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MARCH IS NEW CHOREOGRAPHY MONTH: We will now begin learning new dances every day of the week, so please help us by making sure your student is here until 4:30, **avoiding early pick ups and absences.** Everyday of the week a different dance is learned. *Students who are absent are actually missing the equivalent to one week* and unfortunately run the risk of having to be excluded from a dance. Please realize dance is a team sport as —you would not tell your child’s baseball coach— “she played (danced) last year, he practices at home, etc.”—thanks for your help.

SPRING CAMP AT APPLE: During the week of April 1-5 a special session of Spring Camp will be offered for both Magic and Apple students at the Apple Afterschool Campus (221 Thunderbird Drive). We have field trips and fun themes involving art, cooking, drama, and more (please see the attached schedule which is also on our website magicappleschool.net). Students may use any hours between 8:00 and 5:30 (tuition is \$35 per day). If interested, full day session request forms are posted on our **Magic Apple Parent** website under the tab “Spring Camp April 2013”.

POETRY CLUB: Magic Apple students are now being challenged to learn the new poem for this month, A TRUE STORY(see **poetry** tab on website) to earn their poetry club medal. This wonderful poem was selected by one of **Magic’s Poet Laureates, Abby Watkins**, and was written by beloved Children’s poet, Shel Silverstein. So far over 10 students have recited the poem from memory in the first week (including amazing first grader, **Mackenna Meyer**). The poem is funny and light in contrast to the more intense poem by Maya Angelous last month.

DANCE and ART: One of our student's favorite new dances for this year's show is about the circus and we've created an exciting mixed media art project centered around clowns as well. Please try to visit classroom to see the amazing results that we've already framed and posted on our bulletin board as well as the many masterpieces still in progress on the art table. Your students are sooo creative and their works and ideas so original.

HARLEM SHAKE: The newest phenom since planking, Magic Apple worked together last Friday to create our own under the guidance of **student body vice president**,

Will Ramos! Students brought in their own costumes or borrowed ours and the results are hysterical. Special thanks to our teacher's assistant, **Zach Morgan**, for bringing in his video camera and putting it together. If you don't know what this crazy flash mob type of experience is, be sure to search online—we can't wait to see Magic's creation and will send it to you when it's ready.

SCIENCE: Students will enjoy a variety of experiments this week as Fran and Jan's son visits. He is a computational chemistry grad, recently completing an internship with Genetech, and excited to assist Fran this Wednesday. **Students will be able to see and do some exciting experiments involving an electromagnet that shoots rings high in the air, sit and spin on a rotating platform involving angular momentum, and even see gummy bears melt!** Our students love Fran's science classes as they involve learning important scientific concepts presented in such a more meaningful and memorable way than the typical classroom textbook.

METHUSULA TREE: When scientists took samples from the now famous tree in 1957, they discovered it was 4,789 years old. It is estimated that the tree germinated in 2832 BCE, making Methuselah older even than the Egyptian Pyramids. Students were treated to some amazing footage and then asked to write some reflective poetry about this great tree—we congratulate student poets, Mackenzie Rastatter and Melody Andrews for already completing their poems!

NATURAL SCIENCE: Students last week learned about **hibernators** and survival techniques. We discussed a fish that can survive in mud during the winter (carp), reptiles that twirl their bodies together for heat (garter snakes) as they sleep, and creatures that steal the underground burrows of others (skunks), etc. This week students will learn about **elephants** and enjoy a film and lesson that helps us understand their long memories, agility of their trunk, and how they are in danger.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 FIELD TRIP: Students will be taken to California Fresh (formally Fresh Choice) for a field trip from 4:00-5:00 to celebrate our officers for this semester. Please send \$8 with your students for dinner, drink and dessert. Our presidents are also encouraging our students to dress for dinner (clothes may be brought in a back pack. We will still be practicing dance on that day, then leave Magic at 3:40. We will dine from 4:00-5:00 and then depart for Deer Park. Students not attending Wednesdays may meet us there.

COOKING: This week students will enjoy a **BAKE-OFF** winter, **Crescent Puff S'mores**. After completing a recipe (while will be sent home), they'll stuff a crescent roll with a marshmallow and chocolate. We'll then dip in butter and roll in graham crackers and bake—yum! Last week students enjoyed learning to put together **quesadillas** with wheat tortillas and lowfat cheese.

