



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar

December 9, 2016

December 1-16th

Saturday, December 10th

Monday, December 12th

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Tuesday, December 13th

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Wednesday, December 14th

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Friday, December 16th

Utah Food Bank-Can Food Drive

Parents Night Out 5-9 pm

Academic Update-Cursive 8 am

Grades 1-6 Late Work Deadline

Reading University Awards Grades 1-3

Elementary Orchestra Concert 6-6:30 pm

Secondary Orchestra Concert 7-8 pm

Reading University Awards Grades 4-6

Grades 1-6, Early Dismissal 12 noon

Grades 7-12 One Dismissal 3:10 pm

7th Grade Care Center Visits 3:45 pick up

Winter Choir Concert 7-8:30 pm

Spirit Wear Day

You will find all events and updates for our campus at <http://www.drapers2.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/>.

December Builder Theme: I am a builder when I demonstrate Kigatsuku.

The actual Japanese word Kigatsuku translates as: to become aware, notice or perceive. Although these definitions are good, the concept of Kigatsuku involves acting upon what one notices. A very well known phrase captures this level of meaning in the concept, "Actions speak louder than words". So as we notice and perceive opportunities in our homes, schools and communities to improve and contribute, we need to initiate action upon what we notice. When we do this without being prompted or for any reward, then we will truly embody the concept and ideals of Kigatsuku.

Holiday Gift Tradition for Staff

Thanks to our amazing staff, APA offers an incredible educational experience to our children and families. **Attracting and retaining the very best teachers and staff is key to our success.** They are the heart and soul of APA!

In this season of gift giving, we know you want to show your appreciation for staff that have supported and served your children this year. **Please express your gratitude by donating to the Staff Appreciation Fund!**

For each \$5 donation your student can deliver a beautiful, personalized holiday card and elegant chocolate treat to teachers/staff members on Dec 19th.

NEW and existing Builder's Club Members' (recurring donors), gifts will be upgraded to also include a delicious chocolate dipped pretzel rod as a THANK YOU for your support.

Click the link below and fill out the info before Wednesday, December 14th.

<http://www.americanprepfoundation.org/christmas-staff-appreciation> All donations go to the Staff Appreciation Fund for bonuses.



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The Spirit Store is Now Open!

GET YOUR SPIRIT WEAR NOW!

We are pleased to announce that our Online APA Apparel Shop is now OPEN! You can access the store here: <http://www.americanprep.org/store/>

You will receive an email when your online order is ready for pick-up. You will be able to pick your order up at the main office of your campus during school hours. Please allow a minimum of two weeks for processing online orders, and only come to the office when you have been informed that your order is ready!

Some items are special order only (for now) and may have a wait time of 3-4 weeks. This will be noted in the description of special order items in the online store.

We CAN Care: APA's Annual Donation Drive

We CAN Care! Only 1 week left of our donation drive. So far we have collected 1712 food items and have already earned a "Spirit Day". Wahoo! Ms. McGrath and Mrs. Pimental's classes have collected the most cans so far. It has been so exciting to see the many cans contributed by our students so far! We can be advocates for those in our community that need us, and that is a very important part of being a Builder and an Ambassador for good.



Let's finish strong--keep bringing in those food items! The drive will end on Friday Dec. 16th! For every 1500 cans collected students will earn a "Sprit Day" where they can wear their spirit wear to school!

Congratulations! The first earned Spirit Day from our Food Drive will be Friday, December 16th!

Students will be allowed to wear any American Prep Spirit Wear on top combined with regular uniform dress standards on the bottom. You can access the APA Spirit Store here: <http://www.americanprep.org/store/>

Sixth Grade Reading University- Reader's Choice Challenge

Our sixth grade students will be reading to determine the 2016-2017 Sixth Grade Reader's Choice Award! At the end of the reading period, **Dec. 14**, students who have read at least two books from the list and turn in the reading log will be invited to a pizza party and will be able to campaign for their favorite. They will vote and a winner will be declared! Remember, all books read count toward RU reading.

Carpool Corner-

We are very excited to have construction of our new high school starting soon. As the construction begins, there will be an increase in the traffic coming down our entrance and it will be even more important to time your pick-up arrival at the appropriate times. Although we will be working with the construction crews to time their deliveries and traffic to take place outside of our carpool times....., the more all of us cooperate with the carpool recommendations, the better everything should flow. The start of the construction marks the beginning of the end of some of our carpool challenges. We are excited about the increased parking and loading for our campus next year and want to thank everyone for their understanding and patience during this time.

Ever been interested in understanding the dynamics of our carpool system? This Monday December 12th, we need 4-6 parent volunteers to help with carpool so staff can participate in a special professional development event with our Executive Director, Carolyn Sharette. Please contact Mr. McVicar

kmcvicar@apamail.org



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Elementary Builder Awards

1 st Grade	Mrs Dayyberry - Jesse Vega Ms. Ruff - Paige Dailey Mrs. Henry - Esteban Rodriguez- Hamon	4 th Grade	Mrs. Sandhu - Lucy Haymond Mrs. Lawrence - Kambria Dalley Mrs. Hyer - Pavan Vasa
2 nd Grade	Mrs. Cohen - Jenesii Wilkins Mrs. Foster - Neusha Nourmohammadi Mrs. Glad - Micah Stanford	5 th Grade	Mrs. Bodily - Annabel Kim Mrs. Wakamatsu - James Lawrence Ms. McGrath - Danielle Whisamore
3 rd Grade	Mrs. Rogers - Kennedy Sorenson Mrs. Wanner - Oliver Peay Mrs. Provstgaard - Tyson Pace	6 th Grade	Mr. Calderwood - Evelyn Jones Ms. Beal - Mary Christensen Mrs. Barney - Sofia Alfaro

