



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar

January 6th, 2017

Monday, January 9 th	Academic Update-Homework 8:00 am
Tuesday, January 10 th	Reading University Awards Grades 1-3
Wednesday, January 11 th	Reading University Awards Grades 4-6
Monday, January 16 th	No School
Tuesday, January 17 th	Show What You Know Grades 1-3
Wednesday, January 18 th	Show What You Know Grades 4-6
Thursday, January 19 th	Fiddler On the Roof- Draper 1 Gym 7:30 pm
Friday, January 20 th	Public Land Trust meeting 2pm
Friday, January 20 th	Fiddler On the Roof- Draper 1 Gym -5:30/8:30
Saturday, January 21 st	Fiddler On the Roof- Draper 1 Gym -2:30/7:30
Monday, January 23 rd	Early Dismissal 12:00/12:25 pm
Monday, January 23 rd	Fiddler On the Roof- Draper 1 Gym -2:30/7:30

You will find all events and updates for our campus at <http://www.draper2.americanprep.org>.
We encourage you to visit (and like!) our Facebook page for the latest school happenings.
Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/americanprepD2/>.

January Builder Theme: “I am a builder when I think positive thoughts about myself and others.”

We are what we believe we are. Out of our thoughts, actions arise. The beginning of what we become is what we tell ourselves. There is so much said about the power of belief all throughout human history. It makes so much sense, but is not always easy to do. Creating routines of saying small phrases out loud to yourself is one great strategy of developing this skill. I even like to write the small phrase as I am saying it out loud, then I get extra cursive practice. These are just a few ways to build with positive thoughts.

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The recent series of snowstorms created a delay in our ground-breaking ceremony. We do not yet have a rescheduled date for the ceremony but we will update everyone once the date is confirmed. Stay tuned!

We CAN Care: APA’s Annual Donation Drive

We CAN Care! We wanted to follow up and let you know what an outstanding success our food drive was this year. Our campus collected 4525 food items, and between all of our campuses we collected a grand total of 15,666 items that were delivered to the Utah Food Bank and various food pantries in Utah.

But besides the awesome amount of food we collected, we had the chance to think of others and make our world a better place. That spirit of giving was palpable in our schools during the drive and we are so proud of our students who are learning NOW how to be great Builders in their communities.

If you would like to view the follow-up video featuring footage of the drive from all of our schools, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/americanprepD2/videos/1821380391452440/>. Thank you everyone for your generosity!



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Carpool Corner

Welcome back to school and the new calendar year. The start of the year brings a traditional resolution effort for many people. Thinking positive thoughts for carpool might sound like.... "I can adjust my routine to pick-up later in the carpool window", "I will not park on the curb before 2:10/3:10.", "I will be nice to the staff asking me questions as I arrive." Carpool drop-off has been going GREAT! Many families are dropping off earlier, which gives students time to visit with friends and also be ready in their seats at 8:00 a.m. Coming earlier 10-20 minutes in the day makes a big difference for the students and teachers. Remember, the school is open at 7:30 am.

Snow Days

We follow the Canyons School District school closure and delayed start announcements. We will update our snow day decisions as soon as they are made on both our website (<http://www.americanprep.org/snow-day/>) and Facebook (<https://m.facebook.com/americanprepD2/>). You can also find information on the Canyons School District snow day notifications at: <http://www.canyonsdistrict.org/district-news/item/3858-snow-day-csd-s-snow-closure-and-delayed-start-guidelines>. And thanks to all your consideration during this most recent snow day!

December Elementary Builder Awards

1 st Grade	Porter DeGraff Kylie Baugh Cooper Cook	4 th Grade	Ryan Pemberton Annalisa Jensen Jack Jensen
2 nd Grade	Wyatt Haymond Gaven Dong Zoey Harman	5 th Grade	Cloe Van Amen Grace Warner Kaelynn (KK) Thomas
3 rd Grade	Lucy Tippetts Meghan Young Kaden Goodsell	6 th Grade	Rudra Patel Lexie Ennis Skyler Anderson

Reading University 6th Grade Book of the Year!

The D2 sixth grade students have voted! *Soar*, by Joan Bauer, was chosen as the Sixth Grade Book of the Year by a slim margin. The margin showed that there are many great books from which to choose! Thirty-five students qualified to attend a pizza party and six won book sequels by reading all books on the list. Way to go sixth grade!

From the Family Support Organization

A warm thank you to all the parents and students who helped set up and clean up the Staff Holiday Luncheon. Fun was had by all and it couldn't have happened without diligent and giving APA families!

Monday, January 9th at 8 a.m. will be our monthly Academic Update. Homework is the topic this month. There



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have been some changes with homework loads this year so it should be an enlightening conversation. As always a light breakfast will be served. Please, come!

We are looking forward to an initial planning meeting during the third week of January for Staff Appreciation Week. If you are interested in decorating doors, feeding staff, small daily gifts, or just face time with some amazing people we would love to have you be a part of making this week truly "HEROIC"!

