



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar

September 23, 2016

Tuesday, September 27 th	Show What You Know Grades 1-3 8:00 am
Tuesday, September 27 th	Fieldtrips Grades 1-3
Wednesday, September 28 th	Show What You Know Grades 4-6 8:00 am
Wednesday, September 28 th	Barn Event Grade 8
Wednesday, September 28 th	Brandon Mull Visit Grades 3 rd -7 th 1-2 pm
Thursday, September 29 th	FriendSHIP Event Grade 6 3:45 pm Pick-up
Friday, September 30 th	Fieldtrips Grades 4-6
Friday, September 30 th	Wild West BBQ 10 th Grade 3-5 pm
Tuesday, October 4 th	Builders Assembly Grades 1-3 8 am
Wednesday, October 5 th	Builders Assembly Grades 4-6 8 am

You will find all events and updates for our campus at <http://www.draper2.americanprep.org>.

September Builder Theme: I am a builder when I build with enthusiasm

It's been a great week at American Prep! Our students and teachers are the embodiment of our building with enthusiasm. Thank you to our great parents who are also enthusiastically supporting your children, assisting them to complete their homework, ensuring they are prepared for school each day!

You may wonder why enthusiasm is so important to us at American Prep – well, in our Parent Student Handbook you will find the following is one of our Foundations:

“Enthusiasm propels one on to greater effort. Enthusiasm makes work enjoyable and provides encouragement for others to put forth increased effort. It is the responsibility of every member of the American Prep community to bring enthusiasm to their work and to their associations at school.”

So you can see we understand that enthusiasm is a key component to our success as a school, and more importantly the success of your student! We commit as staff members to bring enthusiasm to your students each day, because we know it will result in higher effort being put forth by your child, and greater success! We appreciate so much our parents who also bring enthusiasm to us in our interactions and help us put forth our best efforts!

Alma System Ready to Use!

This year APA is using Alma, a new software system that will help us better manage school, classroom and student information. It is a secure, easy-to-use online system that brings important school information and tools together in one place. Alma offers a parent portal to help families stay informed and on track with student learning.

Alma is new to APA and the staff at Draper 2. As staff becomes more familiar with the program you will see more assignments, grades and attendance information- especially as we get closer to the end of term on October 14th, 2016.



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You will receive an email from Alma with information about how to set up your account and log in to the portal. If you have not received an email by Monday, September 19th, please contact Heather Gillis or Pam Hammond at the front desk. You can also find a button to access Alma on our website at www.draper2.americanprep.org.

Send in your Box Tops for Education!!

Welcome back to a brand new year of school at American Preparatory Academy D2!! We are excited to continue reaching some fantastic goals with our Box Top for Education program this year and make some money for our school to be able to use for our students! Our first deadline is only 2 months away, so please gather together all of those great Box Tops that you have clipped and saved over the summer and send them with your children to be turned in. Each class has a labeled box in their classroom where the students can turn in their Box Tops, and the 3 classes to turn in the most Box Tops by the end of October will earn an Ice Cream Party!! This is a special prize for our students and they get really excited to try to earn this! Let's work hard to earn our school some money!! Thank you!! (Please remember to cut out the Box Tops coupons on the dotted line; it would help our volunteers out immensely! And throw away any expired ones.)

Volunteer Hours

ATTENTION ALL D2 VOLUNTEERS: With the start of this new school year, APA is already the recipient of many valuable hours of your time. We appreciate you! We have a new updated system for tracking your volunteer hours. For elementary parents, instead of recording the hours on the communication envelopes, please email your time to volunteerdraper2@apamail.org. Secondary parents please email your time to heatherlabarreallen@gmail.com. If you have students in both elementary and secondary choose one email to send all your volunteer hours. Thanks again for all you do!

From the Family School Organization (FSO)

Fall Festival Tonight

Come From 6-9 pm

Tickets at the door

Wristbands \$8

Meals \$5

Extra Tickets \$1

Laser Tag Waiver

If a parent or guardian will not be there to fill out a waiver for laser tag, please see this link to send it with your student: http://uvtag.com/qwerpoi12340987TY56/Informed_Consent.pdf

Looking for a Carpool Group?

Please click this link for the Draper 2 Family Directory: <https://www.zeemaps.com/map?group=1567746>
This map allows you to see which families live near you. When you click on the individual map markers, you will find the name of the family and the contact information to form a carpool. All carpool groups must have the same color and number family (i.e. 700s or 800s). When you form a carpool group, please inform Marietta at apacarpool@gmail.com.



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Carpool Corner

This week's Carpool Tip: Please **do not** turn left into or out of our driveway during our dismissal windows.

Lagoon FUNdraiser

We are participating in the 2016 Lagoon Education Foundation Fundraiser! Please distribute the promo code to family and friends; the more tickets sold using the promo code, the more money donated to American Preparatory Academy! Attached is a coupon that can be used at a Lagoon ticket window, and a flyer to hang up to advertise. **The promo code can be used to purchase up to 8 tickets per transaction online**, at the link provided below. Please feel free to use any resources at your disposal (i.e. email, PeachJar, website and so on) to distribute this promo code. <https://www.lagoonpark.com/buy-tickets/>

American Prep promo code: APA16

The discount/fundraiser is only valid September 16- October 30, 2016.

