5. Lauren Freeman
6. Noel Grimes
7. Jonathan Khechoom
8. Carly Syms

#### Aquatics 2012

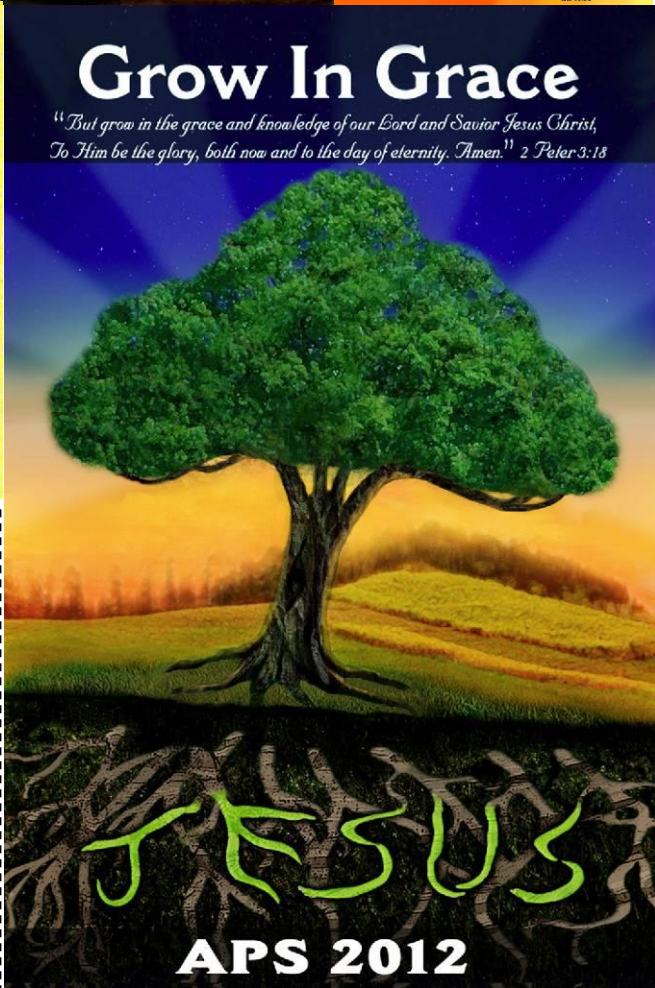
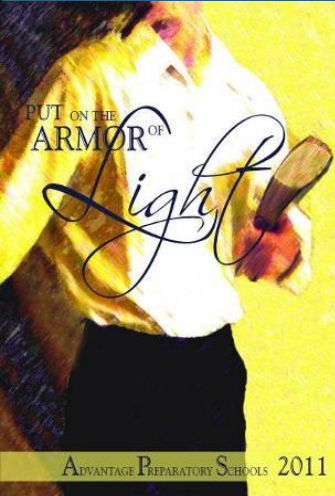
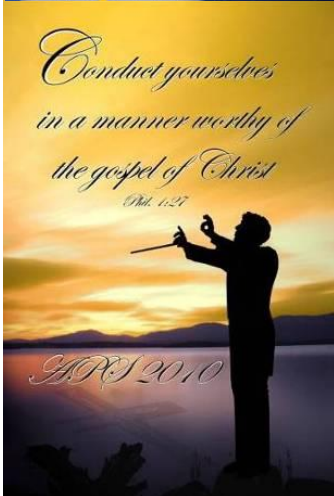
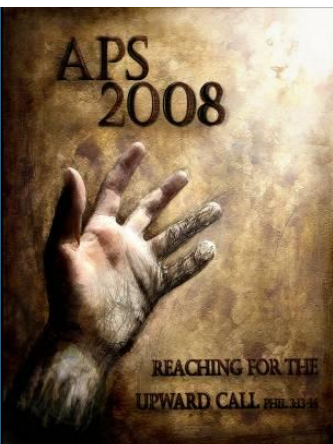
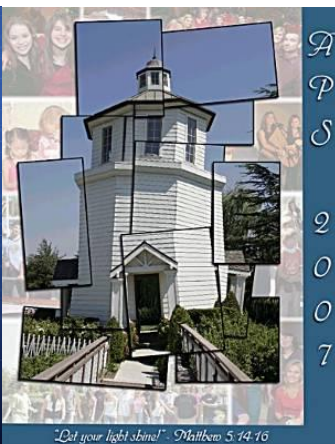
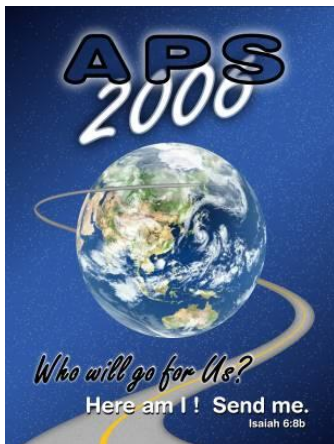
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 Peyton Halaby  
 Monica Kanke  
 Kristofer Krager  
 Cooper Mather  
 Daniel Monroe  
 David Monroe  
 Joshua Song  
 Kayla Song  
 Andrew Wood



