



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

October 5th, 2018

Draper 2



UPCOMING EVENTS

Picture Re-Take Day
Grades 1-3 Field Trips
Grades 4-6 Field Trips
End of Term 1
Fall Break

Tuesday, Oct. 9th
Wednesday, Oct. 10th
Thursday, Oct. 11th
Friday, Oct. 12th
October 15th-19th

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

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

From the Directors' Desks

by Cathie Adamson and Kevin McVicar

October Builder Theme: I am a Builder when I demonstrate Integrity

“Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.” Samuel Johnson

“Samuel Johnson, byname Dr. Johnson, (born September 18, 1709, Lichfield, [Staffordshire](#), England—died December 13, 1784, London), English critic, biographer, essayist, poet, and lexicographer, regarded as one of the greatest figures of 18th-century life and letters.



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Johnson once characterized literary [biographies](#) as “mournful narratives,” and he believed that he lived “a life radically wretched.” Yet his career can be seen as a literary success story of the sickly boy from the Midlands who by talent, tenacity, and intelligence became the foremost literary figure and the most [formidable](#) conversationalist of his time. For future generations, Johnson was synonymous with the later 18th century in [England](#). The disparity between his circumstances and achievement gives his life its especial interest.” *britannica.com*

Learning new facts and background information is part of the Classical Liberal Arts Model. When researching quotes about this month’s builder’s theme, I came across this information about the author of this wonderful quote. Placing the quote in context of such a different time and context, it amazes me how appropriate certain principles are across time and circumstance. Integrity is one of those key human values for our students and your children to learn. Please notice those moments of integrity with your children as they are learning how to be honest and accountable.

***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>

ALMA-Online grading Program-Notifications

Parents, if you are having difficulty accessing our online grading system, **please contact your homeroom teacher** and copy your Academic Coordinator Camille Peterson **grades K-3** camillepeterson@apamail.org, and Shantel Park for **grades 4-6** spark@apamail.org. We want to make sure the homeroom teacher is aware of your needs. Thank you for always including them in your emails regarding ALMA questions.

****School Lunch**

The menu for October, November, and December is now available! You can now order online - the link for online ordering can be found here: <https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/>

If you ordered Free or Reduced price lunches in September and the ordering system is charging you full price, that may mean your application expired. We were able to offer you free/reduced price lunch for the first 30 days of school without a new application, but if you want to continue to order free/reduced price lunches you will need to complete a new application. We sent letters and paper applications home last week to everyone. Please complete the application as soon as possible and return it to the main office. You may also complete the application online.

<https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/free-and-reduced-price-meal-application/>



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****Yearbook**

Pictures, Pictures, Pictures!

We are starting to gather pictures for our 2018-2019 Draper 2 yearbook. Some of our best yearbook pictures last year were submitted by our parents taken at various school events, field trips and programs! We would appreciate any pictures that you might take that would be suitable for the yearbook. Please submit them to mminson@apamail.org and, as always, thank you so much for your help.

****Healthy Home, Healthy Students, Healthy School**

The cold, flu, and stomach bug season is upon us. Usually these illnesses, however uncomfortable they make us, are minor illnesses. The good news is that many of these common illnesses can be prevented with the right precautions. Please help us keep your students healthy by encouraging them to wash their hands frequently, to not touch their face, and to not share drinks or food with anyone. Here at the school, we are doing our best to keep surfaces disinfected and encourage you to do the same. If your student has a fever, has thrown up, or is constantly coughing, we ask that you keep them home from school. **We ask that a student be fever free and vomit free for at least 24 hours before coming back to school.** By following these guidelines, we hope to decrease the spread of these easily transmittable illnesses! Thank you!!

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.

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.

****Field Trip Donations**

Field Trips are next week, it's a GREAT time to donate for transportation to our field trips. Our elementary students in grades 1-6 take two field trips per year. Kindergarten students will go to the zoo for their end-of-year field trip. Field trips are important - and FUN - learning experiences for our students!!



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The transportation to the field trips is quite expensive. In past years we have had parent volunteer drivers because the cost of buses is about \$11.00 per student per trip. This year, we are hoping to use buses for all our field trips and we are asking parents to help us to provide this great opportunity to your child. We need your kind donation of \$11.00 per field trip (\$22.00 total for grades 1-6).

The school's foundation - American Preparatory Education Foundation - is graciously heading up the field trip donation effort this year. Please go to <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/programs> to make your online donation. When you hit the page, scroll down to "Program Enhancement" and from the drop-down menu choose "Draper 2 Field Trips".

You may also send a check made out to APEF if you prefer.

Although we hope to receive donations of \$22.00 from every parent, we welcome donations of a greater amount to help cover where we may fall short. THANK YOU!!

From the Academic Office

End of Term/Missing Work Deadline:

By Lindsay Campbell

WOW! We made it to the end of the first term! We hope you and your students have enjoyed their first few weeks here at APA! At the end of the term we have what is called the "Missing Work Deadline". This is the deadline for all students to turn in any absent/missing work they might have. Please remember work turned in late, or on the missing work deadline, must be graded by the parent/student before it will be accepted by the teacher. Students who are turning in late work must schedule a time in advance to come in and get the work graded. Teachers will not accept missing work that has not been graded. It is too much work for the teachers to correct all late work before they have to print report cards. Please make sure you are checking your student's grades on our online grade book, Alma. If you do not have access to Alma please email your student's homeroom teachers and they will get you a password reset.

