



# ASPA

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2022-23 Fourth Meeting

April 11, 2023

# ASPA Board Updates

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# ASPA Board

- Co-Chairs: Sheena Gigante & Megan Elberts
- Treasurer: Michelle Ling
- Secretary: Vinita Ramnani

# ASPA Board Report

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- ASPA co-hosted Author Lindsay Currie's visit on 11/14/2022. ASPA has purchased a few of her books for the library.
- ASPA budgeted \$5,700 for teachers for classroom supplies in 2022-23.
- ASPA has provided snacks to all students for classroom parties (PS - 5<sup>th</sup> grade).
- ASPA has budgeted for Jr High Parties as well: Halloween Dance, Hot Chocolate Bar for Christmas & Bowlero Outing for Valentine's Day
- ASPA provided raffle baskets Heads or Tails and a Lotto Board and two auction baskets for DDA.
- ASPA ordered a Card My Yard to celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

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- ASPA will be purchasing lunch for grades 1 –7 for the field day. Feedback from last year is we need more food than we had planned. Ideas for lunch besides pizza? Also consider having a sign-up genius for additional snacks (chips, granola bars, popsicles, etc).
- Need to reach out to Preschool and Kindergarten to see if we can have a surprise for them as well. Maybe popsicles on Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>?
- ASPA is working with Margie to purchase additional recess pad seating and benches.
- ASPA is looking into purchasing large drink dispensers (like Gatorade ones) for event use.

# ASPA Event Registration and Refunds

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- ASPA is exploring alternate ways to register and pay for events. We need to comply with ASCA and Diocese of Joliet policies.
- Unless otherwise stated, refunds will be offered for ASPA events up to the final registration/payment deadline. After that point, we will no longer be able to offer refunds.

# Updated ASPA Schedule

Date	Activity
04/11/2023	4 <sup>th</sup> ASPA Meeting
04/14/2023	Mother Son Event
04/18-04/21	Spring Book Fair
04/19/2023	Literacy Event
04/22/2023	Daddy Daughter Dance
Week of 5/1/2023	Teacher Appreciation Week
05/10/2023	School Nurses Day
05/26/2023	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
TBD	Field Day Lunch
06/02/2023	Last Day of School

# ASPA COMMITTEES





# Hospitality Committee

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CHAIRS

Maggie Walgreen and Vinita Ramnani

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

Christmas Faculty and Staff Party at Meson Sabika

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON?

Faculty Appreciation Lunches have been spread out over the year ([upcoming 4/14](#) and 5/4)  
Planning for Teacher Appreciation Week underway! Focus is on snacks/treats for teachers all week!

HOW CAN I HELP?

Volunteers are needed during Teacher Appreciation Week to help set up lunches, work recess/lunch duty and drop of treats!

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# Outreach Committee

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CHAIRS

Anne Soto

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

Jan 16<sup>th</sup>: Martin Luther King Day of Service  
Card Making for St. Elizabeth Seton's Caring Cards Ministry & Advocate Hospice and Feed My Starving Children)

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON?

April: Waterleaf | Virtual campaign  
May: SCARCE | End of the school year school supplies collection  
Classroom Service Projects: Teachers, volunteer parents and students are working together to complete service projects for the organizations/non-profits of their choice this school year.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Many hands make light work. We look forward to serving alongside you this school year!

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# Room Parent Coordinator

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CHAIRS

Ashley Anderson

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

Room Parent Sign Ups at Curriculum Night

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON?

Planning for 2023-24 School Year

HOW CAN I HELP?

Hang tight for next year!

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# New Family Welcome Committee

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CHAIRS

Carolina Zavala

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

Back to School Coffee and Chat for New Families

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON?

No Updates Right Now

HOW CAN I HELP?

Classroom level volunteers may be needed.

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# Art Awareness Coordinator

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CHAIRS	Terri Hannemann & Laura Viquez
WHAT HAVE WE DONE?	Volunteers solicited at Curriculum Night Art Awareness 2022-23 Kick Off
WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON?	Classroom volunteers have begun scheduling lessons!
HOW CAN I HELP?	There may be volunteers to assist with lessons, please contact Terri & Laura if interested

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# Art Awareness 2022-23 Summary

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Grade	2022-23 Summary
Kindergarten	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Paul Klee (city scape using wooden blocks/paint to stamp buildings)</li><li>2. Kandinsky (concentric circles – happy, surprised, sad)</li><li>3. Jasper Johns (Alphabet)</li></ol> <p>(supplies: mixed media paper, wooden blocks, tempura paint; oil pastel, water colors)</p>
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Pollock (splatter painting using various mediums)</li><li>2. Matisse (collage)</li><li>3. Last session TBD</li></ol> <p>(supplies: mixed media paper, marbles, popsicle sticks, rubberbands, foil tins, tempura paint, forks; cardstock, glue sticks)</p>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Seurat (pointillism)</li><li>2. Monet (water lily paintings)</li><li>3. Da Vinci (mirror writing) – LAST SESSION</li></ol> <p>(mixed media paper, q-tips, tempura paint, paper plates, plastic bowls/cups, pencils, mirrors)</p>