# ORDER YOUR APS YEARBOOK

**APS YEARBOOK ORDER DEADLINE** The APS Yearbook features **your children!** The Yearbooks are **high quality** and priced so that each child can have their own (not to mention parents and grandparents) At only \$33 each they are a fraction of the price charged by traditional schools. Yearbooks will be distributed at the June Celebration.

**Distribution method:** A receipt will be in your APS Mailbox at Promotion. Those with receipts will exchange them for yearbooks at a nearby table at Promotion. Remember to place a yearbook ad LOVE NOTE for your children. It will mean so much to them and you ~ forever~



**I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER APS YEARBOOKS**

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ number of Yearbooks @ \$33.00 each.

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Order Your APS Yearbook YOU KNOW YOU WANT IT!**

Mail Coupon, SASE and Payment to:  
 APS PO Box 802274  
 Santa Clarita, CA 91380 by **05/10/12**

# APS FAMILY NEWS



## Celebrate Excellence

is more than a motto at APS. For some, like APS 9<sup>th</sup> grader, KJ McDonald, it is a calling, a mission.

## The Perlman Music Program

19 West 69<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 304, New York, NY 10023 • P: 212.721.8769 • F: 212.501.7079



### Excellence doesn't come easy.

KJ practices the violin over 4 hours daily in addition to various orchestra, chamber & personal lessons and performances.

Recently, competing among 3,000 high school students, he was chosen as one of 4 violin semi-finalists in the **Los Angeles Music Center Spotlight** competition. Semi-finals will be held on March 17.

Even more impressively, KJ will study with Itzhak Perlman for 7 weeks this summer (See acceptance letter at right). Itzhak is inarguably **the world's greatest living violinist** who, along with his wife Toby, runs the prestigious Perlman Music Program, the world's most sought after music training program for young gifted string players. KJ is one of just 20 young violinist chosen worldwide from over 4,000 applicants.

On March 19 the city of Huntington Beach will award KJ their "Good Samaritan" award for pulling his dad, Gene, out of the surf and saving his life. Last October 16 Gene's surfboard fin cut an artery in his upper leg. He almost bled out!

February 21, 2012

Kenneth Joshua McDonald  
27668 W. Redwood Way  
Castaic, California 91384

Dear Kenneth,

Congratulations! You have been accepted into The Perlman Music Program for the summer of 2012. The Program begins on Monday, June 18 and continues until Sunday, August 5. It takes place on our campus in Shelter Island, New York which is about three hours away from New York City.

### Vieuxtemps Violin Concerto No5 1st movement

To watch click: [KJ McDonald #1](#)

### Mozart Violin Concerto No5 1st movement

To watch click: [KJ McDonald #2](#)

The above links are KJ performing the pieces Itzak & Spotlight saw. KJ is accompanied by his mother, APS-Mom Kyoko McDonald.



Two APS families, APS Mom and Dad Robert and Rhonda Wrens and (Alumni) APS Mom and Dad Joel and Tere Moser were thrilled to see daughter Brittany Wrens and son APS Alumnus Zach Moser marry on 11/11/11. It was a lovely outdoor wedding held in the backyard of APS Mom and Dad Ken and Shaaron Minchella. APS Has the Best People In Town. Blessings on the happy couple. ☺☺☺

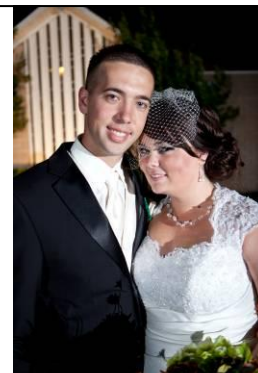


Also on 11/11/11. APS Mom and Dad Delmas and Laurie Pattee were thrilled to see their daughter, APS Alumnus LeeAnn Pattee, marry U.S. Marine Corporal Courtney Lee McBeath.

After two consecutive tours in Iraq, and being awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his acts of valor, Courtney met LeeAnn and decided to make California his home. – You can guess the rest.

