

January 5, 2018	
Mid-year DIBELS testing	
Chess Club begins 2:35-3:35 pm	
NO SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	
5 th Grade Maturation Night – Multi-purpose Room Boys – 6:00-7:00 pm Girls – 7:00-8:30 pm	
Art Club begins 2:30-4:00 pm Tae Kwon Do begins 2:35-3:35 pm	
Classroom Spelling Bees-Teachers will schedule these during "free time"	
Early Release Day - For ALL Elementary students. **PM Kindergarten attends - No AM Kindergarten this day 12:15- Purple/Pink/Blue/Orange 12:30 - Green/Yellow 12:45 - Tan/Grey	
Cooking Classes begin 3:35-4:35 pm	
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"

In a field one hot summer's day a grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to its heart's content. A group of ants walked by, grunting as they struggled to carry plump kernels of corn.

"Where are you going with those heavy things?" asked the grasshopper.

Without stopping, the first ant replied, "To our ant hill. This is the third kernel I've delivered today." "Why not come and sing with me," teased the grasshopper, "instead of working so hard?"

"Unfortunately, I don't have time for this", the Ant answered, "I must work hard, so that winter won't find me without shelter and food. And I think you should do the same."

"Stop worrying so much, there is still plenty of time to prepare for winter. Let's sing and dance together, let's laugh and enjoy life. Winter is far away and it is a glorious day to play," sang the grasshopper.

But Ant was very wise and wouldn't pay attention to the Grasshopper's words and continued to work hard and store food for the long winter that was to come.

The weather soon turned cold. All the food lying in the field was covered with a thick white blanket of snow that even the grasshopper could not dig through. Soon the grasshopper found itself very hungry. He staggered to the ants' hill and saw them handing out corn from the stores they had collected in the summer. He begged them for something to eat.

"What!" cried the ants in surprise, "haven't you stored anything away for the winter? What in the world were you doing all last summer?"

"I didn't have time to store any food," complained the grasshopper; "I was so busy playing music that before I knew it the summer was gone."

This fable introduces our builders theme this month: I am a builder when I *work diligently*. Doing something **diligently** means doing it thoroughly and well. It is the opposite of doing it shoddily. The



beginning of the year presents a great opportunity for each one of us to commit to working diligently at our schoolwork, our jobs, our exercise program, and our goals. Ready... set... let's go to work!

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 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

THANK YOU! The FALL Barnes & Noble bookfair was a HUGE success!

Just prior to Christmas break we were able to hear back from Barnes & Noble on the APA book fair held in November. The book fair had \$10,025.53 in-store sales and \$476.67 on online sales, which means that APA was able to receive \$2,500.00 for curriculum and books! It was a huge success and it couldn't have been accomplished without \underline{YOU} !

Thank <u>YOU</u> for all of your help and support with making the book fair great!

Uniforms

So far this year we have been concentrating on getting all of our students in the proper groups and readjusting the rooms. This has taken up most of our time. Now that we just began our third term at school, we are beginning to turn more of our attention to uniforms. We are seeing a lot of improper uniforms. To help our students be dressed for success, you may be seeing bright pink papers coming home, stapled to Learning Plans explaining what is incorrect with your student(s) uniforms. Please take care of this as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact your teacher first. Thank you.

Parent Student Handbook: Uniforms

Beliefs and Guidelines; Policies: Our dress code is based on our belief that uniforms:

- 1. Decrease distractions in the learning environment
- 2. Increase respect for learning (students, parents, staff)
- 3. Increase respect for students (staff, parents, public)
- 4. Simplify school readiness on a daily basis for parents and students
- 5. Prepare students for future success by teaching them professional dress

Our dress code was developed with these guidelines in mind:

- 1. Simplicity as few pieces as necessary to achieve benefits listed above
- 2. Avoid individualization few optional pieces to avoid class distinctions



- 3. Affordability
- 4. Durability
- 5. Ease of implementation by American Prep and by parents and student

Policies

- 1. Students should be in school dress code any time they are on school grounds during the school day, with the exception of PE and recess times.
- 2. Students will not be allowed in class unless their dress adheres to the dress code. Parents will be called to bring appropriate clothing or take the student home to get appropriate clothing if students appear at school out of uniform.
- 3. Nametags are supplied by American Preparatory Academy. Nametags are part of the required uniform and will be subject to APA uniform policies. Students are asked to leave their nametags at school at the end of each day so that they are less likely to be lost or forgotten. Lost nametags may be replaced for \$5 from the school office. Lost magnet backs may be replaced for \$1.

Exemptions

Under the Utah Code, the school administrator is allowed to grant an exemption from complying with dress code to a student for extenuating circumstances. The administrator will carefully consider all requests for exemptions, and grant those which are clearly necessary. (For instance, unusual medical circumstances might constitute a "clearly necessary" situation.) The administrator is directed to develop individual dress guidelines which, insofar as is possible, approximate the approved dress code for each student who receives an exemption from the dress code due to extraordinary circumstances.

Carpool Corner

Please remember the following carpool principles and communicate that to anyone in your family that is new to our system.

