

THE LEARNING ACADEMIES PARENT POST

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I am pleased to welcome you to the 2009-10 school year at Antelope Valley Learning Academy and Desert Sands Learning Academy! Our school year began on August 17th and our first Learning Period was completed successfully by all. Resource Centers classes have begun at all locations, our first Parent Workshop is scheduled for Friday, October 2nd on Organizational skills, and our first field trips are scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th at the Gibbons Conservation Center in Santa Clarita and Thursday, November 5th at the Lancaster Public Library. We are off and running! We received excellent news from the state that our 2008-2009 state test scores increased by 33 points! Way to go! We have an excellent team of teachers on staff working hard to make sure you – the primary educators of your children – have the materials and support you need to assure the educational success of your child(ren). We are looking forward to another successful year!

Erin Wade
Interim Principal



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OCTOBER 2009

- * 10/2 - Parent Workshop: Let's Get Organized
- * 10/22 Parent Workshop: 1st grade Reading 2:00
- * 10/22 Parent Workshop: 2nd grade Reading 3:30
- * 10/28 Field Trip to the Gibbons Observatory
- * 11/5 Field Trip to the Lancaster Library
- * 11/5 Animation Academy Field Trip

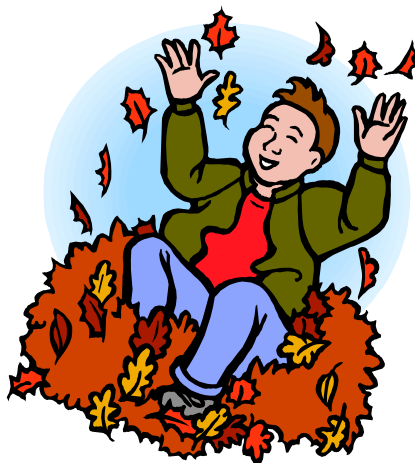
CHARACTER COUNTS: TRUSTWORTHINESS

What does trustworthiness mean? Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat or steal • Be reliable — do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends and country

Please visit the Character Counts Web Site at www.charactercounts.org for free lesson plans and activities to reinforce the trustworthy trait with your students.

ACADEMY ACTION
ANDREW PLETT, LEARNING CENTER COORDINATOR

Resource center classes are off to a great start. Classes are filling up, but there are still some openings in many of the different resource center classes. It is not too late to sign up for classes or get on the waiting list for those that are full. Remember that there are no classes during “Blue-Week” of every learning period. We are very excited about having students in the classes as it gives them a great way to meet other students and learn in a group setting. We are especially excited about the classes at our new Quartz Hill location. As with any new location, there are some unique challenges. You can rest assured that in everything we do at our school, we keep our students’ safety and well-being a priority. We are off to a good year and look forward to the experiences and progress of our students throughout the rest of the school year.



Marathon Runners!



On Sunday, November 8, our very own Senior Director of Education, Valerie Chase and Interim Principal of AVLA/DSL, Erin Wade, will be running in the Santa Clarita Half Marathon. These ladies are training hard – track workouts, hills, distance running – several days of the week in order to be prepared to complete the 13.1 mile long course through Santa Clarita. Let’s wish these hard-working ladies the best of luck in their training efforts.

FIELD TRIPS

FIELD TRIP TO THE GIBBON OBSERVATORY



Who: All students in grades K-12. Younger siblings are welcome!

What: A 45-60 minute guided tour of the Gibbon Conservation Center. We will learn all about these amazing mammals and their habitats.

Where: Gibbon Conservation Center 19100 Esguerra Road Santa Clarita, CA 91390

When: Wednesday, October 28th at 9:00am. Please meet out in the parking lot by 8:50 so that we can get started on time!

Cost: Adults--\$12, Kids ages 13-18--\$10, Kids ages 3-12--\$7, Kids under 2—free

FIELD TRIP TO THE LANCASTER LIBRARY

WHO? All K-6th grade students and their parents are welcome to join us. (Siblings may come with their parents, but will not be part of the program due to space limitations).

WHAT? We will have a general orientation, lessons on library etiquette and a story time.

WHERE? The Lancaster Library is located at 601 W. Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster 93534

WHEN? Thursday, November 5th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Check in with Linda Foster in front of the library entrance at 9:50 a.m., so we are ready for our tour on time).



FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITY

DISNEY'S ANIMATION ACADEMY!



This is a three hour program through Disney's California Adventure Park led and taught by a Disney facilitator. Students discover and learn about the history, creativity and innovation of the animation process and how the vision of Walt Disney influenced the history of animation. Students have the opportunity to create a kineograph, plan and design their own storyboard, and explore their creativity in the Sorcerer's Workshop. They also discuss, observe and participate in character development at the Animation Academy and see how technology has influenced animation in Turtle Talk with Crush.

WHO: Space is limited to students in grades 7-12 and their parents. Sorry, but younger siblings will not be able to attend.

WHEN: November 5th **Time:** TBD

WHERE: California Adventure Park in Anaheim, CA Students will meet by the letter C at the front entrance of the park. Meeting time will be determined by California Adventure 7 days in advance.

COST: THREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE!

\$25 per ticket for Animation Academy only

\$47 per ticket for Animation Academy + All day @ California Adventure.

\$61 per ticket for Animation Academy+ a Hopper-Ticket to spend the rest of the day at both parks.

HOW: 1. Email Mrs. Berry (mberry@avlearning.org) to reserve your spot. Please include your student's name, grade level, which ticket package you are requesting and the number of tickets for your family.





*Antelope Valley and
Mission View
Learning Academies*



**6th—8th Trip to
Washington, D.C.
Spring 2010**

In our nation's capital, you will experience:

The White House, U.S. Capitol Building, Washington Monument,
Vietnam and WWII Memorials, Holocaust Museum,
Smithsonian Museums, Ford's Theater, Lincoln and
Jefferson Memorials, a fantastic night tour of the city,
and MUCH more!

Your textbooks will come to life on this exciting trip!

Mandatory

informational meeting for parents



Will be scheduled soon!


For more information or to
RSVP for this event, please
contact Mrs. Berry

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

27	28	29	30	1	2 Parent Workshop: Let's Get Organized at the PTC at 10 am.	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Last Day of LP 4	10
11	12 First Day of LP 5	13	14	15	16	17
 Meeting Week						
18	19	20 PTC	21	22 Parent Workshop: 1st grade reading 2-3:30 2nd grade reading 3:30-4	23	24
25	26	27	28 Field trip to Gibbon Observatory	29	30	31