LeeAnn earned a Bachelors of Divinity degree from Bible Baptist Institute in 2011. She now works as a photographer for Bronson Photography. Courtney is going to school at Universal Technical Institute.

Their beautiful wedding



photos were taken by APS alumnus Jacob Glauninger. Good job Jacob! APS Has the Best People In Town. Blessings on the happy couple. ☺☺☺



EXTRA CREDIT LEAPING TO LITERACY AFTER-BIRTH ABORTION

## News from the planet Bizarro

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that Galileo High School celebrated Valentine's Day with a "Love Fest" that featured same-sex marriage ceremonies and safe-sex games.

In one exercise, students put on goggles "that made their vision slightly blurry, simulating a drunken state."

A teacher then told students "to put a condom on a wooden replica of the male organ. (You just can't make this stuff up!)"

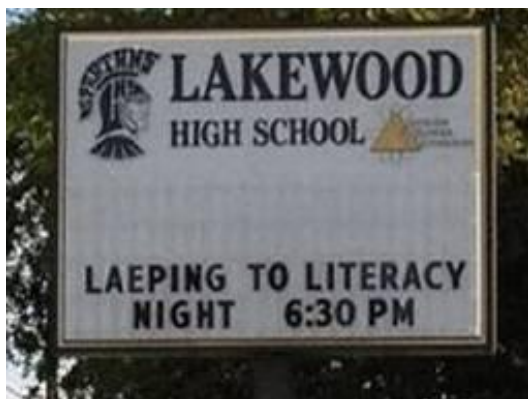


Many students admitted they decided to participate after teachers said they would get *extra credit*. Parents were not consulted.

In this San Francisco public school, playing with condoms rates "extra credit".

That's right, folks. In San Francisco, they're teaching teenagers how to put on condoms while drunk — as part of a "wellness" program. ☐☐☐

Lakewood High School's  
**Leaping To Literacy Night'**  
got off to a bad start:



In this particularly chilling pronouncement, a group of medical ethicists linked to Oxford University argue that killing babies through "after-birth abortion" is no different than abortion (which actually is true, but not in the way they think).

The authors conclude that killing a newborn "should be permissible in all the cases where abortion is, including cases where the newborn is not disabled".

Koop and Schaeffer wrote about this trend in 1979 (*Whatever Happened to the Human Race*). The next phase will no doubt be the dehumanization of our elderly and infirm, who can lose their 'moral right to life' in the same way as the unborn and newborn.

These 'medical ethicists' argue that parents should be allowed to have their newborn babies killed because they are "morally irrelevant".

The article, published in the *Journal of Medical Ethics*, says newborn babies are not "actual persons" and do not have a "moral right to life".

The academics also argue that parents should be able to have their baby killed if it turns out to be disabled when it is born.

The journal's editor, Prof Julian Savulescu, director of the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, said the article's authors had received death threats since publishing the article. He said those who made abusive and threatening posts about the study were "fanatics opposed to the very values of a liberal society". Amazing!

The article, entitled "*After-birth abortion: Why should the baby live?*", was written by two of Prof Savulescu's former associates, Alberto Giubilini and Francesca Minerva.

They argued: "The moral status of an infant is equivalent to that of a fetus in the sense that both lack those properties that justify the attribution of a right to life to an individual."

Rather than being "actual persons", newborns were "potential persons". They explained: "Both a fetus and a newborn certainly are human beings and potential persons, but neither is a 'person' in the sense of 'subject of a moral right to life'.

They write: "We take 'person' to mean an individual who is capable of attributing to her own existence some (at least) basic value such that being deprived of this existence represents a loss to her." Whatever that means.

As such they argued it was "not possible to damage a newborn by preventing her from developing the potentiality to become a person in the morally relevant sense".

The authors therefore concluded that "what we call 'after-birth abortion' (killing a newborn) should be permissible in all the cases where abortion is, including cases where the newborn is not disabled".

Source - UK Telegraph

"First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak for me." ~Martin Niemöller ☐☐☐

Promotion Night Help

Mail Your Coupons

Promotion Night Help

**STAGING: CLASS ESCORTS, USHERS, PHOTO HELP, BACKSTAGE HELP**

**24 Class Escorts:** (2 moms or dads per grade level K-11) These moms/dads meet with the Class Escort Coordinator. You will be shown exactly where you need to go when your grade level is called. You will walk the children through their class photo and then bring them across the stage. Promotion arrival/training time: 5:40pm

**Attendance Monitor:** 4 moms or dads needed (two for K-6 and two for 7-11). The attendance monitors will determine if there are any absent children. Accuracy is important. They will hand deliver each class attendance sheet to the Grants through on stage before the class appears. Promotion arrival/training time: 5:30pm

