



# SCHOOL NEWS

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

### Spring APSAP Sports Registration Now Open!



Registration is open for the following teams: 5/6 Girls Lacrosse, 7/8 Girls Lacrosse, and 5-8 Coed Track and Field. **The deadline to register for \$125 is Friday, February 10.** After that date, the registration fee increases to \$250. The complete details can be found at the registration link: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/352640>.

Go, Anchors!

### School Environment Committee Meeting - Public Forum - Wellness Plan Review



The School Environment Committee will meet on Monday, January 31, from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. in the APTA Room at the district building to review the school's Wellness Plan. [The Wellness Plan is linked here.](#) Everyone is welcome to attend the public forum.

## **Anchorage Independent School Called Board Meeting – Thursday, February 9, 6:00 p.m.**



The Anchorage Independent School Board will meet on Thursday, February 9, 2023, in the library, for a called meeting. Visitors are welcome to attend.

## **School Council Meeting - Wednesday, February 8, 3:30 p.m.**



The Anchorage Independent School Council will meet in Room 117 for their monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. Visitors are welcome to attend.

## **APSAP Meeting - Monday, February 6, 1:45 p.m.**



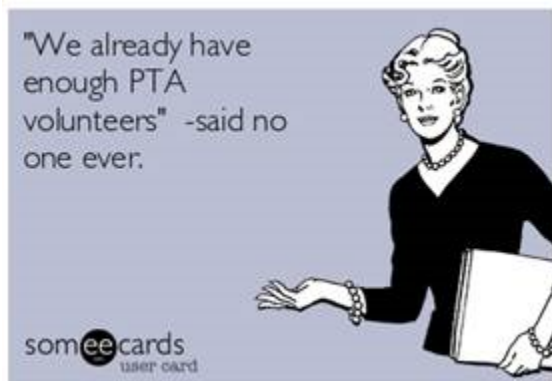
The APSAP Advisory Group meeting is re-scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2023, at 1:45 p.m. in the APTA Room at the District Office. Visitors are welcome to attend.

## **APTA Board Meeting - Thursday, February 9, 9:30 a.m.**



The APTA monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the APTA Room at the District Office. Visitors are welcome to attend.

# APTA Board Positions for the 2023-2024 School Year



The APTA has served Anchorage School for over 100 years. It takes a village to support our teachers, staff, and students!

**Currently, the APTA Board is looking for a treasurer. This is a two-year position and will start in the 2023-2024 year school.**

**This is a great way to get involved, meet fellow parents and have fun! Consider joining this dynamic and engaging team! If you're**

**interested, now it's a great time to sign up and start shadowing our treasurer, Kate Busch, during the auction!**

To learn more about this position, please contact Megan Brady at [meganbrady24@gmail.com](mailto:meganbrady24@gmail.com) or 740-591-8544.

## APS “Knowledge” Spirit Day - TOMORROW



January's APS Spirit Day is on Friday, January 27, and is hosted by the 4th-grade homerooms. We are asking our staff and students to honor the word of the month, “Knowledge” by wearing an educational institute's logo or emblem - elementary school, middle school, high school, or college!

## The 30th Annual APTA Auction - Buy Your Tickets Now!



The APTA is excited to be hosting a **Roaring 20s-Themed** evening for the 30th Annual Auction sponsored by

*Melanie Galloway and Lenihan Sotheby's International Realty*

held this year at Owl Creek Country Club on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Buy your tickets [here](#) and book that babysitter now!

Donations for the Silent Auction can be made [here](#).

Contact Courtenay Wilson at 502-544-0285 or Catherine Graham at 502-807-3547

with any questions!

## Pick Up Your “Lost & Found” Items by February Break!



The lost and found tables are displayed in the K/1 hallway. Please come check them out! All items will be donated to those in need before we start our February Break!

## SCHOOL and APTA NEWS REMINDERS

### Commonwealth Honors Academy (CHA)

Our Anchorage families with high school students may find the information below helpful.

