



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

October 25th, 2018

## Draper 2



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences  
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College Week  
Spirit Day-College Wear  
Early Dismissal Day

Veterans Day Assembly  
Seussical The Musical  
Holiday Boutique

For updates, additional event information, and athletic events, please visit our campus website at:

<https://draper2.americanprep.org/>

October 25th, 3:00-7:00 pm  
October 26th, 8:00 am-1:00 pm  
Oct. 29th-Nov. 2nd  
Fri. Nov. 2nd  
Wed., Oct. 31st 12:15/12:30/12:45 pm  
AM and full day Kindergarten attends  
Thur. Nov. 8th 9:00 am/ 12 noon  
Nov. 15th, 16th, 17th  
Nov. 16th and 17th

### **From the Directors' Desks**

by Cathie Adamson and Kevin McVicar

#### **October Builder Theme: I am a Builder When I Demonstrate Integrity**

I am a Builder when I demonstrate integrity. Our students are working on doing what's right even when no one is looking. Sometimes what seems a very simple demonstration of integrity is very



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challenging for a child. The more often we notice and name a child's demonstration of integrity, the more often they are willing to try something more difficult. While we're focusing on integrity this month is a great opportunity to notice when your child has demonstrated integrity and tell him you noticed it.

## **From the Academic Office**

By Lindsay Campbell

Parents!!

During Term 2 we are having a token competition! Students can earn a token for being in perfect uniform, walking quietly in the hallway, or being a superstar in class. Students receive tokens and put them in their class jar. At Thanksgiving we will count the tokens and the winning class will get a prize! This is the time that we are stepping up these expectations for the students in a positive way! We want to reward those that are working hard and following the rules and encourage others to do the same! Please check your students uniform before they leave for school, and ask them when they get home if they got any tokens!

## **\*Veterans Day Essay Contest**

Be part of something great!! We are having our 4-6 grade students write an essay for our Veterans Day program in their classrooms. The winners will read their essays during the assembly on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

In order to be eligible for the 2018 essay contest, you must:

- Be a 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at American Preparatory Academy.
- Write only ONE essay per person.
- Write an original essay.
- Turn in your essay by Friday, October 26th.

## **Early Release Wednesday, October 31st**

Please make note that our students will be released at 12:15 pm, 12:30 pm, and 12:45 pm on Wednesday, October 31st. We expect that all of our students will have a ride home at one of those times.

As a Staff, we will be participating in Staff Development which consists of many varied classes to help further what we do here at APA. We will not be able to watch your students for the rest of the afternoon.

The busses will run on schedule leaving Draper 2 at 12:30 pm.

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

## **Veterans Day**

This year marks our 10th anniversary holding Veterans Day assemblies! There is a lot of preparation that goes into these events, and we thought we'd share some of that with you so you can talk with your student about this important event!



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Our students have been busy writing thank you letters to veterans. These letters are in the shape of stars, written on white paper and glued to a blue or red construction paper star. We then affix a special-made pin to each letter, and this is the gift we give each Veteran that attends our assembly. This year our pin looks like this:



Our students are also busy learning songs and poems that they will perform at the assembly. Each elementary grade level performs a song or a poem, and the messages of love and respect to our Veterans can be felt by everyone in attendance!

We would love all our parents to be able to attend these events, but there is not enough room in our gymnasiums for that to be possible. Parents who bring a Veteran to be honored will have a seat. Most campuses have 50-80 Veterans guests, so our space fills up and we don't have room for additional guests. Because we really want all of our parents to see this great assembly, we have arranged to have the event "live-streamed" on KSL. **You can watch on your computer at [live.ksl.com](http://live.ksl.com)** and we hope parents who can will tune in! Our assemblies will be **November 8th at 9:00 am and 12:00 Noon. Your student's teacher will be emailing you which assembly your student will be attending.** The program will be about an hour long - depending upon how many veterans attend each assembly.

At American Prep, patriotism means having gratitude and showing respect for those who have sacrificed so that we can experience the freedoms that we enjoy. Regardless of our individual and diverse views about the politics and specifics of particular international conflicts, at American Prep we



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unite together in gratitude and respect for those who have been willing to give so much so that we can enjoy our lives in freedom. We are grateful for the opportunity to say "thank you" in person to our veterans! This is one way that we express patriotism at APA.