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Grade	2022-23 Summary
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	<p>2-3 sessions completed, class dependent</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. MC Escher (optical illusions)</li><li>2. Michaelangelo (soap carving)</li><li>3. Chagall (stain glass drawings)</li><li>4. Calder (ornament/sculpture using pringles tops/glue/food coloring)</li></ol> <p>(mixed media paper, pencils, colored pencils, soap, plastic knives; Calder project TBD - pringles tops, clear glue, food coloring)</p>
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. O'Keefe (close up flower study using magnifying glass and oil pastels/crayons)</li><li>2. Michaelangelo (upside down painting)</li></ol> <p>(supplies: mixed media paper, oil pastels, pencils, tempura paint, tape)</p>
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<p>2 sessions planned - 1 session completed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Picasso (picasso portraits)</li><li>2. <i>TBD - thinking about doing Andy Warhol portraits of their teacher</i></li></ol> <p>(supplies: mixed media paper, crayons, oil pastels) Additional supplies: paper towels, cleaning supplies, paper plates/cups</p>

# Rainbow Committee

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## CHAIRS

Brenda Gay and Megan Elberts

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

Rainbow Committee is designed to recognize members of the ASCA family that are going through life events. Life events the committee will focus on are: marriage, new life, illness and loss of a loved one. Our goal is to embrace all the members of our community to celebrate with them or remember they are supported in life's tougher moments. Rainbows are beautiful bridges in the sky reaching many. Marriage is a bridge between two families, new life is a bridge from Heaven to Earth, illness a bridge to a support system, and loss of a loved one who walks the bridge home to God. Confidentiality is important to the committee.

## WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON?

Please reach out to [aspa@ascacademy.org](mailto:aspa@ascacademy.org) if you have a request.

Marriage: congratulations card and marriage prayer card

New life: ASCA bib, congratulations card and new life prayer card

Illness: get well card and illness prayer card. Meal train would be offered.

Loss: sympathy card, loss prayer card and maybe Poinsettia purchased by ASPA that the family will be gifted in the name of their loved one.

## HOW CAN I HELP?

Please join our committee!

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# ASPA EVENTS



# Book Fair

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CHAIRS	Lisa Hajek and Laura Blackwell
WHEN	Monday September 26 <sup>th</sup> thru Friday, September 30 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday April 18 <sup>th</sup> - Friday April 21 <sup>st</sup>
WHAT	ASCA hosts a Fall and Spring Book Fair.
WHERE	McSherry Hall, ASCA
EVENT RECAP AND UPDATE	Fall Book Fair Goal: \$11,000; Fall Book Fair Actual: \$16,568 (TY Grandparents Day) Spring Book Fair will feature a literacy night on April 19 <sup>th</sup> ! Be on the look out for more information about volunteering!

# Spring Book Fair

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It's a Jungle in There at the spring book fair!

Tuesday, April 18 – Friday, April 21

Setup will be on Monday April 17 from 12–3 although it won't take that whole time if we can get a few more volunteers.

Also new at the spring fair, we will be hosting a literacy night on Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 7 PM. The evening will feature activities to improve kids' literacy and spark their interest in reading but the fair will be open for shopping for families as well so we will need a few volunteers to help during that window as well. We realize many families have two working parents and it is not convenient for them to come during school hours.

Right now we are in desperate need of volunteers to help during the sales hours on Wednesday and Thursday as well as teardown on Friday from 10 to noon. You can sign up through the link provided in Patty's weekly reminder in the ASPA section or through the QR code.

In addition, if anyone is available to volunteer from home, we do have an opportunity there as well. We need student names written on raffle tickets to use for the poster drawing at the book fair. If anyone is interested, please have them contact Lisa and she will drop off the supplies at the front desk at school or arrange to meet in person to hand them off. They would need to be completed and back at school by Monday morning.

Use this QR Code to Sign Up Today!



# Father – Daughter Dance

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CHAIRS

Kelly Metzger and Katherine Preze

WHEN

5–7 PM, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

WHAT

ASPA hosts a Father Daughter Dance. The 2023 theme is Enchanted Forest. Approximately 260 attendees are expected. We will have hors d'oeuvres/sandwiches and a specialty drink station (for kids). Complimentary family photo by Elan.

WHERE

Gym, ASCA

HOW CAN I HELP?

Volunteers are needed. [Sign Up here today.](#)

# Mother - Son Event

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CHAIRS	Jenn Venta and Terri Hannemann
WHEN	April 14 <sup>th</sup> 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
WHAT	Unlimited ONE hour Arcade Card All You Can Play: Bowling, Laser Tag, Billiards, Shuffleboard, Gravity Ropes Pizza and Drinks Elan Photography Mother/Son Photo 142 attendees
WHERE	Main Event, Warrenville
HOW CAN I HELP?	Minimal volunteer effort needed right now.

