



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## School Calendar

**September 9, 2016**

Saturday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Buddy Walk 9:00 am-12:30 pm
Saturday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Advanced Band Car Wash 9am-4pm D2 Soccer Field
Monday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Boys Basketball Tryouts Grades 8-12, 5-6 p.m.
Tuesday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Boys Basketball Tryouts Grades 5-8, 5-6 p.m.
Tuesday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Elementary Picture Day/Secondary Make-up Day
Tuesday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Show What You Know Assembly 8:00 am
Wednesday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Show What You Know Assembly 8:00 am
Wednesday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Unity Hike: all day event
Thursday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade FriendSHIP Event: parent pickup 3:45 pm
Thursday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary Parent Teacher Conferences 3-7 pm
Friday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No School Grades 7-12</b>
Friday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary Parent Teacher Conferences 8 am-12 pm
Monday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Update – Reading University 8:00 am
Monday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Substitute Training
Wednesday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Tour 8:30-9:30 am
Friday, September 23 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Fall Festival 6-9 pm
Wednesday, September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Brandon Mull Visit Grades 4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> , 1-2 pm

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

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

Have you ever worked with someone that always seems positive and happy about what they are doing? It makes whatever your task is more enjoyable and seem less like a task, and more like time well spent. In our schools, we expect our staff and students to work hard and at the same time want to foster an environment of enjoyment and enthusiasm. In addition to how it makes us feel, it helps our brains process and learn information. This positive outlook is a foundational part of our schools and gives our students an important tool to become “so smart”. Enthusiasm is contagious, catch it!

## Teacher Qualifications

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

## Picture Day, Tuesday, September 13th

**Picture Day** will be Tuesday, September 13th. Monday-Thursday uniforms are required. Pictures **MUST** be paid at the time they are taken. There are two paying options.

Prepay Online: Print out your receipt to give to photographer

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[www.bellphoto.com](http://www.bellphoto.com) Online Code: apadraper2016

Picture order forms, along with package information, will be included in your Communication Envelope this week. Your student will bring the attached envelope with them to give to the photographer. Remember - Pictures **MUST** be paid for at the time they are taken.

## **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](mailto:volunteerdraper2@apamail.org). Secondary parents please email your time to [heatherlabarreallen@gmail.com](mailto: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)**

Wow! So many APA parents have really stepped up and helped. Thank you to ASTs, those who have signed up already for the field trips, Fall Festival, and teacher dinners. If *you* haven't yet, don't fret. There are plenty of ways to dig in and be a part.

**Secondary Parent Teacher Conference Dinners Please sign up to provide dinners to our amazing staff on Thursday, September 15th.** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f49aea62ea1fc1-parent2>.

**Academic Update** is Monday, September 19th at 8:00 am. Drop off carpool, park and come have a light breakfast with us as we learn about the **Reading University Program (RU)**!

**Secondary Spirit Week** is September 19th-23rd. If you'd like to help decorate halls please email Jen Hardy at [jsloris.phredd@gmail.com](mailto:jsloris.phredd@gmail.com).

**Fall Festival** is Friday, September 23rd from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm. Tickets are on sale now at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f49aea62ea1fc1-fall1>.

Calling all bakers and crafters!

We are in need of baked goods for the Bake Sale Booth and donated craft items for the Craft Boutique at the Fall Festival. You can sign up to volunteer at the festival as well: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f49aea62ea1fc1-fall1>.

Fall Festival Supply Help:

Attention all parents! Does anyone have any connections with decoration/party supplies, particularly for a helium tank or balloons? We are looking to see if anyone would be able to donate or help us with a discount. Please contact Jill Welch at [kjillwelch@gmail.com](mailto:kjillwelch@gmail.com).

"FUN"d raising at the Festival:

Please support our 11th and 12th grade Ambassadors at the Bake Sale as they are raising money for upcoming SBO events.

The band will be running the Dunk Tank and Pie Throwing booths to raise money for their tour to San Francisco. Make sure to stop by both of these booths to support them!



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We are still collecting gently used shoes for our Shoes for Heart drive. Bring some gently used shoes and get a prize.