**10 Ushers (Dads or APS alumni):** These dads or APS alumni man the doors and open them at the appropriate time. They also direct guest to restrooms and answer general questions, etc. Once Promotion begins, this position is done! Promotion arrival time: 5:45pm

**Backstage Helper:** 2 moms or dads needed (one for K-6 and one for 7-11). This job involves making sure backstage "traffic" flows smoothly and quietly. Promotion arrival/training time: 5:30pm

**Backstage Door Supervisor:** 2 moms needed (one for K-6 and one for 7-11). This parent sends the students onstage at the appropriate time. This job involves wearing a headset and communicating with Peggy during Promotion. Promotion arrival/training time: 5:15pm

**Presidential Champions Medal Distributor:** 2 moms/dads needed (one for K-6 and one for 7-11). This parent hands out the Presidential Champions medals to the students in the Photo room. Promotion arrival/training time: 5:30pm.

Questions? Email: [Odonomom4@aol.com](mailto:Odonomom4@aol.com)

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**STAGING: CLASS ESCORTS, USHERS, PHOTO HELP, BACKSTAGE HELP**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ My children are in grades: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Class Escort: Please list ALL grade levels you are willing to escort \_\_\_\_\_ (you will only be assigned one)

OR check here \_\_\_\_ if you can be a Class Escort with NO preference on grade level

\_\_\_\_ Usher    \_\_\_\_ K-6 Attendance Monitor    \_\_\_\_ K-6 Backstage Door Supervisor    \_\_\_\_ K-6 Backstage Helper  
\_\_\_\_ 7-11 Attendance Monitor    \_\_\_\_ 7-11 Backstage Door Supervisor    \_\_\_\_ 7-11 Backstage Helper  
\_\_\_\_ K-6 Presidential Champions Medals    \_\_\_\_ 7-11 Presidential Champ Medals    \_\_\_\_ **WHATEVER YOU NEED!**

Please mail this coupon with a SASE to:

Rick and Melinda Mena  
11118 Reseda Blvd.  
Northridge, CA 91326 by 05/01/12



**PROMOTION CHURCH CLEAN-UP HELP NEEDED**

**Stage/church clean-up:** (1-4 moms/dads) Immediately following Promotion these moms/dads take down the banners, walk through the aisles looking for lost items and making sure the lobby, stage and back stage areas are neat and clean. They basically do a final walk-through of the facility to look for forgotten items (purses, cameras, etc) and trash. This job takes about 10-20 minutes and is VERY important.

Questions? Email: [gingermather@yahoo.com](mailto:gingermather@yahoo.com)

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**PROMOTION CHURCH CLEAN-UP HELP**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ My children are in grades: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you can help: \_\_\_\_ I will help with Stage & Church CLEAN-UP

Please mail this coupon with a SASE to:

Neil and Ginger Mather  
27605 Primrose Ln  
Castaic, CA 91384 ASAP

JUNE CELEBRATION

LIVE ACTION DVD

JUNE CELEBRATION

# Live action DVDs of our June Celebration

are available for only \$28 per copy



They are professionally made and should include close-ups of all APS students present.



# Deadline **NOW**

**JUNE CELEBRATION Live Action DVD**  
(DVD format only).

**JUNE CELEBRATION LIVE ACTION DVD**  
(DVD Format Only)

DVDs of the June Promotion Celebration are available for only \$28 per copy.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

The DVDs are professionally produced and will feature YOUR CHILDREN!

# of  
Copies  
**Celebration DVD** \_\_\_ x \$28 = Amt Paid \$ \_\_\_

This is a wonderful way to remember your home schooling years.

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Share a copy with grandparents. DVDs will be distributed at Orientation in September, or you can make arrangements to pick up your copy.

**Mail Coupon, SASE and Payment NOW to:**

**APS**

PO BOX 802274  
Santa Clarita, CA 91380



JUNE CELEBRATION

STILL PHOTOS

JUNE CELEBRATION



JUNE CELEBRATION PHOTOS

APS-Dad Chris Steadman has again offered his services as the "Official Promotion Day Photographer"

This year three kinds of photos will be taken:

- 1) backstage group photos by grade, 2) on-stage candid, 3) family portraits.

Two kinds of photos may be ordered in advance:

A) 8x10 group photos of your children may be ordered for only \$17 each.

B) Photo DATA DVDs\* may be ordered for only \$30 each.

These DATA DVDs\* contain all the backstage group photos, all the on-stage candid photos, and all the family portraits.

\*Requires computer DVD drive to access photos.



