



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## School Calendar

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Saturday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Gala 7-9 pm Valley Fair Megaplex
Tuesday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grades 1-3 Speech Festival, 1:30 pm
Wednesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Builder's Award Assembly Grades 4-6
Thursday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 4-6 Speech Festival, 1 pm
Friday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade- Masquerade Balls
Saturday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday School-Grades 7-12, 7 am
Saturday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Masquerade Dinner and Ball
Monday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal <b>ALL GRADES</b> 12:00/12:25
Wednesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 4-6 Reading University Awards
Wednesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 7-12 Speech Festival 12:45 pm
Wednesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade La Caille Ball Prep 3:45 pickup
Friday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ballroom Dance Concert 7 pm D2 Gym
Saturday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ballroom Dance Concert 7 pm D2 Gym

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/>.

### **March Builder Theme: "I am a Builder when I overcome obstacles with positivity"**

In the pursuit of facing obstacles with determination and positivity, many key factors work to make the process a success. A couple more steps in this process are being patient and cheerful.

**Patience** – We may come across difficult people or objectives during our pursuit of a solution. Applying patience, working hard and persevering in efforts, we will see progress, maybe slowly, but surely towards our goals. Many people have attributed their success to the fact of not giving up too early in the face of challenges.

*It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer. "Albert Einstein"*

**Cheerful** – Adopting a cheerful attitude is contagious to the people around you. This would help to create a feel-good factor among the people whose contributions are needed in overcoming the challenge. People will believe that the problem at hand can be solved, and they will be happy to participate in working on a solution. Half of the battle is won with such a positive feeling.

*Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all. "Helen Keller"*

### **APA's 6th Annual Speech Festival**

Speech Festival Finals are *next week* and *we are in need of parent volunteers* to judge the competitions. This is a fantastic opportunity to see many of our talented students perform! Participating as a judge is fun opportunity. We'll let you know what to do! Judges arrive 30 minutes prior to the start time of the finals they will be judging (1st-3rd, 4th-6th, or secondary) for instructions and to help with final set-up. Visit this Sign-up Genius link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A45ABAC23A1FF2-speech>. Have questions? Contact Saren Fassbinder, [sfassbinder@apamail.org](mailto:sfassbinder@apamail.org)

1st-3rd Elementary finals: May 2nd @ 1:30pm (judges arrive @ 1pm)

4th-6th Elementary finals: May 4th @ 1:00pm (judges arrive @ 12:30pm)

Secondary Finals: Wednesday, May 10th @ 12:45pm (judges arrive @ 12:15pm)



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Thank you in advance for your help! APA parents truly are *AMAZING!!*

## **Spring Break Change for 2017-18 School Year**

Thanks to our astute parents, it was brought to our attention that our 2018 Spring Break didn't align with any of the other districts for next year, so we are amending our calendar to match. As many of our families would like this information in order to make their vacation plans, we want to let you know that American Prep's spring break will be April 2nd-6th. This change has been updated on the Parent Calendar, your best, most updated source for information about our school calendar.

## **Honor our SUPER STAFF with STARS!**

Our Wall of Thanks is growing! We have over 120 stars and more are being added each day. It is fun for our APA family to enjoy a visual representation of appreciation for all our staff does!

For a \$5 donation to the Staff Appreciation Fund, we will hang a star with the teacher/staff member name and your family name on the wall.

You may donate as many times as you'd like. For each \$5 donation, we'll hang another star in your honor!

You can expand your support by joining the Builders Club with a recurring monthly donation of any amount! When you select this option, you will receive 5 stars for the "Wall of Thanks".

Help us show our amazing appreciation for our staff by clicking here:

<http://www.americanprepfoundation.org/staff-appreciation> . All proceeds raised go directly to the Staff Appreciation Fund.

## **Memorial Day Assembly**

This event is primarily for our students to be taught through example and through their own participation, how to respect and honor our nation's fallen soldiers.

The space is very limited at our campus since we will have the entire student body in attendance in the gymnasium. There will NOT be space for our parents to attend. Thanks for helping us make this a great event for our students.

