

**Draper 2 - School Calendar**

**January 12, 2018**

Mon., Jan. 8 – Fri., Jan. 26	Mid-year DIBELS testing
Monday, January 15	<b>NO SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</b>
Wednesday, January 17	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Maturation Night – Multi-purpose Room Boys – 6:00-7:00 pm      Girls – 7:00-8:30 pm
Wednesday, January 17	Art Club begins 2:30-4:00 pm Tae Kwon Do begins 2:35-3:35 pm
Mon., Jan. 22-Fri., Jan. 26	Classroom Spelling Bees-Teachers will schedule these during “free time”
Monday, January 22	Early Release Day - <b>For ALL Elementary students.</b> <b><i>PM Kindergarten attends – No AM Kindergarten this day</i></b> 12:15- Purple/Pink/Blue/Orange 12:30 – Green/Yellow 12:45 – Tan/Grey
Monday, January 30	Lego Club begins 3:35-4:15 pm

***For further information about activities and events, please visit our website***  
<http://draper2.americanprep.org/>

**Builder Theme for January “I am a Builder When I Work Diligently”**

It was Monday night, August 3, 1992 at the Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. 65,000 fans streamed into the stadium. Derek Redmond lined up, waved to the crowd and drank in the excitement of the moment. Remember our discussion about what it takes to become a master? Derek had put in his 10,000 hours to become an Olympic Gold Medalist, and he was favored to win the 400 meters. He was running well: he recorded the fastest time of the first round and he won his quarterfinal heat. Derek was ready to realize his lifelong dream of earning a gold medal in the 400-meter dash. He had trained well and his father had also instilled in him the virtues of honor, courage, determination and faith.

The gun fired, and Derek shot out of the starting blocks in an unbelievable start. He broke quickly, accelerated hard, and captured the lead. Heading down the backstretch, only 250 meters from the finish line, Derek seemed certain to win. He was on a world record time as he saw the finish line while rounding the turn into the backstretch. Derek describes,

“Then I heard a popping sound. I kept on running for another two or three strides then I felt the pain. I thought I’d been shot, but then I recognised the agony. ‘I’d pulled my hamstring before and the pain is excruciating: like someone shoving a hot knife into the back of your knee and twisting it...

I couldn’t believe this was happening after all the training I’d put in. I looked around to see where the rest of the field were, and they had only 100m to go. I remember thinking if I got up I could still catch them and qualify.

“The pain was intense. I hobbled about 50m until I was at the 200m mark. Then I realised it was all over. I looked round and saw that everyone else had crossed the finishing line.”

Derek recognized that his Olympic dream was dead; yet Derek he knew he still had a choice to make. Was he going to accept his fate and give up or was he going to remain diligent and finish the race? He made a decision, a hard, painful decision.

“... I decided I was going to finish that race if it was the last race I ever did. All these doctors and officials were coming onto the track, trying to get me to stop but I was having none of it. Then, with about 100m to go, I became aware of someone else on the track. I didn’t realise it was my dad, Jim, at first. He said, “Derek, it’s me, you don’t need to do this.”

'I just said, "Dad, I want to finish, get me back in the semi-final." He said, "OK. We started this thing together and now we'll finish it together." He managed to get me to stop trying to run and just walk and he kept repeating, "You're a champion, you've got nothing to prove."

Together, arm in arm, father and son struggled toward the finish line with 65,000 people cheering, clapping, and crying.

Derek didn't win an Olympic Gold Medal, but he continued to show diligence by finishing his race. He also taught us that sometimes we need a little help from family and friends and that's okay. Derek came away with something more valuable than gold that day and is now an inspiration to the world. Please watch this extraordinary example of working diligently and discuss it in your family. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2G8KVzTfw>

### **YEARBOOK 2017/2018!!**

We are pleased to announce that we will have a 2017/2018 yearbook!! Our wonderful Yearbook committee, Marion Minson, Jori Thomas and Mandy Brown are diligently working toward making a beautiful book to hold all of this year's memories for our students.

Our yearbook is planned to include all color pages and a sturdy soft cover. If you would like to order a hard cover, there will be a minimal additional cost.