## **Used Uniform Sale**

Calling ALL APA parents!! It's time for the fall used clothing sale! We will be having our used clothing sale at **Draper 1** during parent teacher conferences. Volunteer help is needed for set up, folding clothes, putting the clothing away and of course during the actual sale.

**Please email me, Lindsey Dennison, [linzqtpie@gmail.com](mailto:linzqtpie@gmail.com) if you are available for any time to help us out. This is a fun and very easy way to get your volunteer hours done.**

Set up will be Thursday, October 25th, 1:30-3:00 pm. The hours of the sale will be 3:00-7:00 pm on Thursday, October 25th and 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Friday, October 26th. Help is needed for set up, during Parent Teacher Conference hours, and for about an hour to put the clothing away.

## **\*YEARBOOK 2018/2019!!**

We are so excited to announce that we will have a yearbook again this year. Our yearbook is planned to include all color pages and a hard or soft cover. Watch for more information **coming soon**.

If you went on any field trips and have some great pictures, please send them to Marion Minson. [mminson@apamail.org](mailto:mminson@apamail.org).

## **Carpool Corner**

Daylight Savings will end Nov. 4th and until then it will be dark in the morning when arriving to drop off your students. Please pay extra special attention when entering and while on our property for pedestrians.

### **A GREAT BIG SHOUT OUT TO OUR CARPOOL VOLUNTEERS!**

We have a few parents that have stepped up to help us during carpool and it is already making a huge difference for our staff. If you have one morning or afternoon, we could still use your help. Please sign up now!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a45aea828aafc1-carpool1>

## **From the Front Office**

A *HUGE* THANK YOU to the volunteers who have come to help us in the office!! It has made such a difference!

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Please do the following when your student is absent:

1. EMAIL THE FRONT OFFICE ([d2attendance@apamail.org](mailto:d2attendance@apamail.org))
2. Email your student's teacher.

Email addresses can be found on your student's learning plan and our website in the "About" section -- click on "Leadership and Staff".

- Remember to include your student's first and last name.



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## **TARDIES:**

If your student walks into the building after 8:06 am, an adult needs to walk with him/her and sign him/her in.

## **PICK-UP DEADLINE:**

Thank you to those parents who have made an extra effort to pick up your kids before 4pm/3pm! To everyone else, please remember that we have our own children that we need to take care of and we can't stay here with your children past 4:00 pm on Mon./Tues./Fri. or past 3pm on Wed/Thurs. We appreciate your understanding and your help with this!

## **NEW PROCEDURE:**

If you bring your student a lunch after school has started, you will label said lunch with your student's name and teacher (you may use the stickers we have here) and leave it on the lunch cart right here by the office. It will thus be available for your student to collect during his/her lunch.

## **\*\*Friends of APA**

We all know that American Prep's greatest assets are our teachers and staff!

Research shows one of the most important factors affecting student learning is the teacher. When students are placed with a high-performing teacher three years in a row, gains in student achievement are significant and their chances of attending college are increased.

Friends of APA has created a unique way to say "thank you" by forming the Builders Club. The **Builders Club** is a program that provides bonuses and staff compensation for our teachers. We invite all our parents to become members of the **Builders Club** by making monthly donations for each student that attends APA. We want to reward our teachers so we can retain them and provide an excellent education for our students well into the future.

If you love your child's teacher, join the Builders Club!

<https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/apa-builders-club>

You can also donate in person each month at the front office.

## **Volunteer Opportunities!!**

YOU are needed in lots of many ways to keep YOUR school up and running in the way it should be. We ALWAYS do what's best for kids and your kids love seeing you here helping out. Below you will find lots of different opportunities to volunteer. Please consider coming in and helping out.

## **Seussical, the Musical**

**DONORS AND BUSINESS SPONSORS ARE WANTED FOR SEUSSICAL, THE MUSICAL!**

Would your business/company like an ad in our program? (Or would your neighbor's/uncle's/favorite restaurant like one?)

Would you (or your favorite grandmother) like to be listed in our program as a private APA Theatre Department Donor?