*Monday-Thursday dress is required at this assembly!!*

## **Memorial Day "Buddy Poppy"**

As part of our Memorial Day Celebration, each of our students will be given a "Buddy Poppy" to wear for the day and to take home. These artificial poppies have been a symbol of fallen and wounded veterans since World War II. They are traditionally sold on street corners by veterans, and donations received in return for these artificial poppies have helped over the years countless veterans, widows, widowers and orphans of fallen soldiers. The poppy itself continues to serve as a perpetual tribute to those who have given their lives for our nation's freedom.

Our school will be accepting donations for our veterans until the end of the school year. Please use the envelope stapled to your student's learning plan, or come to the office and pick up another one, and



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turn your donations in to your student's teacher or the main office. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

## **Parent Advisory Committee Elections-Draper 2**

We are in the process of creating our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for the 2017-18 school year. PAC participates with the administration in developing the Annual School Plan, in deciding how the Land Trust monies will be spent, and other matters important to our students at American Preparatory Academy. We have 1 parent PAC position to fill at APA-Draper 2. Draper 2 will be grades K-6 for the 2017-18 SY. Parents of students who are employed six or more hours per week at the school are disqualified from participating as an elected parent.

The PAC generally meets 3-4 times per year. Members of the PAC will be expected to participate in all of these meetings so that a quorum may be present to conduct business. There are no term limits, so long as an elected parent has students enrolled in the school, is actively participating, and wishes to continue to do so.

These are the anticipated meeting dates, times, and places for the 2017-18 school year. **It is vital that you attend all three meetings if you are a member of the PAC. We must have a quorum in order to hold a meeting.** Failure to do so may result in the loss of your seat on the Committee.

1st Meeting at Draper 2 will be on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm.

2nd Meeting at Draper 2 will be on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

3rd Meeting (Annual School Planning Meeting) This meeting will most likely be held in late July, after we get State Testing results back.

If you are interested, please contact Kim Dudley, [landtrust@apamail.org](mailto:landtrust@apamail.org) no later than Friday, May 12, 2017 at 4pm. *Please include your name, the campus you are running for, your students name and grade, your phone number and email address.*

We are holding elections at more than one campus, so it will be very important that you note in your email for which campus' PAC you are running. The ballot will go home as the last page of the May 19<sup>th</sup> newsletter. Each family may vote for 4 candidates, since we have 4 openings. Ballots must be returned to the school by 4pm on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The candidate who receives the most votes will be posted in the June 2nd newsletter. Candidates will be notified by email on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Parent Advisory Committee Elections-Draper 3**

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We have 1 parent PAC position to fill at APA-Draper 3. Draper 3 will be comprised of grades 7-12 for this coming school year. Parents of students who are employed 6 or more hours per week at the school are disqualified from participating as an elected parent.

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1st Meeting at Draper 3 will be on Thursday, September 28 at 10:00am.

2nd Meeting at Draper 3 will be on Thursday, January 25 at 10:00am.

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## **Lunch Program**

We need to have **EVERY** parent/student who previously ordered on the Smart Lunch ordering system to re-order on our new APA link.

Go to: **[apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net](http://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net)**. Your email and password is the same. **DO NOT OPEN A NEW ACCOUNT OR YOU WILL BE CHARGED FULL PRICE.** To change email or password, contact Patricia Gallacher at her email below.

If you have not ordered by Sunday night, April 30<sup>th</sup>, your student will not receive a lunch on Monday. If you want to make sure your order is complete, go onto your account and look at the "History" tab.

On Monday we will have the menu on for the rest of the school year.

If you have any questions, email to Patricia Gallacher at: [pgallacher@apamail.org](mailto:pgallacher@apamail.org).

## **District Art Show**

This year's District Art Show will be held on Friday May 12th, 5pm-8pm and Saturday May 13th, 9am-12pm at our West Valley 2 location, 3636 W 3100 S, West Valley City, UT 84120, in the Multi-Purpose Room.

It will feature carefully selected artwork from Grades 1-12. We have three members of the art community coming to judge the works. The winners will be announced from each age group at 6.30pm.

Please come along and support the students' efforts and talents.

The show will have light refreshments and brand new display boards! It will be an outstanding show!



