



Welcome to ANLC!

Friends of ANLC is our P.T.O. group. This group evolves each year based on the talents and interests of our members. We would like to invite everyone to join us to support our different programs, or offer suggestions to new ones you would enjoy working on. You are always welcome to come and participate in all these events with your child.

Here are some of the great the programs we support with the funds we raise:

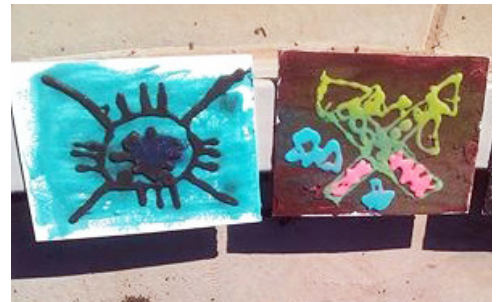
Exploration Friday:

Four times a year we take a Friday morning off from regular classes and all students get to pick two 1 hour classes. These classes are taught by community members, family, friends, and professionals. The idea is to have a hands-on learning experience, so they are not lectures, but interactive learning. Some of the fun things that we have brought in include taiko drumming, drama, songwriting, hair styling, bomb squad, forensics, veterinarian science, architecture, city planning, dance (belly, hula, ballet, flamenco...), cooking (pies, sushi, Lebanese foods...) cultures (Chinese, Irish, Mardis Gras...), sports (baseball, rugby, roping, zumba...), fine art classes (origami, silk-screening, henna...) We are always looking for new presenters, suggestions and help on the day of.



Arts Integration (art masterpiece):

Throughout the year different artists and art styles are presented to the classes followed by a project that is based on this particular style of art. Jackson Pollak might be presented and the kids will make paint their principal! There are lists of artists and projects to present or you can come up with your own ideas. We are also working to include some campus beautification projects like murals and mosaics. Help out by presenting or assisting and supporting teachers with their classroom art integration projects.





Chef in the Garden:

Through out the year different chefs are invited (Chef Charleen from Fnb, Chef Vincent, Chef Chris Bianco have come) to work with the kids and show them how to use garden produce and make different foods. One class made fresh pasta from scratch. They mixed and kneaded the dough, cut the noodles and ate their fresh pasta. Others have made fresh granola, pancakes and more.

The gardens on our campus are consistently integrated into classroom curriculum. This program also supports the maintainance of these different gardens throughout campus and assisting the teachers with blending curriculum with hands on integration.

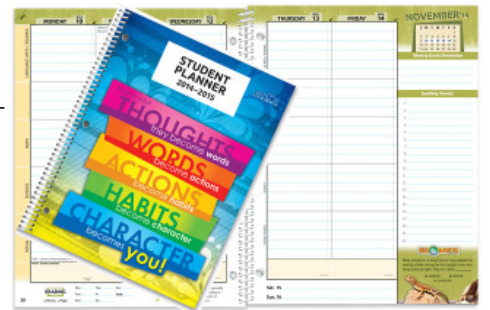


Health Fair:

This is a parent/nurse-run activity. At the beginning of the year all students will be screened for health issues, such as sight and hearing. Please consider helping to coordinate this event.

Student Planners:

This year, Friends of ANLC purchased planners for every student at ANLC. Through teacher-parent-student collaboration, these planners are designed to be an essential tool for every student and will be vital for consistent school-home communication.



Family Read/Community Coffee:

On the last Friday of every month; parents, friends and family are encouraged to come to campus or from different classrooms to sit and read together for 30 minutes. After enjoying family read, have some fresh coffee provided by Black Cat Coffee and good conversation with fellow families.



Mexican Independence Day Fiesta:

A celebration with crafts foods and activities during recess the students get to enjoy a culture that can be shared.

Movie nights:

A couple of times and we sponsor free movies for the community. Blankets are spread out on the soccer field or in the gym (for the Polar Express in December), popcorn is shared and fun is had by families and friends



Haunted House:

Integrating arts into this production, students can participate in building, setting up, and "scaring". The haunted house will be open to the community during the week of Halloween.



Ice Castles Day:

All classes on campus work on a "castle" built from different shapes and colors of ice that the students bring in. They learn how salt "sticks" together and structural design. Usually each class has a theme that they use in their design. In the past a class chose to represent New York City. They studied up on its architecture, determined what shapes they needed and collaborated together to make Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Empire State Building...including little yellow taxi ice cubes!



Lady Bug Release:

To welcome spring, all the students release a handful of live lady bugs to into the gardens and learning how they protect our gardens.



Dr. Seuss's Birthday:

Every March 2 we celebrate literary great, Dr. Seuss's Birthday with crafts and projects for all during recess.



Book Fair:

In the spring, Friends of ANLC holds the annual Scholastic Book Fair. This is a fun event/fundraiser and great opportunity for parents to volunteer their time.

Celebration of Learning:

In March, we take a Saturday afternoon to celebrate us! An event encompassing all that is ANLC. We want to celebrate our community – our children. We want to share this experience with the whole community and showcase what makes us unique. Several areas are set up to showcase the unique things we do and how we learn. We have offered: exploration classes, art projects, chef in the garden, Hispanic community activities, musical performances and more. A culmination of the work produced by all students is on display for friends and family to enjoy as well.





Field Day:

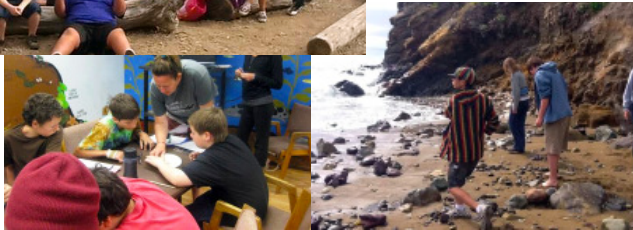
In the spring we host a good old fashioned field day complete with tug of war, 50 yard dash, potato sack races and more. This is a lot of fun and we can always use some hands to help out!



Middle School Trip:

Every year the middle school students are offered an outdoor education trip that also focuses on team building. The students participate in interactive activities organized and run by the ANLC teachers. They may learn the skills of mapping and using compasses in achieving set goals. There are also organized programs the staff administers such as kayaking, hiking, squid dissection and more.

There is a fee for the trip, but some scholarships are available, provided from funds raised by Friends of ANLC.



Night of the Arts:

The hard work our band and strings students have done is showcased in this evening of concerts and artwork that is displayed throughout the campus.



Fundraising:

Friends of ANLC uses a variety of fundraising efforts. Volunteers are always needed to help coordinate several of the many programs that are available for school donations.



Spirit Club:

Every Monday after school, Friends of ANLC sponsors the Spirit Club. Children are invited to join students of all ages to participate in various crafts. Look for Spirit Club created gear for sale on the Spirit Cart.

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The Spirit Cart is the Friends of ANLC's mobile store. T-shirts and other ANLC Spirit wear will be for sale when you see the cart out and about.

Think Tank-Site Council:

This organization is made up of parents, teachers, administrators, and other school personnel. One of the responsibilities of this organization is to create our School Improvement Plan (SIP). Everyone is welcome to join, although at least one representative from each Gleam needs to attend.

Bilingual Advisory Group:

A group of Spanish-speaking parents meet monthly to discuss school activities, academics, parenting, community issues, and other pertinent topics that empower them to help their children be successful.