**Field Trip for 1st-3rd Grades** happens on September 27th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you'd like to be a driver, sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f49aea62ea1fc1-1st3rd>

## **Band Tour Car Wash Fundraiser**

Bring your car to the D2 Campus on **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm** for a quick wash. Students in the APA-Draper Band will be washing cars, polishing windows, and vacuuming floors to help fundraise for a performance in San Francisco. The Draper Wind Ensemble auditioned for the Heritage Festival of Gold and was invited to perform at the legendary Davies Hall in San Francisco in April! In order to perform as ambassadors on this world famous stage the band will be working hard throughout the year to raise money. This first fundraising event will feature a \$7 Basic Body Wash, a \$10 Deluxe Wash, which includes an interior and exterior window cleaning, and a \$20 Supreme Clean with vacuum and window service. Support your APA Band and get a clean car by making a quick stop on Saturday!

## **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](mailto:apacarpool@gmail.com).

## **Carpool Corner**

WOW! It has been great to see how everyone is making adjustments and timing their carpool drop-off and pick-up times to spread out our traffic volume and make carpool run so smoothly. It is a very challenging carpool situation and with everyone's cooperation it is running super smooth. ***This week's Carpool Tip:*** Please refrain from left turns during our critical carpool times from 7:30-8:00 am and 3:00-4:00 pm (Monday, Tuesday and Fridays) and 2:00-3:00 pm (Wednesdays and Thursdays).

## **From the Director's Desk**

The Fall Festival is fast approaching! This is an exciting event that brings together our school community for Fun, Friendship and Festivities! There is a lot of effort and planning involved and our Family Support Organization is in need of a few critical items. If anyone works in the construction industry and has portable lights, we need 6 portable lights units, and also pop-up tents. Please contact Jill Welch at [kjillwelch@gmail.com](mailto:kjillwelch@gmail.com)

## **Athletics and Activities**

**Boys Basketball Tryouts-All** participants are invited back for another open gym and evaluation by the coaches. Grades 8-12 Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 5-6 pm. Grades 5-7 Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 5-6 pm.

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/>

Robotics will start on September 12th and this is for grades 3rd thru 6th. Check out the flyer that is attached for information about signing up.



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We have Chess Club, Math Club, Computer Club, Lego Club, U.N. Club and more! Be sure to check out the posters at school and talk to the teachers in charge! Coming soon will be a separate page for afterschool activities.

Bring your gently used or new shoes to the Fall Festival and get a prize! We are collecting shoes as our "Activities Fundraiser" and we need your shoes. We can also use your neighbors', friends' and families' shoes! You can drop them off in the main lobby at Draper 1 and Draper 2 or bring them to the Fall Festival!

*Marty Haws Early Morning Basketball Skills Clinic:*

Marty is starting another session from 6:30 am to 7:30 am at Draper 2! Check out the flyer below for more details.

## **Character Development Activities**

### ***11th Grade Buddy Walk***

We are excited to have 10 volunteers from our 11<sup>th</sup> grade participate in the Buddy Walk® on Saturday, September 10th from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. The Buddy Walk® was created by the National Down Syndrome Awareness Society in 1995 to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness and to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome. American Prep students will help serve concessions and cheer on the participants of the walk.

Dress: Polo, jeans and comfortable shoes

### ***9th Grade Unity Walk***

We are ready to celebrate being back at school with the 9th Grade Unity Hike on Wednesday, September 14th. This is an all day activity that focuses on unifying our students and building teamwork skills. All students are required to attend and must be on time so they don't miss the bus! Please send your student with a water bottle. Supplemental water and snacks will be provided.

Dress: Polo, jeans and comfortable shoes

### ***5th Grade FriendSHIP Event***

On Thursday, September 15th all 5th grade students will be participating in friendship building activities to kick off the year. **PARENT PICK-UP AT 3:45 PM.**

## **Field Trip Drivers Wanted in October!**

Field trips are a FUN way to take a break from your routine, get to know teachers and students, spend time with your child, and fulfill some of your volunteer hours! We need YOU! Please get certified to drive.