Thank you for your hard work this term! Report cards will go home the Friday before the term break.

***From the Front Office**

Attendance

ABSENCES: Please do the following when your student is absent

1. EMAIL THE FRONT OFFICE (d2attendance@apamail.org)
 2. Email your student's teacher. Email addresses can be found on our website under "About". Click on Leadership and Staff.
 3. Include your student's first and last name somewhere in both messages.
- **PICK-UP DEADLINE:** After only five weeks with your children, we've already learned to adore them!! We can't stay here with them past 4:15 pm (Mon., Tues., Fri.) or 3:15 pm (Wed., Thurs.). We understand there are circumstances that might prevent you being on time. Please call the front office before 4:00/3:00 to let us know. We have our own children and responsibilities, so thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



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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.
- **EARLY CHECK OUT:** Every student is allowed THREE early check-outs per quarter. After THREE, the student will be placed on "Early Check-Out Warning." If the student receives this warning twice during the year, consecutive terms or not, the student will be placed on "Early Check-Out Probation," which may lead to loss of priority enrollment for the following year.
- **GENERAL CHECK-OUT POLICY:** Your child's safety is incredibly important to us. As such, if your student needs to leave school early, please, please, PLEASE plan enough time to wait in line while we
 - check your ID
 - look up your student
 - find which homeroom/groups/specials class he/she is in
 - call said classroom
 - have your student gather his/her things
 - and have your student walk to the office.

PETS

Please remember to leave all pets at home or in the car before you come into the school! Even though we enjoy seeing your adorable kitties and puppies and bunnies, we have many allergic students and staff members so we can't have them in the building. Thank you for your understanding!

VOMITING/FEVER

For the health of all our students, if your child vomits at school, he/she MUST be taken home and kept at home until the student has been vomit- and fever-free for 24 hours.

ALMA

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Parent Messages to Students

Messages for your student need to go directly to your student's homeroom teacher via email the night before or first thing in the morning.

Lost and Found

Items that were lost during September have been boxed up and are ready to be donated. If your student is missing a docket or a water bottle or headband or sweater or lunchbox -- please come claim it today!!



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****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.

***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 11:30 a.m. 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 and cadamson@apamail.org.
3. **Staff Meals for PTC!** On October 25th and October 26th, the FSO needs your help to provide meals for the awesome staff at APA. Please follow the link below for all of the details.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4ea8ab2fa4fe3-staff>

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!



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***If you have volunteer hours, please record them on your weekly communication envelope or email your hours to volunteerdraper2@apamail.org**

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FSO Director Draper 2
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Character Development

by Mandy Brown

***Parent Volunteers Needed for College Week**

Would you like to be part of the FIRST EVER COLLEGE FAIR at Draper 2? It will be held on the last day of our College Week, Friday November 2nd, all day in our Multi Purpose Room. We are looking for parent volunteers to give 1 to 2 hours (more if desired!) 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

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

***After School Clubs**

If you have students participating in an afterschool club, there is no supervision provided for their siblings. Please do not expect our staff to supervise siblings during after school clubs. Parents are welcome to come in during this time and provide supervision for siblings, otherwise please make arrangements to pick up any student not participating in one of the after-school activities. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

***Carpool Corner**

A few of our parents have been stopped recently by the Draper City Police regarding some of the traffic laws on Lone Peak Parkway. We don't want you to receive a ticket so be safe by remembering to follow these recommendations: Always turn right during carpool drop off and pick up by coming in from the north and exiting out the south. Please do not park in the bike lane and be courteous to our neighborhood next to the school. The impacts of our traffic are being closely monitored and will affect the approval of our performing arts auditorium at the Draper 3 building. Thank you for your cooperation!

***Veterans Day**

We are very excited for our Veterans Day celebration which will take place on Thursday, November 8th! We will have 2 assemblies to honor our Veterans, one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 11:30 a.m. This assembly is an opportunity for students and families to invite a Veteran friend or family member to come and be honored by our student body. We usually have about 80 Veteran guests! It is a wonderful event. Due to the space constraints in our gymnasium, only parents who are accompanying



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Veteran guests, or parents who are volunteering at the event are able to attend in person. We hope to livestream the assembly so parents can watch it online!

Be thinking about a Veteran you could invite to this wonderful assembly! We will be sending home an invitation you can give to a Veteran in the communication envelopes the 2nd week in October. Watch future emails from your student's teacher to learn which assembly your child will be attending.

Volunteers needed! If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Kevin McVicar and Cathie Adamson by emailing them at kmcvicar@apamail.org and cadamson@apamail.org.

Sports

October Club V Volleyball Training begins Tuesday, Oct 9th at Draper 1 6:00-8:00 pm.

VOLLEYKIDZZ is an introductory class for boys and girls ages 5-8 years. Parent participation is required. We learn movement patterns and play games to get children on a path to becoming great volleyball players.

TWO SKILL TUESDAYS focuses on learning two essential volleyball skills each week. We teach the most up to date techniques that prepare athletes for team play in a fun environment

Developmental Club Team Tryouts, January 3rd. Season Jan 8-Apr 27

Visit our website for details and registration -

<http://clubvvolleyball.com/youth-development/draper-academy>

or contact juliane@clubvvolleyball.com