Geography Bee Winners

We would like to congratulate the winners of the school wide Geography Bee Competition:

Suhaani Shelat 1st Place

Jay Bywater-2nd Place

We are proud of the efforts of all our 4th-8th grade students who earned a spot in our Semi-final competition. They each received the highest score in their class or had one of the highest overall scores in the school. They are:

Aubrey Andrus, Benjamin Barrus, Alton Baugh, Jay Bywater, Josh Drennan, Christian Driggs, Nathan Farr, Allison Gallup, Tanner Hullinger, Abhimanyu Iyengar, Manuel Jahen, Tyler Jensen, Miles Johnson, Jaron Lever, Alex Liljenquist, Sebastian Malmborg, Sam McDaniel, Wyatt Mecham, Paige Nelson, Michael Papenfuss, Skyler Reeves, Suhaani Shelat, Eliza Shupe, Roman Strickland, Shehreen Tariq and Jack Welch.

Suhaani will be given a written test to qualify for the State Bee. We wish her the best of luck!

The winners for the lower grade Geography Bee are:

1 st Grade	Gemma Park
2 nd Grade	Isabelle Smith
3 rd Grade	Penelope Jones

From the Family Support Organization

A huge shout out to all those who helped staffing our Barnes and Noble Book Fair: Camille Caswell, Pavama Sura, Jamie Fisher, Jennifer Nelson, Amina Briggs, Ramona Andrus, Jessica Womeldorf, and Mayumi Yamanaka.

Thank you so much to Liz Papenfuss for chairing the Geography Bee. She did an amazing job. Thanks to Christy Higginson, Indira Indira, and Andres Paredes for volunteering to help out during the Bee as well. We couldn't run these events without you!

Please join us this MONDAY, Dec.12 at 8:00am in the multipurpose room for our Academic Update on Cursive. These meetings help provide information on why APA chooses a program and how you can help your student excel in that area. As always a light breakfast will be served.

We need help setting and cleaning up for our wonderful school staff Holiday Dinner. The event is after school on Tuesday, December 20th. If you are able to help on either end, we would truly appreciate it and so will the staff.



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<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45abac23a1ff2-staff>

Staff appreciation week is right around the corner! We would like to start working on getting leads for doors, break room food, donations, mailbox treats, and the luncheon. If you are interested in helping make this week memorable, please sign up! It is the week of March 20-24.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45abac23a1ff2-staff1>

Parents Night Out

Did you ever want to just drop off your kids and have an “adult” night out? Our National Honor Society will be hosting a Parent’s Night Out this Saturday, December 10th. There will be pizza, snacks, games and movies for your children. All children that are potty-trained are welcome. Information has been attached to the elementary students learning plans.

Athletics and Activities

Basketball Tournament

Draper American Prep's JH girls finished 2nd in the Central Region and will host a first round of the State Tournament on Monday the 12th. The boys finished 3rd in the Central Region and will travel to their opponent (TBD) on Monday as well.

Our HS Girls and Boys teams have a Home game this Friday (12/9)! The girls will play at 4:30 and the boys at 6pm!

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.

For more information and team schedules check out the Athletics and Clubs web-site:

<http://www.draperathleticsapa.org/>

American Prep Mascot Naming Contest

We are excited to announce a school-wide naming contest for our new mascot. Our Draper campus will now have our own official “Eagle” mascot and we are having a naming contest. Please submit your mascot name at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hxcq-T3lUe98Wg9-11Iv2beelwEaiDsFO5JA68BaCXY/edit>. We will be compiling a list of the most popular names and then will have students vote for their favorites.

Expanding Your Horizons-Girls Grades 5-8

Utah Valley University is pleased to offer the Expanding Your Horizons conference on Saturday, January 7, 2017. This STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) focused conference is designed for 5th - 8th grade girls to introduce them to a variety of exciting careers they can pursue if they continue their education. Conference participants may choose from 25 hands-on, interactive workshops led by professional women.

The conference is \$25.00. Please register by visiting

<https://www.uvu.edu/conferences/expanding-your-horizons/>

For those who would like to participate in this event with APA, we offer a reduced registration price and transportation. The bus will leave from the West Valley 2 campus at 8:00 am the morning of the event and



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return at 4:00 pm. Full uniform is required if participating with APA. Please see your campus secretary for permission slips and registration forms.

Character Development

Attention 7th Graders: We have a wonderful opportunity to share our time with the elderly during Care Center Visits on Wednesday, Dec. 14th from 12:45-3:45 p.m. Those students assigned the Dec. 14th date received a permission slip on Monday. **PARENTS PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE 3:45 PM LATE PICK UP AND THE DATE YOUR STUDENT IS ASSIGNED TO ATTEND.**

Secondary News

End of Term Deadline-Missing Work Deadline

All missing work is due on Wednesday, December 14th. The end of second term is Tuesday, December 20th. Students should check ASPIRE for all assignments and current grades.

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. Please visit: <http://lassonde.utah.edu/hsuec/>

The APA Department of Fine Arts presents:

'BELIEVE': a Holiday Celebration
Wednesday, December 14th, 7:00pm
American Preparatory Academy, Draper 2

Call time for performers, 6:00pm

CONCERT BLACK Dress/ Uniform
Ladies: Black dress, skirt, top, sweater, etc.
Black tights, Black dress shoes (no heels)
Gentleman: Black pants, socks, and dress shoes
White shirt (long sleeve), Red, Green, or Holiday tie.
Thank you for your support of the APA Choral program.
Hope to see you there!



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