



The Academy for Precision Learning

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Director's Note

Dear APL Community,
I hope your holidays have gotten off to a great start! This fall has brought many positive changes to APL including a growing number of students (74), expansion to serve students up to the ninth grade, BCBA's to support each classroom, and a number of wonderful new families. We also have an incredibly passionate staff, dedicated to ensuring APL continues to provide an exceptional educational experience to all students.

Our community partnerships continue to thrive with the support of our Parent Council and growing number of parent and student volunteers. It is wonderful to see the program here at APL growing and we thank all of you for your ongoing support.

On behalf of the students, families staff and Board of Directors at APL we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season!

SAVE THE DATE: APL's 6th Annual Auction

Mark your calendars for APL's 6th Annual Auction & Dinner February 2, 2013. Your support helped us 'Soar to New Heights' last year and this winter we have decided to truly 'take root' with the theme *The Growing Tree*. We hope you can join us!!

What: APL's 6th Annual Auction

When: Saturday February 2, 2013

5:30pm Silent Auction

7:45pm Dinner & Live Auction

Where: Bell Harbor, Seattle

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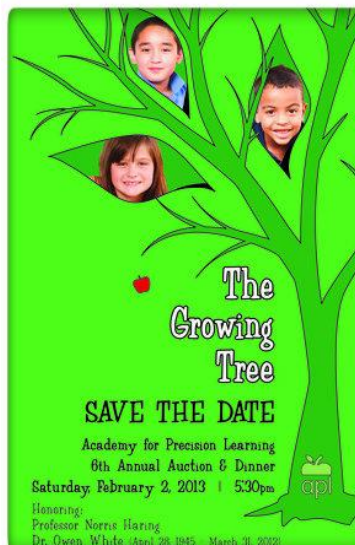
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Questions: Stay tuned for invitations which will be sent early December. Additional questions? Email Director of Development, Andrea Sanders: andrea@aplschool.org



Sincerely,



Jennifer Annable
Executive Director



Board President Note

Dear APL Community,
On behalf of APL's Board of Directors, we wanted to thank all of you for your ongoing support as we continue to develop and grow a truly unique and inclusive school in the greater Seattle area.

The support of this extended community is vital as we embark on an ambitious new strategic planning process during the 2012-2013 school year. The Board is committed to creating a long term strategic plan for APL that will drive our growth and progression for many years to come. We are working to create a framework that will clearly define our core priorities, and identify the adequate resources needed to execute against them, to ensure the long term viability of APL. We are united in our mission to support the success of all students – including typically developing and those across the autism spectrum – learning within an academically challenging and socially vibrant environment.

EXCEPTIONAL TEACHING

APL has the special privilege to be honoring two Advisory Board members at the Annual Auction this year: Professor Norris Haring and Dr. Owen White (April 28, 1945 - March 31, 2012). Both Norris and Owen are being honored for their dedicated service on APL's Advisory Board as well as contributions to the field of education. Below you will find an excerpt from *Exceptional Teaching* a text written by Norris and Owen. *Exceptional Teaching* has served as a wonderful resource to aspiring teachers over the years. Core tenets from the philosophy of education, from the Precision Teaching standpoint, haven't changed much over the years and are practiced at APL. Enjoy an excerpt on progress monitoring here: <http://www.aplschool.org/PROGRESSMONITORING.pdf>

CLINICAL UPDATE

By now many of you have had the opportunity to interact with Chante, Mariah, and Kelly, our resident BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst) staff! We are extremely thankful to APL's Board of Directors for supporting ROOTS - Realizing Outstanding Outcomes-based Treatment Services - as APL's clinical department for the 2012-2013 year. Our new BCBAs provide support and training daily in the classrooms. Their job duties include the management of individualized treatment plans, staff training for paraprofessionals, and ongoing positive behavioral support for students. This allows the head and assistant teachers more opportunity to focus on curriculum, lesson plans, and fostering a high quality inclusive academic environment! For questions email Ali Moors, Clinic Director: ali@aplschool.org or Courtney Burnett, Clinic Coordinator: courtneyb@aplschool.org.



LIVING OUR MISSION

At the heart of APL is giving back to the community! This spirit was truly embraced this past October by budding philanthropist **Anna Andersen** from the Junior High classroom. With support from the Parent Council and classmates, Anna raised over \$730 for APL.

For Halloween, APL's spirit of community was once again embraced when the classrooms participated in a fund drive for **Unicef** -- raising over \$400!! Funds raised were donated via a local Coinstar machine. Many thanks to APL parent, Tim Jaureguy, for leading Unicef efforts.

Being part of the vision and mission of APL is truly exhilarating – together we have the opportunity to create something quite unique in the greater Seattle education landscape. Most importantly, we have an opportunity to affect so many students' lives for the better and prove that a quality education, within a truly inclusive environment, is not only possible for students of all abilities -- but **attainable**.

Please look for a report out on our Strategic Plan by early 2013. Again, we thank you for being part of this incredible journey for many, many students.

Thank You,
Erin Brewer
Board President, Co-Founder and
APL Parent

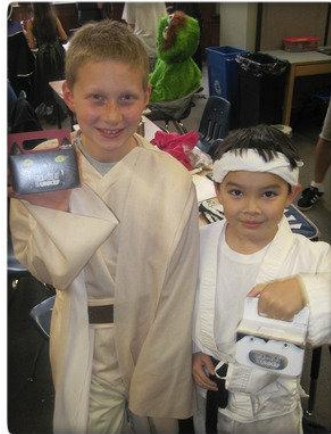


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Also, a special thanks to: Ami English & Merry Sterling for the apples from John & Sherri Kuntz's Orchard, Shawn & Chris Andersen for their yard sale efforts, the entire Steele & Rocks families for Haunted House fun, Brenda Huber and PNHS for providing the K/1 and JH classes with tortoises & The Woodland Park Zoo for donating tickets for the entire school to visit this year! We are also very thankful for the ongoing efforts of all of APL's families and Parent Council!



We are dedicated to ensuring every student's success through accelerated academic progress, social development, character building **and community involvement!**

Students, staff & families enjoyed partnering with Menchie's Frozen Yogurt for the second annual 'APL & Menchie's' day this past Fall.



APL FUN FACT: Did you know APL has added a plethora of after-school options for students? This includes: Running, Lego Club, Yoga, Girls Group, Social Skills, Martial Arts, Mountaineers & more!