# Uniform Resale

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CHAIRS	Heidi Sawko
WHEN	Thursday June 22nd from 3:00–6:00 Saturday August 12th from 10:00–12:00
WHAT	ASPA organizes a uniform resale. Used uniforms in good, clean condition are accepted and resold. Profits from this event go to ASPA and benefit the students!
WHERE	ASCA
HOW CAN I HELP?	Used uniforms donations are needed. Donations will be accepted outside of Door One beginning May 1 <sup>st</sup> !

# ASCA Fun Run

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CHAIRS	Amy Bono
WHEN	Friday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022 , Planning for 2023 begins in June!
WHAT	The Fun Run is a fundraiser for ASCA. The students can gain pledges from family and friends for the number of laps they run.
WHERE	ASCA
EVENT RECAP	ASCA received over \$61,000 in pledges 90% of students registered 75% of those registered had pledges 900 prizes delivered Pledges received from 35 states & 6 countries NET PROFIT TO ASCA - \$56,800

# Grandparent's Day

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CHAIRS	Jackie Hasse & ASCA Faculty
WHEN	Friday, September 30 <sup>th</sup> 9 AM - 11 AM
WHAT	We welcome grandparents and VIPS to ASCA for a reception, classroom visits and mass. This is a faculty led event that ASPA supports with volunteers. Grandparents are given the opportunity to buy Book Futures and help fund new purchases for the ASCA library.
WHERE	ASCA
EVENT RECAP	ASPA provided food and refreshments for the reception. ASPA provided day of support with check-in and registration. Very well attended.



# Cultural Celebration

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CHAIRS	ASCA Faculty Led Event
WHEN	Tuesday, October 11 <sup>th</sup> 6 - 8 PM
WHAT	The ASCA Cultural Celebration is a faculty led event that ASPA is providing volunteer support to. This event will feature various regions (Asia and Oceania, Americas, Europe and Africa). There will be opportunities for families to share their culture through artifacts and food. There will also be musical performances by students and guests.
WHERE	ASCA, McSherry and Gym
EVENT RECAP	Many families participated by sharing food, personal artifacts, traditional clothing and fun activities. Student performances were a hit!

# Trunk or Treat

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CHAIRS	Carolina Zavala and Juanita Showalter
WHEN	Friday, October 28 <sup>th</sup> at 4:30 - 6:00 PM
WHAT	Trunk or Treat is a great way to kick off the Halloween Weekend. This year we are teaming with the 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Fair. The event will feature decorated trunks for students to visit as well as a Fun Fair in the Gym & McSherry.
WHERE	ASCA
EVENT RECAP	Trunk or Treat was very well attended and the weather was perfect. Thank you to all of the volunteers. Any feedback on pairing with Fun Fair?

# Holiday Shop

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CHAIRS

Shannon Rosiak and Trena Coffey

WHEN

Monday November 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>

WHAT

The Holiday Shop is an opportunity for students to purchase gifts for their family and friends!

WHERE

McSherry Hall, ASCA

EVENT RECAP

We had a VERY successful Holiday Shoppe with almost \$12,000 in sales! The children were so excited to be able to shop and give gifts to their friends and family. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped make this a successful event.

# Catholic Schools Week

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CHAIRS	Katherine Preze
WHEN	Monday January 30 <sup>th</sup> - Friday February 3 <sup>rd</sup>
WHAT	Illusionist Steve Chezaday will be ending CSW with two 45-minute magic shows on Friday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 1:30pm and 2:30pm. We will be splitting the school in a half.
WHERE	ASCA
EVENT RECAP	Positive feedback

# Mother – Daughter Event

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CHAIRS	Vinita Ramnani, Carolina Zavala, Rebecca Garcia
WHEN	February 4 <sup>th</sup> and February 5 <sup>th</sup>
WHAT	Calling all Moms and Daughters for our first Mother/Daughter outing! Shake away the winter blues and bring your creative energy to Pinot's Palette in February for a fun afternoon of painting. Knowing how busy weekends can get, we've blocked 2 days for ASCA moms and their daughters so you can pick a day that works best for your schedule. The cost is \$25/painter and payment is through Pinot's website.
WHERE	Pinot's Palette, Naperville
EVENT RECAP	Well attended and positive feedback overall.

# Father – Son Event

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CHAIRS	Mark Walker
WHEN	March 11 <sup>th</sup>
WHAT	ASPA hosts a Father-Son Event.
WHERE	Scene75
EVENT RECAP	Well attended and positive feedback overall.

# Before you go...

- Current chairs & event leads - please let Megan Elberts and Sheena Gigante know if you are interested in keeping your role next year.
- Please reach out to Megan Elberts and Sheena Gigante if you are interested in learning more about open positions for the 2023-24 School Year!