

APLC NEWS



JUNE 2024

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| SPECIAL ACTIVITIES |
| Friday, June 14th | Flag Day |
| Friday, June 14th | Breakfast For Dad…To Go |
| Sunday, June 16th | Father’s Day |
| Wednesday, June 19th  | Juneteenth |
| Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th  | **School Closed****Independence Day Holiday** |

**Dear Families:**

Summer is here! At Azalea Park Learning Center, we will enjoy seasonable activities to keep learning in a fun way. Our summer camp program, for children who have completed Kindergarten to ten years of age, will begin on Tuesday, May 28th. We have weekly themes and plenty of fun crafts and games planned.

All dads should plan to come to our school on Friday morning, June 14th, to pick up breakfast….To Go.

As always, our door is open for you to come to us with comments, concerns and compliments. For your convenience, you will find a survey form and comment box in our reception area.

Remember to check our website that we are continuing to build:

[www.Azaleaparklearningcenter.org](http://www.Azaleaparklearningcenter.org) and like us on Facebook!

Have a safe and memorable summer.

The Administration Team

**Traveling By Car With Children**

Many of us will be traveling by car with our children to our favorite vacation destinations this summer. Listed below are some ideas for how we can make the trip more comfortable and how we can get around the “Are we there yet?”

* **Choose whether your children travel better in the early morning or evening hours and match your travel plans. Try to keep car travel to no more than a 6 to 8 hour range of time.**
* **Equip your car with snacks, crayons, coloring books, travel games, Gameboys and games, personal CD/DVD players and books.**
* **Make the car comfortable with pillows and blankets.**
* **Don’t fill the interior of the car to the brim, making less space for the children. Instead, consider a car topper for safe keeping of your belongings.**
* **Make certain to remember a camera to create a lifetime of memories!**

**The Sore-Loser Syndrome**

Once you have your child engaged I an activity he enjoys, encourage him to do his best. Learning a new sport or skill can be frustrating. Whether he is competing against others or trying to improve or compete against himself, always offer positive and encouraging words. Children have a way of wanting to give up when they don’t win. Remind them that everyone gets an opportunity to have fun. Remind him that everyone also has more fun when the loser is a good sport. If he does lose, encourage him to congratulate the winner and let the winner know that he enjoyed the fun game. A gracious winner will appreciate the good sportsmanship. You can encourage your child by praising his best efforts. Even if he’s not doing well, he’s learning and trying. Providing positive feedback will encourage him to keep doing his best and will help him improve. If your child doesn’t catch a ball, you could say, “Good try! You were so close. You are getting better every time!” If your child is frustrated, be sure to acknowledge and understand his frustration, “I know it’s difficult. I can see you are struggling with this, but remember, the goal is to have fun. Everybody has to practice to improve. You are improving every day.” Keep your conversation light, positive, upbeat and never demanding. The more pressure you put on a child to succeed in an activity meant for enjoyment, the less enjoyment he’s going to get out of it.