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New Murals



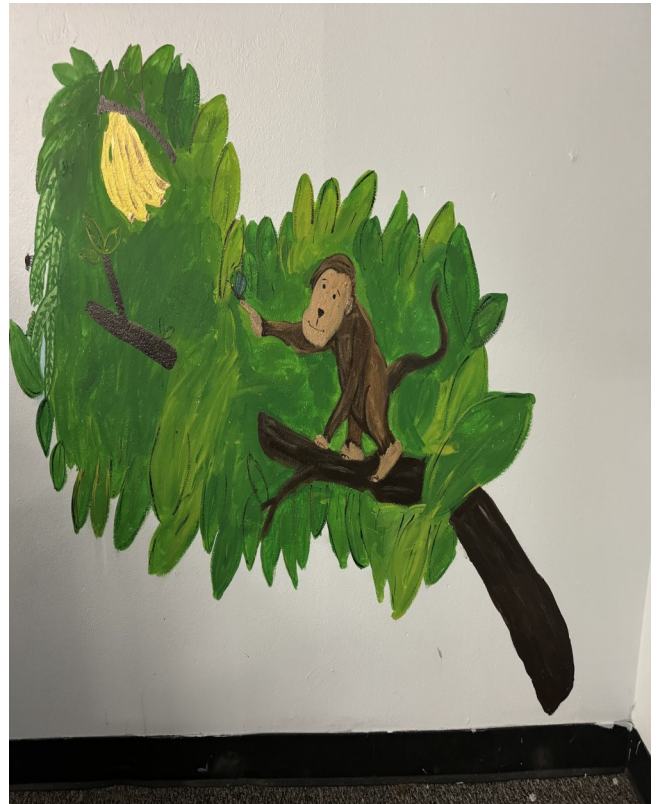
Alexis Wilson &
Trevor Boyd

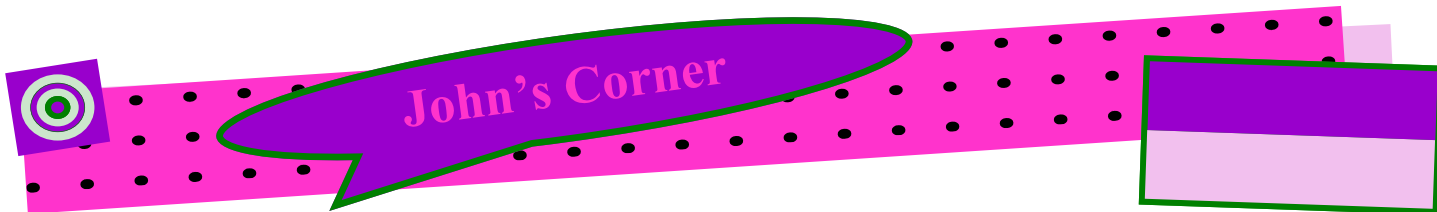
The March employee of the month is Alexis Wilson. Alexis has been working hard behind the scenes on some projects. Her initiative and follow-through has not gone unnoticed. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to our residents!

COA is coming to visit and we have been hard at work! APA set a goal to finish some projects on campus. One of big tasks was to finish up some mural projects and improve the look of the units. Thank you to all of the staff and residents that lent us their artistic talents!



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Johnathan Trunkey
Executive Director

Aurora Plains Academy celebrates counselors in April, as we recognize this month as Counseling Awareness Month. Professional counselors help people gain personal insights, develop strategies, and produce real-life solutions to the problems and challenges they face in every area of life.

This April, consider taking the opportunity to celebrate the counselor in your local community.

We would like to express our gratitude to the counselors of APA. We could not fulfill our mission without you!



New Construction

The Missouri and Palisade unit's bedrooms are getting a makeover just in time for COA. A big shout out to the maintenance team. The rooms look great!



National Counselor Awareness Month

By: David Willrodt



April is National Counseling (Mental Health Awareness Month). The month is about honoring and celebrating mental health professionals and also promoting mental health awareness. During

the month of April the students made and decorated “Thank you” cards to give to their therapists and to the other therapists as well as thanking them for their service as clinicians in the help they provide with their treatment program at APA. On April 19th was Blue/Green Day as staff and students wore those colors in support of mental health awareness and education. We thank all staff and students for participating in an event that helps end the stigma of mental illness while supporting the professionals that help people get better mentally and emotionally.

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Sachiko Evans

Hi, my name is Sachiko Evans, and I am the new nurse here at APA. I grew up in Plankinton and graduated from Plankinton High School several years ago. After high school I attended Southeast Technical College for both an LPN and RN degree. Prior to starting at APA, I was a traveling nurse for two years. My family and I traveled together and were able to see some beautiful places. I enjoy traveling and almost always have a vacation planned. My favorite places I have visited so far are Hawaii, the Dominican Republic and New York.



I married my high school sweetheart in 2017. We have two beautiful children. Our daughter is three years old, and our son is six months old. In our free time we enjoy golfing, going for walks and playing outside. We are excited to be back in Plankinton on a more permanent basis. I am looking forward to growing as a nurse here at APA and to making meaningful connections with staff and residents.

Snow Angel

AIR, WATER, EARTH AND ME



One of the residents made a Snow man on last snow before spring. He was very excited and wanted to share it with everyone. GOODBYE WINTER!

ALL-STAFF

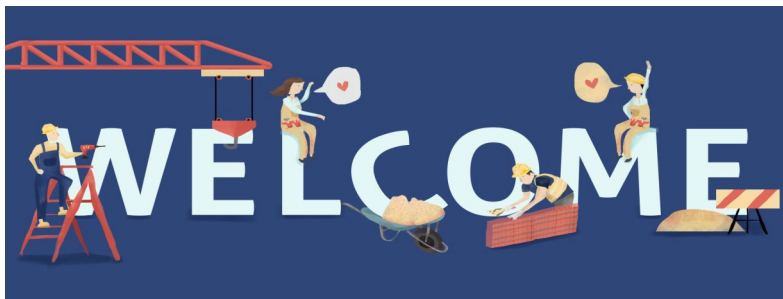
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Dori Anderson
Hayden Dinger
Benny Medrano



Jason Scott 16 years
Joel Salmonson-15 years
Romeon Greve- 1 year
Kelly Hintzman- 7 years
Michelle Payne -16 years



Sachiko Evans-Nurse
Benny Medrano-YDS
Jordan Kiner-YDS