#### **Standard Yearbook Pricing – Before 2/16/18**

Soft Cover - \$12.00

Hard Cover - \$16.00

#### **Yearbook Pricing – After 2/16/18 & before 4/16/18 (Last date orders will be accepted.)**

Soft Cover - \$15.00

Hard Cover - \$20.00

Order online at [YBPay.lifetouch.com](http://YBPay.lifetouch.com) with the Yearbook ID code: 13453318

### **Pictures For The Yearbook**

Do you have pictures you would like to have considered for our Yearbook? If so, please send them to the following email address and our Yearbook committee will look at them to possibly add to our Yearbook. [d2yearbook@apamail.org](mailto:d2yearbook@apamail.org)

### **Our Families Conquered the Friends of APA Holiday Giving Campaign**

In a short two-week time period in December, you helped us raise \$9,617.57 for our staff appreciation fund! Every one of our 700+ staff members received a bonus. Simply put, if it weren't for our faithful APA families, we wouldn't advance our commitment to pay our teachers and staff at a level equal to the value that they provide to our students.

How can you reward our super star staff for all they do for your children year-round? Please consider making a monthly donation as a member of the Builders Club. 100% of these funds are used to build our staff appreciation fund and bolster our ability to acquire matching donations from corporate and community organizations. Thank you!

With heartfelt thanks, we express our gratitude to the many staff and volunteers who helped with this campaign - Candy Friedli, Constance Falatea, Michelle Goudge, Michelle McMahan, Emily Peery, and our parent volunteers in the office. You are all worth your weight in chocolate because we couldn't have done it without you!

## **FSO Happenings**

### **Staff Appreciation Week**

We are proud to announce the theme for our 2018 Staff Appreciation Week. It is "Happily Ever After" and coincides with Valentine week so there will be much love and many hearts to go with the fairy tales. We've been grateful for the outpouring of so many volunteers to help so far this year. The following sign up links are just the first to open up specific items/tasks to help our WONDERFUL staff know how much we appreciate them. We'd love each and every family to find a way to make this a special week for our "storybook" staff!

Door Decorating Sign Up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054faeaf2ea3f58-staff1>

Mailbox Treat Sign Up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45abac23a1ff2-staff2>

Daily Snacks for Break Room Sign Up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45abac23a1ff2-staff3>

### **Got Hours??**

Check out the FSO Bulletin Board just outside the Multi-Purpose Room. We love recognizing our amazing parent volunteers! Submit your hours to [volunteerdraper2@apamail.org](mailto:volunteerdraper2@apamail.org). We would love to see your name there too!

### **Field Trip Donations**

This year we would like for our students to ride busses for their field trips. Our elementary students, grades 1st through 6th, take 2 field trips per year. Kindergarten will go to the zoo for their end of year field trip. In order to be able to provide busses, we will need your kind donation of \$11.00 per field trip or, \$22.00 per year. This service will provide a safety factor that we have not been able to provide in the past. Friends of APA (American Preparatory Education Foundation), is graciously heading up this campaign.

**Go to the link below to make your online donation -**

**<https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/programs>**

If you would prefer to send in a check, make it out to APEF.

Also, if you are able to donate a little bit more, for our families who may not be able to afford this extra cost in their budget, please feel free to do so.

### **Uniforms**

Dear Parents -

Thank you so much for your support of our uniform policy, our order for name badges this week is HUGE!! Our students are beginning to dress for success now and in the future. This is a very exciting time to be here at APA. Kudos to all!! ☺

### **Carpool Corner**

Thank you to all the families displaying their carpool numbers while on campus! It makes a big difference for our staff!

Another round of thanks to all those drivers using their turn signals, it helps our staff and all the other drivers know where your car needs to go.

In the mornings, having a little extra patience can go a long way to keep our drop off safe and efficient. When lining up at the beginning of the drop off zone, it might be tempting to try and have your students

un-load, but if there are not a lot of cars ahead of those at the beginning wait 10-15 seconds and then pull **all** the way to the end of the unloading zone, then other cars can load in behind you. When unloading at the beginning of the zone, it creates a big clog and creates a backup if students are not fast getting out of the car. Please just have your students get out on their own. Drivers should stay in the car!

Thank you for your cooperation, it makes a huge difference in the efficiency of our carpool system.

### **Books**

Unfortunately, sometimes our students' textbooks and library books get lost or damaged. We are diligent in collecting lost/damaged book fees so we can purchase those replacements for our students to use. We are not able to accept replacement books provided by parents but have different options to help with the reduction of and payment of fees. Please contact Pam Gibbons at [pgibbons@apamail.org](mailto:pgibbons@apamail.org) for help or questions.

