

On behalf of the APA staff I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May your blessings be many.

Christmas Musical

What a wonderful crowd we had at the musical. Thanks to all who came to support our students at 22nd Street. Kudos to Mr. Fraley for an enthusiastic and entertaining musical.



Christmas Break

The last student day before Christmas break is Wednesday, December 21, 2011. Students first day back from Christmas break is Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

PARENTS ARE IMPORTANT:

We are approaching the end of our first semester. I hope it has gone well for you and your student(s). Remember that students (until they move out on their own) need a family that provides love, safety/security, and structure to be healthy mentally and physically and to be successful in life. As a parent, you are the stability in your child's life. They need your love as well as your discipline to keep them on the right path. As a child, they will not always agree with you or want to follow your structure. However, they will most likely appreciate the stability and firmness as they get older and look back.

Progress Reports

The end of the 3rd six weeks is Wednesday, December 21, 2011. Progress reports will be sent home on Friday, January 6, 2012. Remember that Math, Language Arts and Reading have both a Grade Level Equivalency (GLE) and a grade. The grade is based on how they are doing at the designated grade level of work, not the grade level they are enrolled in. APA locates the ability level of the student and instructs them at their ability level with the intention of bringing them up to the appropriate grade level work as quickly as possible. Much of that depends on the student's motivation and parent support.

DISMISSAL AND AFTER SCHOOL PICKUP:

Parents, please remember that our offices at 22nd street and 25th street close at 3:45. All students must be picked up before 3:45. Any students that have not been picked up by 3:45 will be escorted to the YMCA after school care located in their building. The YMCA may expect parents to pay for the service when the child is picked up. The YMCA does require paperwork to be completed, if the parent has not already done so, and will expect that to be done when the child is picked up. Please understand that the school does not have anyone on duty to supervise your child after 3:45.

HEADPHONES

Parents, please make sure your child has a set of headphones for classroom use. The headphones were on the supply list at the beginning of the year and are necessary for your child to use the computers during class time. Thank you for your cooperation.

5th Grade Students

5th graders must be performing at the level of an "end of year" 5th grader in May or they will not be permitted to go to the Pre-Academy. APA requires 5th graders to be on target at their grade level before they can enter the Pre-Academy. The Pre-Academy is middle school.

Upcoming Calendar

Wednesday December 21, 2011

End of Semester

December 22- January 2, 2012

No School

Tuesday January 3 , 2012

Students return from break.

Friday January 6, 2012

Sending home progress reports for 1st Semester.

Monday January 16, 2012

Martin Luther King Day. No School

In Closing:

In closing, we ask that you as the parent or guardian continue to support us in our endeavors to teach and guide your child. My prayer is that you and your child will have a great and productive year at APA. If, however, you and your child do encounter some difficulties whether they be academic or behavioral please remember that your support even in times of disagreement goes a long way toward the improvement of your child.

Thank you for trusting us with your prized possession.

Thank You Students and Parents for a great first semester!

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Principal

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Assistant Principal