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# Apostles Newsletter

## Teacher Appreciation Week

This year we are going to show our appreciation for our wonderful teachers the week of March 23rd. We are asking for a donation from parents to cover the cost of all activities— a letter will be sent very soon with all the details. Similar to last year, we will have something fun for the teachers each day of the week— a breakfast one day, a pizza lunch, flowers, homemade cards and decorations. Please participate as much as you can—it means a lot to our teachers.

On Thursday, March 26th ALCDC staff, parents and children are all invited to a "potluck" dinner at

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please register outside your child's classroom to attend, and also volunteer to set up/clean up for the dinner, and bring a dish.

Infants 1 and 2: Appetizers  
Tots and GA Pre-K 1: Main Dish (option based on room parent preference as to whether or not to offer "contribution" to a big main dish)  
EPS and PS II: Salads  
PS1: Vegetables  
Pre-K 2: Dessert

There will be an awards presentation, and the staff will be pre-

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**Apostles Learning Center**

March 1, 2009



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## Language Development Services Available

Atlanta Early Language provides speech-language evaluation and therapy to infants, toddlers and school-age children in the home and at school. Their aim is to integrate speech, language, oral motor, cognitive and social-emotional skills into daily activities.

The speech-language pathologists

at Atlanta Early Language are certified by the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) and are licensed by the Georgia State Board of Examiners. If you are interested in scheduling a speech-language evaluation or pursuing speech therapy for your child, please contact us at 678-613-7725 or [dawn@atlantaearylanguagel.com](mailto:dawn@atlantaearylanguagel.com).

## News from Apostles Church

### Building Expansion

Sandy Springs has approved initial plans and issued permits to Apostles Church to build a new Worship Center and upgrade the existing building. This includes new infant rooms in order to double enrollment in the school. We are hoping to break ground some time in the fall, come to our welcome center to see actual drawings of the new building!

### Habitat for Humanity

Apostles participates in Habitat for Humanity—our own Lowell Culbertson is the point person for this ministry. The new house is in Canton, Georgia. All are welcome for breakfast at 7:30 and lunch at 11:30. The build schedule is as follows:

Mar 7, 7:45am—noon, 2nd floor framing

March 21, noon—4pm, siding

### Sunday Services

9:00 Traditional Worship

10:30 Festival Worship

10:30 Sunday School

-ages 3+

April 4, 7:45—noon, drywall, siding

April 18 - 7:45—noon, paint

May 2—noon—4pm, pre-landscape

May 9—time TBD, landscape

May 16—7:45—noon, noon—4pm, contingency

Please talk to Lowell if you have any questions or if you'd like to sign up. Lowell can be reached at 770-715-9593.

### Hunger Walk

March 1, 2009 at Turner Field

12:00 open registration

1:00 10K certified Run

2:30 5K Fun Run/Walk

Open to all ages, to raise money for Atlanta Community Food Bank. Refreshments will be available before and throughout the event.

Contact Jaron Shaffer—Apostles Youth Pastor to be part of the Apostles team

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678-984-4039 Cell

[www.acfb.org/hunger\\_walk/](http://www.acfb.org/hunger_walk/)

for event information

### Growth Groups

Our growth groups have be-

gun meeting are choosing service projects and dates to serve the community.

Two of our groups are studying the Dave Ramsey "Financial Peace University" and are having such a great time with it that we have decided to offer it again next semester. Look for information on classes beginning in May here at the church to get your financial life secured in these uncertain times!



### Kid's Joke

**Q: Why do frogs like St. Patrick's Day?**

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**A: Because they are always wearing green!**

## Community Action Center needs your help!

The Community Action Center here in Sandy Springs provides support to local families and individuals in need. If you can help by donating food, we collect it outside church. Here are the

most needed items currently:

- Peanut butter/jelly
- toilet paper
- canned meats
- canned pasta products

- canned mixed vegetables
- canned peas
- crackers
- coffee
- shampoo
- toiletries

## Meet our Staff: Janet Melnick

Janet Melnick has been with ALC since 2002 and originally was both Office Manager and Curriculum Coordinator. She holds a M.Ed. degree from Monmouth University in New Jersey. She has been a part of the growth and development of young children as a teacher and/or director for over 30 years. Prior to joining ALC, she was the founding director of the Weisberg Pre-school in Marietta.

A transplanted "Yankee," Janet grew up in central New Jersey by the shore. She moved to Georgia for her husband to attend Life University. Once receiving his Doctor of Chiropractic degree, he became a member of the faculty as a teacher, clinic super-

visor and in the Alumni Office for over 20 years. They are the proud parents of a son, Jared who attended Stern School of Business at New York University graduating Magna Cum Laude in 2004. He currently resides in Denver and works for KSL Capitol, Inc. when he is not skiing or running. Janet and her husband live in Marietta near Woodstock / Kennesaw.

In her free time she enjoys reading, theater, attending concerts (Blues and Jazz are her favorites), ballet and playing Mah Jongg (a tile game), Scrabble and other word games. But her favorite past time is "getting her toes in the sand and feet in the ocean" for relaxation as

well as the opportunity to travel and explore new places. Janet loved visiting Hawaii and last year, toured Northern Italy. While having a ride in a gondola has always been a dream, she especially was in awe when seeing the Sistine chapel and the statue of David.

Janet says she is grateful to having chosen early childhood education as a career. What other profession do you receive so many hugs during the day while knowing that you are assisting in the growth and development of such precious individuals?



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*Where Children Soar..!*



### *Did you know?*

- St. Patrick was not born in Ireland—but in Britain.
- In the United States, it is customary to wear green on St. Patrick's Day, but the color was long considered unlucky in Ireland.
- New York's St. Patrick's Day parade is the longest running civilian parade in the world. This year nearly three million spectators are expected to watch the spectacle and some 150,000 participants plan to march.

*Courtesy of nationalgeographic.com*

## March 2009

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**Dates to remember:**

**March 23-27-  
Teacher appreciation week**

**March 26— Pot-luck Dinner**