### **After School Clubs**

We are finalizing some of the after school activities for the upcoming calendar year and wanted to let parents know about our new weekly schedule.

Tuesdays	Lego Club-every other <b><i>Tuesday</i></b> unless parent volunteers would be willing to help Mr. Phinney. Beginning Tuesday, January 30 <sup>th</sup> , schedule below.
Wednesdays	Art Haven (formerly Smart with Art) classes 2:30-4:00 starting Jan 17 <sup>th</sup> Chess Club- Every other Wednesday starting Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup> Tae Kwon Do 2:35-3:35 for 3 weeks starting Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday	Learning through Robotics 2:40-3:40 starting Feb. 1st Tae Kwon Do 2:35-3:35 for 3 weeks starting Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>

### **Cooking Club**

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer the Cooking Club at this time. The provider we were going through has experienced some staffing issues. We are hoping to bring this fun opportunity to you later on this year. In the meantime, you can head to [www.thejuniorchef.com](http://www.thejuniorchef.com) to see current class openings.

Thank you so much for your interest, we will keep you updated with any additional after school opportunities.

### **Lego Club**

Lego Club for the rest of the year will be held on Tuesdays from 3:35 to 4:15 on (this is a 15 min shorter than the past...it seemed those last 15 minutes were the most restless ones).

Below are the dates -

1/30/2018	3/13/2018	4/24/2018
2/13/2018	3/27/2018	5/8/2018
2/27/2018	4/10/2018	5/22/2018

### **Sibling Enrollment**

It is time to begin enrolling our siblings for the upcoming 2018/2019 school year. If your student(s) have a ***sibling*** that will turn 5 before September 1<sup>st</sup>, or if you would like an older sibling to come to APA, please go to the link below and register your sibling. ***This application is for SIBLINGS ONLY of students currently attending one of our American Prep schools. Not, cousins, neighbors etc.*** <https://goo.gl/forms/GtxugbiplHkvHCEf2>

The deadline for this application is Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Request a Transfer or Withdraw your student for 2018-2019**

If you would like to transfer your student to a different APA campus or withdraw your student(s) at the end of this school year, please use the link below -

<https://goo.gl/forms/fH3HhbAHgNdXDJEX2>

### **From Your Character Development Team**

We are so excited for our value of the month: working diligently! Princess Tiana, who knows firsthand that you need to "work real hard each and every day, then things for sure will go your way..." came and talked to our K-3rd grade students on Tuesday. She's busy working but, will make time to stop in next Wednesday at the upper grades' assembly on Wednesday January 17th at 8:15 am. Parents, feel free to join us! We'd love for you to share in the magic.

5th and 6th Grade... Galaxy Quest has changed to MARCH 9th (5th grade) and 16th (6th grade). Watch for information after our February break.

Ms. Jackson and Mrs. Brown have enjoyed reading to every classroom at least once this month. This month's book is Vera Williams' Caldecott book, "A Chair For My Mother." It is a great story about a family working hard TOGETHER to accomplish a goal. You might want to ask your students about it.

### **Love & Logic**

#### **"Don't Bother Mom When She's on the Phone"**

Learn more about the beauty of the "Energy Drain" technique. It can be adapted to all types of new and different situations.

To read the whole tip, please go to <https://www.loveandlogic.com/>

### **SPORTS**

#### **Learn to play acoustic guitar!**

Kayla Waghorn will be teaching private guitar lessons at APA D3, room 126. Please see the attached flyer, or follow this link for more information: <https://kaylawaghorn.weebly.com/>. Contact Kayla to set up lessons today!

#### **Volleyball**

CLUB V Volleyball Training @ American Preparatory Academy in Draper begins tonight!

Register online [www.clubvolleyball.com](http://www.clubvolleyball.com)

Under Youth Academy

Draper

Foundations (beginning level instruction) boys/girls 8-14

Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

5:30-7:00 pm

\$105.00

Fundamentals (successful completion of Foundations or by assessment)

Tuesday and Thursday

7:00-8:30pm

\$195.00 (practice shirt included)

Direct questions to [juliane@clubvvolleyball.com](mailto:juliane@clubvvolleyball.com)