All APA field trip drivers must submit the following paperwork in order to drive our students:

A current copy of your driver's license

A current copy of car insurance card - the one you carry in your car (must be updated before each activity)

A current auto insurance declaration page (\$150,000 per occurrence minimum or 100/300k policy)

Fill out the *Employee/Volunteer Driver Acknowledgement* form (available at the front office)

Review the "Booster Seat Flyer" (available at the front office)

View the Driver Safety Video and submit copy of passed test certificate (**EVERY 2 YEARS**).

**All APA Driver Chaperones agree to the following guidelines:**

Younger siblings may not attend the field trip if you are driving a group of APA students.

No additional stops may be taken on the way to and from the field trip (drive-thru, gas station, etc.).



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Driver chaperones must bring their own lunch (rather than purchasing at the destination) so that they can stay with the group.

All students must have their own working seatbelt.

Students under age 8 or less than 57 inches tall are required to have a booster seat per Utah Booster Seat Law.

Students may not be transported in vans that hold more than 10 passengers.

Driver chaperones may not be alone with any single student.

Driver chaperones must be available to stay with their group for the entire field trip.

A week before each field trip, drivers need to verify that their documentation is still current.

## **Directions for State Risk Driver Safety Video and Test on [www.risk.utah.gov](http://www.risk.utah.gov)**

We are currently in the process of updating passwords and information with the state web-site and will hopefully have this information in next week's newsletter.

## **Cleanliness Excellence and Other Great Examples**

Our school grounds are looking much better thanks to the students, families, and staff who are setting the example by picking up trash outside. Many of our students are also helping set the example for staying safe during carpool by crossing at crosswalks. Thank you for all you do to help our students develop great safety habits and service to our school community!

## **School Lunch**

We are continuing our online school lunch program this year. **Please place orders prior to 10:00 pm the night before you would like your lunch.**

If you have an account, you may order lunches immediately. Please be aware that you will need to update your student's grade and elementary teacher, if you have not already done so. This will ensure that your elementary student's lunch is delivered to the correct classroom.

If you do not currently have an account, you will need to set one up to order school lunches.

### **To set up your student's account:**

1. You will need to have a current email account. If you do not have an email you can go to [gmail.com](http://gmail.com) and create a free gmail account.
2. To set up a lunch account, go to <http://utahsmartlunches.com>.
3. Click on "Create an account".
4. Fill in Account Information and click on "Register".
5. Next you will click on "Student". In the last name space you must put in your student's last name, a space, and then your student's school ID#. **Example: Smith 3852 (If you do not have the student ID#, just add the last name and I will add the ID#.)** *Note: student ID# is not their carpool#.*
6. Add each student going to APA.
7. You are now ready to place your order.

**If you have not yet returned your Applications for Free/Reduced Lunches, please do so as soon as possible.** You are welcome to scan the application and email it to [mwood@apamail.org](mailto:mwood@apamail.org) or print it and drop it off at the main office. **Each family needs to return an application even if you know you do not qualify.** Having all of the applications back will help us get needed grants for our school. If you **do not** qualify, please fill out the following:

1. Your student's name and grade





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2. Your family name
3. Cross out the income section
4. Sign the signature line.

If you would like to order milk for your child to drink during lunch, please fill out a form and return it along with your payment to the front office. Please be aware that if you order a school lunch, milk is included with the lunch.

If you have any questions, or need help ordering your lunches, please don't hesitate to ask!

## **Substitute Training**

Want to learn more about American Prep, our curriculum and methods? Want to be involved at the school and get paid at the same time? Come be a substitute for us! We will be having Substitute Training on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 - 10:00 am **at the Draper 2 campus**, to do a crash course on what we are about and what it takes to be a substitute. Then we will schedule an individual hands-on training at the Draper 1 or Draper 2 campus with one of our excellent Administrators for each interested person. If you are interested in coming to our Substitute Training, please email Kevin McVicar [kmcvicar@apamail.org](mailto:kmcvicar@apamail.org) or Cathie Adamson [cadamson@apamail.org](mailto:cadamson@apamail.org).