Spelling Bees for the elementary students will be on February 8th and 10th. If you'd like to help, please sign up here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090A45ABAC23A1FF2-spelling.

Thank you for your hours and hours of selfless service to our school community!

Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship

School districts and charter schools are required by Utah law, 53A1a-704(10), to inform parents of students with IEPs enrolled in public schools, of the availability of a scholarship to attend a private school through the Carson Smith Scholarship Program. More information is available at <http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/Scholarships.aspx>. A link to this website is also available on <http://www.americanprep.org/carson-smith-scholarship/> For assistance, you may contact your school special education director.

Athletics and Activities

As always, for more information and team schedules please visit the Athletics and Clubs website at: <http://www.draperathleticsapa.org/>

A.P.A. Lego Club News

Lego club goes elementary this term! – Because of LOTS of interest, the Lego club will alternate between secondary and elementary each week.

SECONDARY – Our first club meeting will be Monday 1/9

ELEMENTARY – Our first club meeting will be on Monday 1/16

Club meeting location will vary each week. Mr Phinney will post the location of that week's club on his door (room 106) each Monday. A calendar of future meetings will be handed out at the club and will be posted outside Mr Phinney's room.

Fees and Permission Slip – The Fee for the second half of the year is \$10 (just like the first half). This allows us to buy new Lego blocks for our club. If you can pay this to Mr. Phinney (Room 106) before the meeting that would be very helpful. Checks are preferred and should be made out to “American Preparatory Education Foundation”. Mr. Phinney has an envelope you can use for your fee and your permission slip.

Our first theme of the year will be “Sports”. Come ready to build!!!

Learning Through Robotics-Grades 3-6

A new session of Learning Through Robotics will begin at the end of January. Classes meet on Mondays from 3:15-4:15 for 11 weeks. Sign-up for this new session is now open and there is a flyer attached to the newsletter for all those interested in participating.



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American Prep Mascot Naming Contest

After many name submissions for our eagle mascot, we will be having students vote on the finalists. Here are the finalists:

Sam

Eddie

Wings

Ace

Eli

Aquila(Latin for Eagle)

Character Development

10th grade City Hall Tours on Thursday, January 12th. Students need to come in full uniform with warm coats and gloves. Students will be back in time for regular dismissal.

Secondary News

Jr. High Basketball Tryouts

The Jr High (7th -9th) grade boys basketball team is holding additional tryouts for anyone wishing to join the team for session #2! Be at practices next Monday - Thursday at Draper 1 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. You can contact coach Dan Baldwin for more information.

baldwin.dan.c@gmail.com

#CommunitiesTalk Event – Sponsored by the Draper Police Department

Monday, January 23rd

7-8pm

Juan Diego Catholic High School Auditorium (300 E 11800 S, Draper, UT 84020)

The event theme is: #CommunitiesTALK, in the format of a Prevention Education Discussion (PED Talks – a spin-off of TED Talks). This will be a student led event. The format will be similar to an evening talk show with each school participating. A group of our APA students will be presenting a skit, come support them.

American Legion Utah Boys State

The American Legion Boys State program is the country's premiere summer youth camp designed to develop leadership and promote civic responsibility in young men. This year's Boys State is June 12 to June 16 at Weber State University.

Boys State instills in youth a deeper appreciation of how government works as well as the rights and responsibilities of citizenship by offering hands-on Workshops on Democracy and Government.



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Attendees will have the chance to:

- Launch campaigns and run for office.
- Draft and debate legislation.
- Actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government.
- Make friends with students from other parts of the state.
- Earn three University credit hours in Political Science 2920 (transferrable to other state-funded institutions).
- Elect student senators to represent the state at Boys Nation in Washington, D.C.

Boys State is available to young men who have completed their junior year of high school and receive a recommendation from school officials. Applicants must also interview with local American Legion officials. Any interested individuals should contact: Mrs. Leonard mleonard@apamail.org or Mrs. Awerkamp cawerkamp@apamail.org.

Scholarship Corner

Enter Now to Win up to \$30,000 in the High School Utah Entrepreneur Challenge

Registration for the High School Utah Entrepreneur Challenge is now open! Students in Utah ages 14-18 can enter for a chance to win up to \$30,000 in prizes and scholarships. The submission deadline is **March 1, 2017**. Registration requires students to submit a simple business idea. Twenty-four teams will be chosen to compete for three grand prizes of \$5,000 each. Other prizes and scholarships include: Best Prototype Award of \$1,000, a People's Choice Award of \$1,000, a Rising Star Award of \$1,000, a Top Online Vote Award of \$500 and \$10,000 of in-kind Lassonde Studios housing scholarships. The competition is sponsored by Zions Bank. For more information, please visit: <http://lassonde.utah.edu/hsuec/>.