JUNE CELEBRATION PHOTOS

APS June Celebration photo order form

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On-stage candid photos and family portraits are ONLY available on DATA DVD\*.

The DATA DVD\* license allows you to print unlimited photos from the DATA DVD\* for YOUR FAMILY ONLY.

DATA DVD\* Photos can be printed on your own PC printer or printed commercially by any photo developer that processes digital photos (i.e. Costco, Wal-Mart, etc)

Make checks payable to: Christopher Glenn Photography (818) 224-4321

\*Requires computer DVD drive to access photos.

Group Photo for: # of copies @ \$17. Includes checkboxes for Grade Level K through 12.

DATA DVD\* w/ all Groups, Candid & Portraits # of DVDs @ \$30

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Photos/DVDs will be mailed to the address listed below:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

# of Group Photos @\$17 each Amt \$ (# photos x \$17)

# of Photo DVDs\* @\$30 each Amt \$ (# DVDs x \$30)

Total Amt paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Requires computer DVD drive to access photos.

Mail coupon by May 10
Mail Coupon and Payment to:
Christopher Glenn Photography
23399 Ostronic Drive; Woodland Hills, CA 91367

[APS Sr. High Co-Op](#)
[APS Enroll New Families](#)
[APS Jr High Co-Op](#)

You might be just the one to help a friend discover the benefits of home schooling with APS.

**Amazingly, enrollment time is approaching quickly.**

**You can help your friends decide.**

You can help your friends have enough time to think about home schooling NOW. As you know, summer time is too late. Enrollment of new families starts April 15.

Please give the following information to friends and family whom you think might be considering home schooling. You could be the one they thank all of their life.

Click here for [APS Video Gallery](#)

Click here for [APS Photo Gallery](#)

Click here for [APS Sports](#)

Click here for [APS Philosophy](#)

Click here for [Tuition Costs](#)

Click here for [Enrollment Info](#)

Click here for [APS WEB SITE](#)

Click here for [APS Field Trips and Special Events](#)

*Introducing the New*  
**APS Jr. High Co-Op**  
 and next year's  
**APS Sr. High Co-Op courses.**

**APS Jr High Co-Op Mission:**

This APS Jr. High Co-Op was formed for the purpose of providing support for APS families and assisting them with Jr. High level courses by presenting course material in creative and interactive ways.

**APS Sr High Co-Op Mission:**

The APS High School Co-Op was formed for the purpose of providing support for APS families and assisting them with high school level courses required to graduate from high school. The intent of the APS High School Co-Op is to:

- a) offer courses that fulfill APS high school graduation requirements;
- b) provide opportunities for students to develop higher thinking, writing, and communication skills required for college level courses;
- c) provide opportunities for APS high school students to develop friendships with other APS high school students.

**RESERVE THE DATE:** A mandatory meeting for all parents interested in Jr High & Sr High Co-Op will be held  
**May 7, 2012 7:00 pm**

Registration for both Co-Ops will be taken at the meeting.  
 Enrollment in each course will be first come first served.

2012-2013  
**APS Sr. High Co-Op Courses**

**Bible**  
**American Literature**  
**U.S. History**  
**Biology**  
**Civics/Econ**

2012-2013  
**APS Jr. High Co-Op Courses**

**World History**  
**Earth Science**  
**Composition**  
**Conversational Spanish**

NEW CA SCHOOL LAW

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## News from the planet Bizarro

On Jan. 1 of this year, the California Department of Education started implementing a new law that requires **all children in the state's public schools** to study the "role and contributions" of "**lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans**" to the "development of California and the United States of America."

This [law](#), according to the pro-family group SaveCalifornia.com, will require the schools to promote "lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans as role models" and mandate that "children as young as kindergarten must be taught to admire persons who engage in homosexuality."

The bill, [SB 48](#), amends Education Code Section 51204.5, which already included the study of men and women of various ethnic groups. A summary of the law states, "The Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act amends the education code to require schools to integrate factual information about social movements, current events and history of people with disabilities and LGBT people into existing social studies lessons. It also prevents the State Board of Education from adopting instructional materials that discriminate."

The [California Department of Education](#) Web site states, "Instruction in history-social science should include the contributions of those groups listed above in Education Code Section 51204.5, but it is up to local districts to determine how the instructional content is included."

The site says the new law "applies to the course of study in grades one through twelve, but again it falls to the teacher and the local school and district administration to determine how the content is covered and at which grade level(s)."