## What is CHA?

The [Commonwealth Honors Academy](#) is a challenging 3-week academic enrichment program for rising high school seniors. 95 students from all over the United States come together to live and learn together on Murray State's campus.

## What are the benefits of attending CHA?

- Earn 6 hours of tuition-free, transferable college credit
- Learn and live with similarly-talented students, making life-long friends
- Experience a college campus
- Learn from some of the most talented college and university teachers

Student applications are due March 15 and can be found at the following link: <https://murraystate.edu/cha/>

## NEW THIS YEAR!

**Murray State University CHA Scholarship** - All students who complete CHA and have a 25+ ACT (or SAT equivalent) and a 3.5 GPA will receive a renewable, 4-year scholarship valued at the price of in-state tuition. More information can be found at the [scholarship website](#).

## The APS Library Media Center Celebrates Author and Illustrator Bruce Hale

Thanks to KET for hosting our ZOOM author/illustrator visit with Bruce Hale on Wednesday, January 18. Mr. Hale shared timely lessons about how to illustrate your own writing. Thank you to our teachers for taking time to promote this Zoom event with the students.

### ABOUT AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR BRUCE HALE

Raised by wolves just outside Los Angeles, Bruce Hale began his writing career while living in Tokyo, and continued it after moving to Hawaii. He's too modest to mention his Nobel Peace Prize and his Olympic Gold Medal (in long-distance procrastination), so we won't mention them. Before entering the world of children's books, Bruce worked as a magazine editor, toymaker, gardener, actor, corporate lackey, and DJ.

From picture books to novels and graphic novels, Bruce has written and/or illustrated over 70 books for kids. His popular series include the award-winning *Chet Gecko Mysteries*, *The Monstertown Mysteries*, and *Clark the Shark*, among others.

When not writing or illustrating, Bruce loves to perform. He has appeared on stage, on television, and in an independent film called *The Ride*, where he played a surfer's agent. Bruce is a popular speaker and storyteller for audiences of all ages, from the lunchroom to the boardroom. In 1998, he won a Fulbright Grant to teach storytelling and study folklore in Thailand. (No, he doesn't speak much Thai, but he loves the food.)

A former member of the National Speakers Association, Bruce has presented at colleges, universities, and conferences, both nationally and internationally. On top of that, he has visited schools and libraries from New York to New Delhi. (And yes, he loves to travel.)

These days, Bruce lives in Santa Barbara with his wife and his massive collection of hats. When he's not at the computer or drawing board, you can find him hiking, kickboxing, watching movies, or singing with a latin jazz band called Mezcal Martini.

~Author Lindsey Stoddard

## ATHLETICS, AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, and COMMUNITY REMINDERS

### K-5 APS After-School Cares Club (Pilot Program\*) - Registration Now Open - *Starts on February 20, 2023*

A fun, after-school club for students in grades K-5 led by PE Teacher, Yancey Walters (along with assistants as needed). The program will include PE games, Go Noodle, reading time, playground time (weather permitting), etc. **As part of the program schedule, your student will have snack time, so have them bring a snack from home or they may purchase one from the cafeteria at the beginning of each club session.**

*\*Please be advised that this is a pilot program that will run February 20, 2023 through the last full day of school in May 2023. If there is enough interest, a decision will be made regarding continuing this offering in 2023-2024.*

- **Who:** Grades K-5
- **Dates:** Monday-Thursday, 3:00-5:00 p.m. on days when school is in session (February 20, 2023 - last full day of school in May, 2023)
- **Cost:** \$15 per session (day). The full fee will apply even if the student does not stay for the entire session from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

- **Enrollment:** In order for the club leader(s) to have an accurate count of the students each day, the guardian will need to register the student via our [Sign Up Genius registration link](#) **each day by 2:30 p.m.** Participants will be billed at the end of the 2022-2023 school year for the days they attended. PikMyKid must also be updated accordingly. The club will dismiss at 5:00 p.m. in the back carpool line. For early pick-ups (prior to 5:00 p.m.) please call Mr. Walters at 812-455-9563.