Have a wonderful week, your students certainly will be! Jan and Fran

TRUE STORY by Shel Silverstein

This morning I jumped on my horse
And some wild outlaws chased me
And went for a ride, And shot me in the side.
So I crawled into a wildcats cave
But some pirates found me sleeping there
And soon they had me tied
To a pole and built a fire
Under me---I almost cried
Till a mermaid came and cut me loose
And begged to be my bride
So I said id come back Wednesday
But I must admit I lied.
Then I ran into a jungle swamp But I forgot my guide
And I stepped into some quicksand
And no matter how hard I tried
I couldn't get out, until I met A watersnake named Clyde
Who pulled me to some cannibals
Who planned to have me fried
But an eagle came and swooped me up
And through the air we flied But he dropped me in a boiling lake
A thousand miles wide
And you'll never guess what I did then--- I DIED”

SPRING CAMP FULL DAY SESSION at APPLE AFTERSCHOOL (7:45-5:30)

221 Thunderbird Drive Aptos, Ca. 685-0629 April 1-5, 2013

MONDAY APRIL 1 : HOUSE OF CARDS *Bring snacks, favorite card games, dress black, white, and red* In the a.m. design your own deck of cards, play games and then watch cards houses and dominoes fall! In the p.m. it's an Uno and Apples-to-Apples face-off, funny drama skits and plays, and cooking up some yummy popcorn to enjoy as we watch one of our most favorite movies, *The Little Rascals!*

TUESDAY APRIL 2: Monkey Day *Bring lunch and a drink, books about monkeys, board games (trip 2-30-4:00 approx).* We're going bananas today and we're not monkeying around as we celebrate monkeys and apes. Enjoy the monkey bars at the park, delicious banana splits, and even a "born to be wild" dance off. In the morning we'll enjoy sharing and playing each other's board games and learning all about monkey and the great apes. In the p.m. we'll enjoy a trip to Seascap Park, and the film, *Mighty Joe Young*.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 3: Carnival Day *Bring lunch and a drink, \$7 for movies (trip to Green Valley Cinema 2:00-5:00 approx. extra \$\$ for snack ok—must be labeled* Get ready to party Mardi Gras style as we learn about the great carnival of Rio De Janeiro. We'll make our own cool masks and beads in the morning, play special carnival games, and even have our faces painted. In the p.m. enjoy a trip to Green Valley Cinema to see the funny animated movie, *Rio*. When we return enjoy free choice activities or parrot drawing lessons!

THURSDAY APRIL 4: Mad Hatter Tea Party 28 *Bring lunch and drink, favorite costume (optional)* Come adorned with a wacky hat and get ready to party down. In the a.m. learn all about author Lewis Carroll, act in favorite scenes from the movie, help make cookies for our tea party and of course enjoy the Disney Film, "*Alice in Wonderland*". After our own tea party we'll enjoy some "maddening" games and silly skits at Rio Park.

FRIDAY APRIL 5 PP Party *Bring pajamas in a bag, lunch & drink, slumber party games, pillow, \$6 for Village Host Pizza (trip approx. 2:30-4)* No, it's not THAT kind of PP—it's pajamas and pizza! Enjoy the creature comforts at Apple today as we celebrate the Slumber Party. Lessons will focus on famed cartoon characters that are often the culprit of sleepless slumber parties, then its slumber party snacks, designing forts, a mock pillow challenge, balloon volleyball, twister, slumber party tall tales and pajama drama skits! We'll also enjoy Village Host Pizza and video games—in our p.j's--how embarrassing!

APPLE AFTERSCHOOL SPRING CAMP REGISTRATION REQUEST APRIL 1-5, 2013*(note prices below applicable only for afterschool students paying regular April tuition)*

Full Day Sessions (use of hours between 8:00-5:30)
\$35 ½ day K or gr. 1-6 **\$25 Full Day K**

(Note: this price is for student attending the same number of days as after school enrollment and assumes payment of regular monthly tuition.)

Extra Days \$75*(this is for part time students requesting more days than regular attendance)*

Afterschool Days *(No fee if attending same days/times Gr 1+ 2:00-5:30 ½ Day K 11:00-2:30)*

___ Mon 5/1 ___ Tues 4/2 ___ Wed 4/3 ___ Thurs 4/4 ___ Fri 4/5

Parent _____
Student _____ Phone _____
Grade _____ Address _____ Email _____

___ Total **full** Days ___ Total **afterschool** Days ___ Tuition

___ Enclosing spring camp tuition with regular April tuition

___ Enclosing April tuition and ½ spring and ½ with May tuition