To meet the new social content requirements, districts may adopt content-reviewed supplemental materials in lieu of new text books, the site says, adding, "After districts have certified that each pupil has been provided with adopted, standards-aligned basic instructional materials, the district may use general funds to purchase supplementary materials that have passed

the State's social content review."

[SaveCalifornia.com](#), a nonprofit organization that "stands for moral virtues and against the liberal takeover," issued a statement on its Web site addressing some of the changes resulting from SB 48.

The organization says that **parents of California schoolchildren will not be notified and will not be able to exempt their children from the new social content materials.**

"It's decision time for California parents," said Randy Thomasson, president of SaveCalifornia.com. "Children will be taught to see homosexuality, bisexuality, cross-dressing, sex-change operations, and homosexual marriages as good and natural and perhaps even for them."

SB 48 does not require teachers to instruct children of the health risks associated with homosexual activity.

"SB 48 absolutely prohibits the government schools from teaching the facts that homosexuality is inherently unnatural and unhealthy with the highest rate of sexually transmitted diseases and the highest mode of transmission for HIV/AIDS," said Thomasson.

"The truth is prohibited; the facts are prevented," he says. "It's ironic and sad that children in California government schools will be taught that cigarettes are negative, driving drunk is negative, drug use is negative, but they won't be taught homosexuality is unhealthy."

In Thomasson's opinion, the government-run schools are beyond reform. "The only clear solution is to rescue your children from the immoral, imploding, dysfunctional state school establishment," he said.

SaveCalifornia.com is a leading West Coast nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that represents children and families in the areas of marriage and family, parental rights, the sanctity of human life, religious freedom, financial freedom, and back-to-basics education. □□□

On 02/17/12, the Saugus Union School District informed 84 teachers and staff they would be receiving pink slips.

A majority of state governments have cut funding to K-12 schools this year as they struggle to balance their budgets without the \$100 billion infusion from the federal stimulus that has now dried up.

Thirty states are now funding their schools with lower budgets than they had in 2008 (measured in inflation-adjusted dollars), even though school populations have grown. Arizona, California, Hawaii and South Carolina are leading the way, having **cut per-student funds by more than 20 percent since 2008.**

About half of all K-12 education funding comes from states, so teachers and schools are already feeling the impact of these cuts. The number of local education jobs decreased by 115,000 between September 2010 and September 2011, according to the report. Since September 2008, schools have **eliminated 278,000 jobs.** □□□

JPL FIRES CHRISTIAN

INTELLIGENT DESIGN

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# News from the planet Bizarro

LOS ANGELES – NASA's Jet Propulsion

Laboratory's latest mission is defending itself in a workplace lawsuit filed by a former computer specialist who claims he was demoted -- and then let go -- for promoting his views on intelligent design, the belief that a higher power must have had a hand in creation because life is too complex to have developed through evolution alone.

David Coppedge, who worked as a "team lead" on the [Cassini mission exploring Saturn and its many moons for 15 years](#), alleges that he was discriminated against because he engaged his co-workers in conversations about intelligent design and handed out DVDs on the idea while at work.



March 7, 2012: David Coppedge, left, is shown outside Los Angeles Superior Court with his Attorney, William Becker (AP)

**Coppedge lost his "team lead" title in 2009 and was let go last year after 15 years on the mission.**

Opening statements are expected to begin March 7 in Los Angeles Superior Court after two years of legal wrangling in a case that has generated interest among supporters of intelligent design. The Alliance Defense Fund, a Christian civil rights group, and the Discovery Institute, a proponent of intelligent design, are both supporting Coppedge's case.

**"It's part of a pattern. There is basically a war on anyone who dissents from Darwin** and we've seen that for several years," said John West, associate director of Center for Science and Culture at the Seattle-based Discovery Institute. **"This is free speech, freedom of conscience 101."**

The National Center for Science Education, which rejects intelligent design as thinly veiled creationism, is also watching the case and has posted all the legal filings on its website.

"It would be unfortunate if the court took what seems to be a fairly straightforward employment law case and allowed it to become this tangled mess of trying to adjudicate scientific matters," said Josh Rosenau, NCSE's programs and policy director. "It looks like a pretty straightforward case. The mission that he was working on was winding down and he was laid off."

Coppedge's attorney, William Becker, says his client was singled out by his bosses because they perceived his belief in intelligent design to be religious. Coppedge had a reputation around JPL as an evangelical Christian and other interactions with co-workers led some to label him as a Christian conservative, Becker said.

In the lawsuit, Coppedge says he believes other things also led to his demotion, including his support for a state ballot measure that sought to define marriage as limited to heterosexual couples and his request to rename the annual holiday party a

"Christmas party."