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## **After School Tutoring For Grades 3-12**

If your student is struggling with schoolwork, APA's National Honor Society and Junior Honor Society are now hosting a peer-tutoring program after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays      3:10 to 4:00 pm

Thursday      2:10 to 3:00 pm

Sessions will be held in Mrs. Dye's room (210). Elementary students are welcome to attend and receive help with any form of schoolwork. For questions, contact Mrs. Dye: [ndye@apamail.org](mailto:ndye@apamail.org).

## **From the Family Support Organization**

**APA FUN RUN:** It's spring and time for the Annual Fun Run. We will be combining with our friends from D1 at Wheadon Farm Park (13965 S. Bangerter Parkway) on Friday, May 19th.

Registration for the run begins at 4:00 pm with the following race start times:

4:30 pm - 1st-3rd grade 1K

4:45 pm - 4th-6th grade 1K

5:00 pm - 7th grade and up 5K

Participation in the races is FREE and open to everyone.

Race t-shirts are available to order for \$8 (these can be worn on race day and on future Spirit Days). The deadline to order shirts is Thursday, May 4th. Order forms are in this week's communication folders.

In addition to the run, we will have plenty of food and fun (including a DUNK TANK)!

Of course we will need volunteers to help out with the race and silent auction. Please sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0F48AAAC2DA7FA7-d1andd2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0F48AAAC2DA7FA7-d1andd2).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Our AP scholars will be taking their exams each day of the first two weeks of May. In order to help them, some of the teachers would like to boost their morning with a healthy and stress-relieving breakfast. Dates and menus will change as each test approaches so check back occasionally. If you would like to help our secondary teachers and students please take this opportunity to sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45abac23a1ff2-aptest>.

**PARENT VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION:** Thank you to all our parents who have put in so many volunteer hours this year. We want to recognize you! Please email the family name(s) that you want included on your recognition to Michelle Goudge at [mgoudge@apamail.org](mailto:mgoudge@apamail.org). Last name(s) only, please. If you have not done so already, please report your volunteer hours to [volunteerdrapeer2@apamail.org](mailto:volunteerdrapeer2@apamail.org).

## **Character Development**

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>: 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Red Carpet Gala from 7-9:00 p.m. at West Valley Megaplex Theater Ballroom

**IMPORTANT: MANDATORY** attire checks required for all students grades 7-10<sup>th</sup> for end of year balls. Students may email a picture of clothing for approval to [sbroadhead@apamail.org](mailto:sbroadhead@apamail.org), or stop by the ambassador office with clothing. Checking off of attire will count on the 4<sup>th</sup> period grade.

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** is the 10<sup>th</sup> grade Red Carpet Gala from 7-9:00 p.m. at the Megaplex Theater Ballroom at Valley Fair Mall (2620 South 2400 West). Join us for an evening of awards, dancing, food and socializing.



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## **Shoes, Shoes, Shoes**

WE NEED YOUR SHOES! Our shoe drive continues. Check those closets for new or used shoes that you can donate to the bin in the front office. For every 1,000 pairs of shoes we collect, we earn a spirit dress day. We currently have 498 pairs of shoes. Let's get to our first 1,000. WE CAN DO THIS!

## **Mission Math Contest**

Mission Math is an organization of high school students who are writing and conducting math contests for charitable causes with a belief and experience that such contests help students perform well on college entrance examinations math section. One of the original founders, Josh Speckman, is a former APA student. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Mission Math held its first Salt Lake Valley Contest and 14 students from our American Prep campus participated. We are excited to announce the results of that contest:

5<sup>th</sup> Grade                      Vishwa Murugappan-**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade                      Henry Zheng-**4<sup>th</sup> Place**  
Middle School Team    Tia Kungwani, Deepak Veeramanoahar, Henry Zheng-**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Congratulations to these students and all of our other participants!

Additional 7th grade participants were Camden Stewart, Luna Hamon, Ananya Lyengar, Ajash Xavier, Sanjana Sujeet, Chinamayi Phansalker, and Sneha Abinavam. Eighth grade was represented by Rushmeen Tariq, Tanner Hullinger, and Lincoln Pham.