Athletics and Activities

Soccer- everyone (K-12) at both Draper 1 and Draper 2 campuses contact coachshaughnessy@yahoo.com if would like to attend soccer practice sessions this Fall.

BASEBALL PLAYERS!- (Grades 6th and up) We have a place to practice and hold our home games!!! This Fall session will be really short but if you want to play we will meet Monday 9/26 right after second dismissal in the D2 gym. If you can't make it on Monday please email (bdurst@apamail.org) so I can give you the information that you will need.

WRESTLING- (K-12) practice will start Monday at Draper 2 in the Multi Purpose room at 4 PM! This is open to all students (boys and girls) at both Draper campuses. Contact Coach Hammer (thammer@apamail.org) with any questions.

SHOE DRIVE- Remember to bring your gently used or new shoes to the Fall Festival for a PRIZE and help fund our extracurricular activities!!

We have a lot of clubs, music and athletics all getting underway! For more details and schedules please check our website: <http://draper2.americanprep.org/>

Character Development Activities

6th Grade FriendSHIP Event

Welcome Aboard the APA FriendSHIP 6th grade students! Next Thursday, September 29th from 1:10-3:45 p.m. we will have our first Ambassador Event of the year. Activities will include a challenging obstacle course, food, friends, and so much more!

8th Grade Barn Event

On Wednesday, September 28th from 10:40-1:50 p.m. 8th grade students are invited to the Findlay Barn for BBQ, dancing and character building activities.

Dress code: Dress code: jeans, polo, tennis shoes (cowboy boots and bandana optional)

10th-12th Grade Western BBQ

WANTED: All 10th grade students and 11th and 12th grade students as guests at the Findlay Barn. On Friday, September 30th from 3:00-5:30 p.m. students will join together for pumpkin carving, cowboy games, raffle



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prizes and good 'ol grub! Dress code: jeans, polo, tennis shoes (cowboy boots and bandana optional) **Parent pick-up at 5:30 p.m. at Draper 2.**

Unity Walk

Our 9th grade students were able to walk to Ensign Peak and hear inspiring words from Mr. Baker. Students then made their way to Riverside Park where they enjoyed lunch and team building activities. It was a great day!

Thank you Kate Hanks, Rochelle Krawiecki, Rebecca and DJ Farnsworth and Kellie Bradford for making this event possible.

Welcome Aboard the APA FriendSHIP

Welcome Aboard the APA FriendSHIP for 5th grade was a success! Students were able to practice writing a thank you note, meeting and greeting, navigating a reception line and asking intelligent questions.

A huge thank you to our amazing parent help: Mandy Brown, Monica Walter, Suzanne Chapman, Kiri Reeves, Melissa Muir, Christina Anderson and Lorena Bush.

Driver Certification News

There have been changes to the driver certification process and drivers will currently be no longer required to complete the state on-line video and test.

Brandon Mull Visit!

Brandon Mull, author of the popular "Fablehaven", "Candy Shop War", "Five Kingdoms" Series, and *Wild Born* books, is coming to visit the 3th-7th grade students the afternoon of September 28th. We are so excited! Only pre-ordered books will be autographed by the author. Get a pre-ordered book now before they are gone! Please note: All checks should be made out to Barnes and Noble. Cash should be sealed in envelopes and addressed to Barnes and Noble. Pre-order forms will be due by September 21st.

Reading University

Reading University (RU) is an academic program that introduces students to value-based literature and informational texts and increases vocabulary through independent reading. The goal of the Reading University program is to instill a love for independent reading in each of our students. Reading University is our independent reading program. Students should have a gray folder in their docket. Inside of that gray folder should be an RU reading log. Students keep track of the books they read and parents sign that the students have read the books. Each grade has a certain number of books to be read each term. Check the learning plan for number of books and due dates. Students may read books one grade level below and any on or above. Each term, students may read one book that is not on the RU list. The Reading University Book lists are located on the website, under the Resources tab. <http://draper2.americanprep.org>.

Secondary News

ASPIRE Feature Notice

We wanted to make you aware of a feature that you can utilize to help track your students' progress on ASPIRE. If you are not currently using Aspire and need a username and password, first go to this link: <https://amerprep.usoe-dcs.org/Login.aspx> Once on the home page, click where it says "Request a Username" below the login box. You will need your students' four digit ID number and their birthday- with this you can



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then setup your own login tied to all of your students. You can also set ASPIRE to send you notifications on your phone or email if your student has missing work! Contact Mr. Baker dbaker@apamail.org if you have any questions on this.

College Counseling

Our counseling team will be meeting with each 9 - 12 grade student individually to review academic progress and discuss college and career plans. Please watch your email for the date and time of this meeting for you student. If you have any questions please email mleonard@apamail.org.

ACT TEST

Attention parents of 10th – 12th grade students: The ACT is an important college entrance test. For any student that needs to take or wants to re-take the ACT, the next ACT test is scheduled for October 22. The deadline to register is Friday, September 16. Please visit www.actstudent.org to register.

There are ACT prep materials available by the secondary office on our ACT bulletin board. We encourage your student to prepare for this important test!

Yearbook Committee

We are looking for 5-6 committed, talented students that are willing to serve on the Yearbook Committee for this year. Students will be working with Mrs. Patterson to write copy, take photos, edit the design, and create the final yearbook. Please stop by and talk with Mr. Baker or email him at dbaker@apamail.org if you are interested.