## **Elementary Groups Assignments**

Until about October 1st, all of our groups (reading, math, and spelling) are considered "maybe groups." They are very fluid with students moving as needed. We want to give all of our students plenty of time to wake up their brains after the long summer break. Remember that at the beginning of the year there is a lot of review in all subjects to help them to be successful. If your student worked hard over the summer to complete a level in math or reading and we have not been notified of that, please let us know. If you have any questions about your student's placement, please email our Elementary Directors: Mrs. Durling (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) [bdurling@apamail.org](mailto:bdurling@apamail.org), Jacquie Chappell (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade) [jchappell@apamail.org](mailto:jchappell@apamail.org) or Mrs. Lloyd (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) at [dlloyd@apamail.org](mailto:dlloyd@apamail.org).

## **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 4th-7th grade students the afternoon of September 28th. We are so excited! He will be available to sign pre-ordered books that will be delivered to students at that time. Please use the order form to request these books. 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 and 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>.



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We are excited to begin reviewing books for possible inclusion on the RU lists! If you are interested in volunteering for this fun project please contact the RU Review Committee Chair, Jacqui Maxfield @ [jacquimaxfield@gmail.com](mailto:jacquimaxfield@gmail.com) for details. Many thanks to our past and future reviewers!

## **Staff Daycare Center**

On behalf of the Draper 1 Staff Daycare Center we would like to thank all of the parents who have donated items to the daycare center! We are up and running and have everything we could want to run it smoothly. We are so grateful to have all of the wonderful toys, puzzles, books, and supplies. There are a few more items we would like if you are still wanting to donate. Remember that all items donated are tax-deductible; you just need to see Luci Baker or email [lbaker@apamail.org](mailto:lbaker@apamail.org) for the forms. If you grabbed a donation form at one of the back-to-school night events, please let us know if you have them already. The following items are things we still need:

- Hotwheel cars
- A play kitchen
- Play kitchen supplies
- Doll clothes
- A medical infrared thermometer (\$38 on amazon)
- Bins for storage
- Magnetic letters
- Large yard toys, i.e. ride on toys that will work on grass, trucks, seesaws etc.
- Tempera paint
- Craft supplies such as: pipe cleaners, google eyes, popsicle sticks, clothespins, pompoms, etc.

## **Secondary News**

### **Secondary Parent-Teacher Conferences**

We will be holding our first set of Secondary Parent-Teacher Conferences next week on Thursday, September 15th from 3-7 pm and Friday, September 16th from 8 am-12 pm. These conferences are a great opportunity to meet your students' teachers if you have not had a chance to do so already as well as address any concerns you may have. Conferences with teachers are not scheduled and are done on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you would like to meet with a teacher but are unable to attend either day, please feel free to contact the teacher directly to schedule a meeting at another time.

### **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](mailto:dbaker@apamail.org) if you are interested.

### **Congratulations to Tiara Tuttle, National Semifinalist for the Broadcom MASTERS Science Fair!**

Tiara qualified as a national semifinalist with her project "An Auditory EGGsperiment" which studied the impact of auditory stimulation on chicken egg production. She is one of only 300 students to qualify at the national semifinalist level; she will find out on September 20th if she qualifies for the national finalist competition in Washington DC. Congratulations Tiara!



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## **Looking for college \$\$\$?**

[STEPUPUtah.com](http://STEPUPUtah.com) has information on scholarships for all ages of students. Subscribe to their newsletter and get current scholarship applications directly to your inbox. There are three available right now:

Prudential Spirit of Community Award - grades 5-12

USEP (Utah Savings Educational Plan) Bookmark contest- grades K-12

Education Matters \$5,000 Contest

STEPUP Utah is a one-stop shop for college information. **Check it out!**

## **Safe Utah APP**

Last Wednesday we introduced your students to a new app that the State of Utah is offering all students to help keep them safe. See the attached letter of explanation.

## **Calling for Homework Responses**

As mentioned at Back to School Night, we are requesting your help when it comes to tracking the amount of time your student(s) spend on homework each evening. While we do want to know about spikes in homework time, it is most beneficial to our data collection if you track a few days or even a week at a time so we can get a baseline of what is normal vs. when there are abnormal increases due to specific events. The more high-quality data we can collect the better informed we can be when it comes to making decisions about our academic program - homework is only effective if it is utilized appropriately and this data is one way we can tell if this is what is truly happening at home.

The link below will lead you to the form - we suggest you book mark it for easy future reference. Please let me know if you have any questions about this form or any other thoughts or concerns about your student's homework.

**[Secondary Homework Response Form](#)**