"David had this reputation for being a Christian, for being a practicing one. He did not go around evangelizing or proselytizing. But if he found out that someone was a Christian he would say, 'Oh that's interesting, what denomination are you?'" Becker said.

**"He's not apologizing for who he is. He's an evangelical Christian."**

In an emailed statement, JPL dismissed Coppedge's claims. In court papers, lawyers for the [California Institute of Technology](#), which manages JPL for NASA, said Coppedge received a written warning because his co-workers complained of harassment. They also said Coppedge lost his "team lead" status because of ongoing conflicts with others.

Caltech lawyers contend Coppedge was one of two Cassini technicians and among 246 JPL employees let go last year due to planned [budget](#) cuts.

While the case has attracted interest because of the controversial nature of intelligent design, **it is at its heart a straightforward discrimination case**, said Eugene Volokh, a professor of First Amendment law at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.

"The question is whether the plaintiff was fired simply because he was wasting people's time and bothering them in ways that would have led him to being fired regardless of whether it was about religion or whether he was treated worse based on the religiosity of his beliefs," said Volokh. "If he can show that, then he's got a good case."

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**JPL FIRES CHRISTIAN**

Home School Drama

National Spelling Bee

AYSO Soccer Champ

# APS FAMILY NEWS

## MOVIE [scene] NIGHT

Presented by:  
Mrs. Nicks' 2012  
Home School Drama Class

Please join us as we perform some of our favorite movie scenes from movies such as "*The Princess Bride*", "*Pirates of the Caribbean*", "*Mary Poppins*" and more!

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
**WHERE:** Faith Bible Church Sanctuary  
8212 Louise Avenue, Northridge  
**COST:** FREE!!!

*APS* 11<sup>th</sup> grader Dillon Eagle and his Castaic 1441 AYSO soccer teammates were thrilled to win the **Boys U10 Regional Championship** this year.  
**Congratulations Dillon!**



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*A* 6-year-old home schooled girl from the state of Virginia is on her way to the National Spelling Bee after being crowned the 34th [Prince William](#) County Spelling Bee champion.



Lori Anne Madison, of Woodbridge, Va., beat out 21 of the best spellers from county-wide elementary and middle schools.

"It's hard to put into words really . . . but at the least I felt great," she told Fox affiliate WTTG-TV in an interview.

"I was confident because I have been in spelling bees with older kids before and I judge them by who they are, not about age," she said.

Lori, who is home-schooled, will travel with her parents to Washington, D.C., for the May 29 to June 1 Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee.

The girl said she credits her memory and parents' help in spelling challenging words, like "vaquero," the Spanish translation of cowboy, which is more commonly used in Texas.

"My parents quiz me, I read lists and I have a really good memory," she told the station. □□□

Source FoxNews

Coppedge, who began working for JPL as a contractor in 1996 and was hired in 2003, is active in the intelligent design sphere and runs a website that interprets scientific discoveries through the lens of intelligent design. His father authored an anti-evolution book and founded a Christian outreach group.

He is also a board member for Illustra Media, a company that produces video documentaries examining the scientific evidence for intelligent design. The company produces the videos that Coppedge was handing out to co-workers, said Becker, his attorney.

His main duties at JPL were to maintain computer networks and troubleshoot technical problems for the mission.

**In 2000, he was named "team lead," serving as a liaison between technicians and managers for nearly a decade before being demoted in 2009.**

He sued in April 2010 alleging religious discrimination, retaliation and harassment and amended his suit to include wrongful termination after losing his job last year.

Coppedge is seeking attorney's fees and [costs](#), damages for wrongful termination and a statement from the judge that his rights were violated, said Becker. □□□

Source FoxNews



LOCAL TEACHER FIRED

NEW LA BEACH LAWS

PRE-SCHOOL MADNESS

## News from the planet Bizarro

**L**A CANADA, Calif. – A teacher from a public school in La Canada will be fired after she called a student "Jew Boy."

Gabrielle Leko, a high school math teacher from La [Canada](#), north of Los Angeles, also ridiculed a special education student's speech impediment.

La Canada school board voted unanimously to terminate her employment, effective Feb. 27, 2012.

An initial complaint against Leko was filed last June by then-school board member Cindy Wilcox after she received complaints about the teacher.

Parents, who lodged complaints in June of last year about the math teacher, were furious that it took 7 months to finalize her termination.

"I am sickened, and really wish we could pull our kids out of this district," parent [Amy Bernhard](#) told The La Canada Valley Sun in November.

**"I am resentful that I have to devote my time and energy fighting this,** a situation that should have been handled properly by the administration upfront, without our involvement."