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Please read all about your options and instructions at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TSvjRLuZqFzIsuGTdKcouGid-mRiwBmq2N8iOMhSx5Y/edit?usp=sharing>

## **EARN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS BY HELPING WITH SEUSSICAL, THE MUSICAL!**

The Production Team needs LOTS of help! We have a smaller cast this year (including elementary students!), so we have fewer parents to handle the many tasks that are needed from amazing volunteers. Sign-up to help using the following link and help us have a great show! Tasks include food for meals, hair & makeup, ticket & concession sales, and more!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adae28a5fb6-seussical>

## **Carpool Volunteer link**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45AEA828AAFC1-carpool1>

## **Veteran's Day**

The Veteran's Day Assembly is coming up on Thursday, November 8th and we need your help! This assembly is a great way to serve our school, our community and to show thanks to those who have served and who are currently serving our great country.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4EA8AB2FA4FE3-veterans>

## **\*Front Office Volunteers Needed**

Hello, Families! Thank you so much to those who have come in to help! It's a fun volunteer assignment and we really appreciate your help. **The busiest time where help is needed the most is from 9:30-11:30 am . Please sign up now!**

Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544adac2ba1f58-american>

## **Family Support Organization - Volunteer Opportunities**

Dear Parents,

The school year is moving at a rapid pace! We have a few things coming up and we would love your help!

**1- Box Tops Volunteers:** All of our classroom teachers now have an Academic Support Team (AST) Lead so please watch for emails from your AST regarding the needs in your student's classroom. Currently, each AST is looking for someone to help the FSO with box tops. If you are looking for a way to fulfill your volunteer hours but can't come in to the school, this is a great way to do that. You will collect the box tops from your teacher and then organize them and turn them back in to the FSO to be submitted for the funds they provide.

**2- Veterans Day Assembly** - On Thursday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m. and again at 12:00 pm, we will be having our WONDERFUL Veterans Day assemblies! We need parents to help on the Veterans Day Committee! If you would like to help plan this event and be there that day to welcome our guests and help the event run smoothly, please contact Mr. McVicar and Mrs. Adamson by emailing them! [kmcvicar@apamail.org](mailto:kmcvicar@apamail.org) and [cadamson@apamail.org](mailto:cadamson@apamail.org).



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## **3- Staff Meals for PTC!**

Thank you so much to the many volunteers who took the time to prepare and bring meals for our Staff members during Parent Teacher Conference times. Your show of kindness was greatly appreciated by all. It was a super boost to long hours. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

As always we appreciate all of our volunteers and the time and energy they put into our school. Don't forget to turn in all of your volunteers hours!

**\*If you have volunteer hours, please record them on your weekly communication envelope or email your hours to [volunteerdraper2@apamail.org](mailto:volunteerdraper2@apamail.org)**

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FSO Director Draper 2  
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## **\*Holiday Boutique**

**VENDORS WANTED!** Registration has begun for APA's 3rd Annual Holiday Boutique. If you are interested in being a vendor, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/apaboutiquevendors/> for details and the application. APA parents will receive a discounted rate of \$50 for the two-day event through October 31. The price goes up to \$75 on November 1. Please direct any questions to [apadraper2events@gmail.com](mailto:apadraper2events@gmail.com).

**ARTISTS WANTED!** We hope that you've shared with your children the opportunity that they have to display their creativity at the Holiday Boutique. They have until November 6 to submit their artwork for our Art Gallery. The theme is "Deck the Halls," and we will display their artwork that centers around this theme. This is something that they will do on their own, outside of art class. We look forward to seeing the talents and creativity of our APA students! Please direct any questions to [apadraper2events@gmail.com](mailto:apadraper2events@gmail.com).

**HOLIDAY GIFT WORKSHOP:** We have a great opportunity coming up for your children on Tuesdays beginning November 13. For a minimal fee they will have the opportunity to stay after school from 3:30 to 4:30 making holiday gifts for their parents and loved ones. Please email [apadraper2events@gmail.com](mailto:apadraper2events@gmail.com) with questions or to let us know your interest. We have some great gift ideas planned but need to prepare for all participants. More details coming after the break.