Please approach from the north to enter our driveway with a right-hand turn. Please NO NOT use the neighborhood to turn around. Go around the soccer field and drop off in one line in the morning. Pull up as far as you can and if you need to spend extra time unloading, please use the spaces in the front of the line so we can load other cars into the drop off zone. In the afternoon, split into the lanes with your carpool pick-up zone.

Substitutes Needed in APA Daycare at the Early Learning Center

For over a year now, we have offered a fantastic service to our teachers and staff by providing low cost childcare for their children.

We are in need of substitutes at our Early Learning Center. This would be something that would be perfect for a parent that has children at our Draper 1, 2 & 3 campuses, being that the center is located in the early learning center across the street from Draper 1.

Any interested applicants please contact the Jennifer Brown at 801-712-5832.

Bus Program

We are happy to report the bus program is up and running! We have had enough participation to maintain two routes, one running on the east side of I-15 and another on the west side of I-15. We are committed to keeping the buses running until the end of the year, but we will need more families to sign up to make the program sustainable long term.

So if you have considered using the bus, now is your chance! Please follow this link to review the map and determine if there is a bus stop convenient for your family. There you can also find the time table and bus application. Sign up now to get started in January!



https://www.americanprep.org/bus-program/

You can also navigate to this page from the Draper 2 and 3 websites, under the RESOURCES tab.

Here is what one parent had to say about their experience:

We are so grateful for the D2 bus program! It makes life so much easier for us since we both work full-time. The expense is worth it because it spares us the stress of being late to work or having to leave early. And, our girls love their bus driver who strives to make the bus a friendly, safe environment for all. - Nicole

Thank you!

Emily Peery

Bus Coordinator bus@apamail.org

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 Introduction to healthy cooking class 3:35-4:35 for 8 weeks starting Jan. 23rd

Lego Club-every other Monday unless parent volunteers would be willing to help

Mr. Phinney. Beginning Tuesday, January 30th, schedule below.

Wednesdays Art Haven (formerly Smart with Art) classes 2:30-4:00 starting Jan 17th

Chess Club- Every other Wednesday starting Jan. 10th Tae Kwon Do 2:35-3:35 for 3 weeks starting Jan. 17th

Thursday Learning through Robotics 2:40-3:40 starting Feb. 1st

Tae Kwon Do 2:35-3:35 for 3 weeks starting Jan. 17th

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 1st, 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*

<u>etc.</u> <u>https://goo.gl/forms/GtxugbiplHkvHCEf2</u>

The deadline for this application is Friday, February 16^{th} .

Go Fund Me

One of our families experienced a tragedy over the Holidays. They have set up a Go Fund Me page to help get them through this tough time. If you are able, please follow the link below. Thank you so much in advance for any contributions.

https://www.gofundme.com/im-memory-of-my-husband-nathan-sis



FSO Happenings

Staff Appreciation Week

We need MANY hands to prepare for one of the best weeks at APA...Staff Appreciation Week! There are many ways to help...decorate a door, help with daily snacks and treats, make mailbox goodies, volunteer for our Staff Appreciation Luncheon, or decorate the school. If you would like to help, please email Marianne Porter mariannehporter@gmail.com or Jen Hardy jsloris.phredd@gmail.com to help with this amazing week. Staff Appreciation Week is Feb 12-16.

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 <u>volunteerdraper2@apamail.org</u>. We would love to see your name there too!

From Your Character Development Team

We are so excited for our value of the month: working diligently! Our mystery guest is set to visit us during our morning assemblies this Tuesday (K-3rd) and Wednesday (4th-6th) at 8:15 (the 9th and 10th of January). Parents are welcome to come and see who is coming to APA this month!

5th and 6th Grade... we have our Galaxy Quest coming up at the start of next month. Watch for information coming soon!

Thank you again to all who supported our Hygiene Drive last month. We were blown away by your generous hearts!!

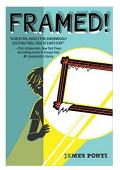
Sixth Grade RU Book of the Year Challenge

Our sixth grade students will be reading to determine the 2017-2018 Sixth Grade Book of the Year Award! At the end of the reading period, Feb. 14th, 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. Any student who participates will vote and a winner will be declared! Remember, all books read count toward RU reading. Those reading all of the six books will qualify for a special prize.

Books in the challenge include:

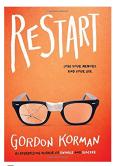


The Lost Prince



Framed

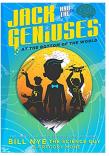




Restart



The Fog Diver



At the Bottom of the World



The Impossible Clue

Keep Reading! 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!"

Love & Logic

"When Your Good Spouse has a Different Parenting Style"

With the tips listed below, many caring couples have strengthened their marriage and raised healthy, responsible kids:

Love your spouse for who they are... not who you want them to become.

Agree on some core values.

Agree that you'll probably handle some things differently.

Agree to always do whatever you can to make each other look good.

Agree to place your primary emphasis on the happiness of your marriage.

See more about these tips at https://www.loveandlogic.com/