In November 2011 the school board decided teacher needed "sensitivity training for "inappropriate comments".

On the teacher grading website 'Rate My Teachers', some users voiced opposition to her termination:

"Leko is one of the best if not the best math teacher at La Canada High School. We are not here to be "politically correct," we are here to get an excellent education."

"Excellent teacher, really helped out in the classroom. She should not be fired. There are a lot of teachers who have said things, but to fire her is wrong"

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**A** preschooler was recently fed chicken nuggets for lunch because a state worker felt that the lunch she brought from home did not have enough nutritional value. – What was in her homemade lunch that was so bad that a school lunch of chicken nuggets was better?

The West Hoke Elementary School student was in her classroom when a **state agent who was inspecting lunch boxes** decided that her home-packed lunch — which consisted of **a turkey and cheese sandwich, a banana, apple juice and potato chips** — "did not meet U.S. Dept of Agriculture guidelines."

The decision was made under consideration of a regulation put in place by the Division of Child Development and Early Education at the Department of Health and Human Services, which requires all lunches served in pre-kindergarten programs to meet USDA guidelines.

"When home-packed lunches do not include all of the required items, child care providers must supplement them with the missing ones,".

The student's mother told the *Carolina Journal* she received a note from the school about the incident and was charged \$1.25 for the cafeteria tray, from which her daughter only ate three chicken nuggets. The mother, who was not identified in the report, expressed concern about school officials telling her daughter that she wasn't "packing her lunch box properly."

There are so many red flags in this true incident it boggles the mind. First, **what gives the state the right** to have "state agents" inspect sack lunches brought from home. Second, why should those 'agents' be able to seize a student's lunch **without first contacting the parent**. Third, why can they charge the mother for a lunch that she didn't agree to or request? Fourth, **is the state budget so full of cash** that they can pay "agents" to inspect preschooler's lunches? Really! □□□

**E**ver alert **APS-Mom Tracy Nicks** sent us this little bit insanity from the LA County Board of Supervisors:

### BALLS AND FRISBEES BANNED FROM LA BEACHES

The Board of Supervisors agreed to fine anyone who throws a football or a Frisbee on any beach in Los Angeles County. In passing [the 37-page ordinance](#) officials sought to outline responsibilities for law enforcement and other public agencies while also providing clarification on beach-goer activities that could potentially disrupt or even injure the public.

According to Lucy Kim, from the LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors, a first-time offender will have to **pay a \$100 fine**. For a second offense, beach-goers will **face a \$200 fine**. Three or more infractions within one year will result in a **\$500 fine**, Kim said.

The updated rules now prohibit **"any person to cast, toss, throw, kick or roll"** any object other than a beach ball or volleyball "upon or over any beach" between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Exceptions allow for ball-throwing in predesignated areas, **when a person obtains a permit**, or playing water polo "in or over the Pacific Ocean".

Your kids could also end up costing you big bucks: the ordinance also **prohibits digging any hole deeper than 18 inches** into the sand except where permission is granted for film and TV production services only.

How do you spell STOPMINDLESSGOVERNMENTINTRUSION

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## It's Time to Think: RE-ENROLLMENT

### Please be prepared for Re-Enrollment

- A **red re-enrollment folder** will be in your APS Workshop mailbox. It will contain forms\* required for enrollment.
- A One-Step Re-Enrollment Form will be e-mailed to you (**this is new**).
- Review/Complete the Re-Enrollment Form and bring it to the April Workshop. Put the Re-Enrollment Form **into your red folder**.
- Include your **tuition check** with your form. Your form cannot be turned in without your tuition check.
- Update all required forms\* **from your red folder** and return them.
- Leave the **red re-enrollment folder** in the appropriate APS mailbox.
- Come prepared to update health forms, etc.
- All forms\* should be turned in at the April Workshop.

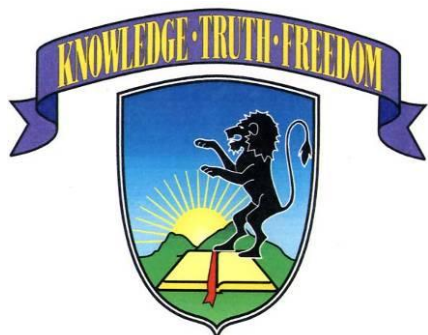
\*NOTE: Bring copies of updated medical records.

**Educational Expectations, one-week's worth of Lesson Plans for each student, and proof of current HSLDA membership (regardless of your renewal date) must be received by July 31.**

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*Grow in the grace and knowledge  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

*2 Pet 3:18*