## **Character Development**

by Mandy Brown

**NEXT WEEK IS COLLEGE WEEK!** Please ask your students about the fun things they are learning about college each day next week.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd will be COLLEGE SPIRIT WEAR DAY! All of our Draper campuses (D1, D2, and D3) are holding a special day where students and staff alike may show their enthusiasm for college by wearing spirit gear shirts from the university/college of their choice! (Friday uniform pants/shoes are still required)



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On FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd we will also hold our FIRST EVER COLLEGE FAIR at Draper 2. We still have room for parent volunteers, see information below:

**\*\*CALLING ALL ENTHUSIASTIC PARENTS WHO LOVED COLLEGE**

We are looking for parent volunteers to give 1 to 2 hours to showcase their college alma mater and their career choice for our elementary students. If you'd like more information and would love to be part of this exciting day, please contact our Character Development team using the email address [mandy.brown@apamail.org](mailto:mandy.brown@apamail.org). Let's make this first college fair something our students will absolutely LOVE!

Rah rah rah! Goooooo, future college kids of APA!!

## **Sports**

### **Jr. High Fall Sports Wrap up!**

This Fall our Jr. High teams experienced a lot of amazing success in a very competitive environment.

Our Cross Country runners took 2nd place in State as a team. We had the 1st place runner (Andrew Ludwig) and the 3rd place runner (Grant Maxfield) in State. We had both of our girl runners, Allison and Annalynn Stewart, qualify for State, but they could use some help next year so we can compete as a team! If you have runners in 6th, 7th or 8th grade next year, we would love them to join in!

Our JH Girls Volleyball team improved as the season went along and they ended up taking 3rd in our Region. It was fun to get a State tournament win here at home and they gained lots of valuable experience.

Our Jr. High Boys Soccer team took 1st in our Region and placed 2nd in State. It was a heartbreaker to lose for the first time in the Championship game (1-2) to a team we had previously beaten. They were a great team and I think next year will be even better.

We are very proud and excited for all those that tried out and played for our teams this Fall. Our Winter season is starting and we expect just as amazing things from our basketball teams.

Thank you for your support!

## **Get involved with Girls on the Run! Volunteer Coaches Needed!**

### **What is Girls on the Run?**

Girls on the Run is a program for girls in 3rd-5th grade that encourages girls to recognize their individual strengths and celebrate connections with others. Each season, girls gain a better understanding of who they are and what's important to them, the value of teamwork and healthy relationships and how they can have a positive impact on the world. Girls also make a meaningful contribution to their community through a team-organized Community Impact Project. Physical activity is woven into the program to inspire an appreciation for fitness and healthy habits and teach life skills including treating others with care, practicing gratitude and managing emotions. Each season culminates with a Girls on the Run 5k event. This celebratory, non-competitive event provides girls with a sense of accomplishment and instills the value of goal setting at a young age.





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## **Why get involved?**

As a coach you will have the opportunity to inspire young girls to be joyful, healthy and confident by using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. All coaches are trained and are provided with all the materials needed to successfully run the program.

Girls face social pressures and conflicting messages about how they should act and who they should be. Studies show that by adolescence, girls' confidence drops about twice as much as boys'. Friendships become more complicated and challenging, girls' perception of their academic ability declines, the likelihood of anxiety and depression increases and participation in physical activity plummets.

It doesn't have to be this way.

We believe that every girl is inherently full of power and potential. By knowing they are the leaders of their lives, these are the girls who will change the world.

## **Who can volunteer?**

We are looking for Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Jr. Coaches and Running buddies. Anyone over the age of 16 can volunteer. We need teachers, parents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters.

## **When is it?**

The program is held for 2 hours a week. It can be twice a week for 1 hour or once a week for 2 hours. This can be arranged and decided by the Head Coach and school. (In the past it has been held on Thursdays from 2:30-4:30) The program will start the week of March 12<sup>th</sup> and ends with the 5K on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

For more information on becoming a coach and a list of responsibilities please visit:<http://girlsontherunutah.org/coach/>

## **If you have questions you can contact:**

Ashleigh Macomber, APA D1 Head Coach, 801-502-9899, [ashleighmacomber@gmail.com](mailto:ashleighmacomber@gmail.com)

Or Ivy Denihan, GOTR Program Director, 419-296-3775, [ivy@girlsontherunutah.org](mailto:ivy@girlsontherunutah.org)