Mission Math is anticipating three contests in the upcoming 2017-18 school year. Parents are welcome to register their child for one or more of the contests in the appropriate grade. Please also let your Math team coaches know of the registration and encourage your children in 3rd to 8th to become members in the appropriate Math clubs. More information will be forthcoming as to participation requirements in the various math competitions for the upcoming year.

## **Lego Club News**

Because of some missed scheduling conflicts (e.g., Memorial day holiday), the schedule for Lego club has changed. Here is a schedule of the remaining Lego club meetings for this year (always on Mondays from 3:35-4:30):

ELEMENTARY = 5/1 and 5/22

SECONDARY = 4/17, 5/15 and 6/5

Also, if you have not paid the \$10 club fee for the second half of the term, please do so at the next meeting. Mr Phinney has the opportunity to buy some more needed pieces and the outstanding fees would cover them J

Be sure to check out current club creations in the display box outside the multi purpose room. The creativity is AWESOME!!!!

## **Athletics and Activities**

### **Cheerleading Spring Clinic**

**Are you interested in cheerleading?** Join us for our cheerleading spring clinic, held on May 9th, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This clinic will be open to all APA students currently in grades 6-11. No previous experience is required and there is no cost to attend. If you are interested in participating, you must sign up before May 2nd. You may sign up on the Draper 2 Athletics bulletin board or email Coach LaJeunesse at [llajeunesse@apamail.org](mailto:llajeunesse@apamail.org)



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## **Basketball Training**

**Basketball players!** We have two great opportunities to improve your skills and to take your game to the next level. Grind Athletics have classes Mondays and Friday evenings here at Draper 2. Also, we are excited to have Marty Haws back to do his skills clinic Tuesday and Thursdays before school! Please check out the flyer for Marty and visit our athletics website for more information on Grind Athletics.

<https://www.draperathleticsapa.org/>, and tell your friends.

## **Grind Athletics Video**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTlGk1IBuoU>

<http://www.grindathletics.com/draperpreregistration.html>

## **Better When I'm Dancing': APA's spring Ballroom Dance Extravaganza**

APA's Ballroom Company proudly invites you to a dance extravaganza! Come enjoy lyrical waltzes, toe-tapping swing steps, sizzling cha-cha and dazzling disco! Our school teams will be joined by special guest performers from the BYU Ballroom company and you might even catch some of our very own APA faculty showing off their moves! Admission is free, but we will gratefully accept donations at the door for next year's costume fund. Friday May 12th and Saturday May 13th at 7:00 pm.

As always, for more information and team schedules please visit the Athletics and Clubs website at:

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

## **Secondary News**

### **Scholarship Corner**

#### **The Paradigm Challenge**

The Paradigm Challenge is an annual competition that inspires youth to use STEM skills plus kindness, creativity, and collaboration to make a difference. The 2016-17 Challenge aims to generate new ideas to reduce waste in homes, schools, communities, and around the world.

<http://www.projectparadigm.org/about-the-challenge>

#### **Veterans of Foreign Wars - Voice of Democracy Essay Contest**

The VFW is dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generation. If you are a democracy-loving high school student interested in a \$30,000 college scholarship or a patriotic middle school student interested in winning \$5,000, these scholarships may be for you.

[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), search for Voice of Democracy Essay Contest

### **AP Schedule**

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will be taking their exams on the following days and times.

Monday, May 1      8:00      Chemistry



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	12:00	Psychology
Tuesday, May 2	8:00	Computer Science A
Wednesday, May 3	8:00	English Literature and Composition
Thursday, May 4	8:00	US Government and Politics
Monday, May 8	8:00	Biology
	12:00	Physics C
Tuesday, May 9	8:00	Calculus AB/Calculus BC
Friday, May 12	8:00	Human Geography
	12:00	European History
	12:00	Latin

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## **Draper Philharmonic & Choral Society Needs You!**

Do you play an instrument? Do you sing? We have just completed our inaugural concert, generating excitement for people to join DPACS for our upcoming concert schedule. We are holding auditions for all singing parts and listed instruments. Choir rehearsals begin this Tuesday evening, April 25, at 7:00 pm and Philharmonic rehearsals begin this Wednesday evening, April 26 at 7:00 pm. Rehearsals are held in the Draper 2 Campus.

<http://draperphilharmonic.org/html/dpacsaudition.html>