



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

March 1, 2019

Draper 2



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 3rd

Thursday, March 7th

Friday, March 8th

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Tuesday, March 12th

Wednesday, March 13th

Thursday, March 14th

Monday, March 18th

Tuesday, March 19th

Wednesday, March 20th

Thursday, March 21st

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Friday, March 22nd

Tuesday, March 26th

Thursday, March 28th

Mon., Apr. 1 - Fri., Apr. 5th

Last day to order Yearbook at cheaper price

See attached flyer

Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:00-8:00 pm

Snow Day Make-up, 8:05 am-12:15/12:30/12:45 pm

Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:15-4:00 pm

Watch for the sign-up genius to come from your teachers

Re-Enrollment Meeting 8:30 am and 6:30 pm

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Reading University Deadline

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5th grade Ambassador event Western Hoe-down

12:30-3:15 pm

Re-Enrollment Meeting 8:45 am and 6:30 pm

Late Work Deadline

Cafe Zupas Reward Night 5:00-9:00 pm. See Flyer

6th grade Ambassador event Western Hoe-down

12:30-3:15 pm

Spring Break!! No School

For updates, additional event information, and athletic events, please visit our campus website below.



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From the Directors' Desks

by Cathie Adamson and Kevin McVicar

March Builder Theme: I am a Builder When I Quickly Acknowledge Mistakes and Humbly Make Amends

At American Prep, we believe in correcting mistakes when they happen. When our students are reading and they mispronounce a word, we correct it immediately and then repeat the sentence. When students are learning new information in class, there is a lot of repetition. Why is that? We have learned that if we go back and correct what we did wrong, our brain will remember the last action, which is now a corrected one. Acknowledging our mistakes and correcting our behavior requires less time and energy than ignoring or wallowing in them. Clinical psychology research suggests that how people view mistakes dictate how well and how often people learn and progress. When mistakes are quickly acknowledged and amends humbly made, it demonstrates our learning from the mistake and, thus, becomes easier with practice and repetition. Everyone makes mistakes. That doesn't mean you have failed, it means you have found ONE way that didn't work.

Grades K-6: Academic Update - Olympics:

During Term 4 our elementary students participate in the APA Olympics. The students are judged in their homerooms in different categories. Some of these categories are Choral Responding, Class Lines, Lunch Behavior, Participation, Learning Positions, Attendance, and Cleanliness. Each category is judged out of 10 points and the students are given scores weekly. At our weekly assemblies the top 3 winners in each category will be displayed. This is a fun event to motivate our students as we are getting close to the end of the school year!

Encourage your students to GO FOR THE GOLD!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING STATE TESTING:

Academic Update:

End of year assessments are upon us! Students at American Prep are assessed throughout the year in both homeroom classes and achievement-leveled groups. At the end of the year, two kinds of assessments are given: assessments that are required by the state of Utah and assessments that are required by American Prep to make sure that students have reached the academic levels needed to be promoted to the next grade.

The state of Utah requires students grades 3-6 to take the RISE test (previously SAGE). These are computer-adaptive tests that are based on the common core standards that Utah has adopted. Students will be tested in Math, Language Arts, and Science; 5th grade students will also take a writing test. These tests are given to students in grades 3-6 from April 15th- May 17th. Please make sure your students are in attendance these days.

All American Preparatory Academy students grades 1-6 will also take the Core Knowledge Tests. These are paper-based tests that are on curriculum that students learned throughout the year. Students will be tested in History, Science, Language Arts, and Math. To study for these tests have your students review from their "*What Every ___ Grader Needs to Know*" book. These tests will be taken from May 13th - May 31st.



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If time off from school must be taken after April 15, please talk to your students' teachers about exact times and dates that the tests will be administered and what the plan will be to get these tests made up.

No absences during this time will be approved by administration.

Please make sure that during these important weeks that students are getting to sleep early so they are well rested and that each morning they are getting a good breakfast. These are a few things you can do at home to help your students be successful.

Kindergarten - 3rd grade School Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students for participating in our Draper 2 K-3rd grade spelling bee. Each of these students were their classroom winners!

Syed Maaz Alam	Hridaan Lala	Arush Patel
Christy Higginson	Aditi Nagalingam	Daniel Namgur
Shreya Mehta	Reyansh Purkayastha	Arjun Kolipaka
Liam Johnson	Tanisha Sinha	Sahil Ray
Vidyuth Krishna Ramesh	Varun Agarwal	Zane Giles
Arjun Mahajan	Risam Thapa	

CONGRATULATIONS to Vyasraj Singeetham for being the overall K-3rd grade spelling champion!

District Spelling Bee

The APA District Spelling Bee was held this Tuesday, February 26th. All of our District Spelling Bee winners grades 4th - 8th were present. The top two winners came from our Draper 2 campus.

CONGRATULATIONS to Surya Kapu - 1st place and Jonathan Arulanandam - 2nd place!!

They will be representing APA at the State Spelling Bee next. GOOD LUCK.

Picture Day Thursday, March 7th

Mike VanDyke from Bell Photography, will be here Thursday, March 7th, 8:00 am -12:00 pm, to take final class pictures for our yearbook. He will also take pictures of any new students that started school on or after Wednesday, December 5th. Please have your students wear their very best school uniforms, no holes in the knees please, for this picture, they will be standing on risers.

We are so excited to be able to add this picture to our yearbooks.

****Snow Day Make-up Day**

Our snow make up day for Wednesday, February 6th will be on **Friday, March 8th**. That day was scheduled to be a full day off to accommodate Parent Teacher Conferences. We will dismiss school on Friday, March 8th at 12:15/12:30/12:45 pm and hold Parent Teacher Conferences Thursday, March 7th, 3:00-8:00 pm and Friday, March 8th, 12:00-4:00 pm.

***Re-Enrollment Meetings!!!**

We will hold our returning family Re-Enrollment meetings on the following dates and times. If you plan on returning to Draper 2, you **MUST** attend one of these meetings to pick up your registration information.

Please be on time, the doors will close promptly at meeting time. If the doors are closed, you will need to come to different meeting.



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If you have any questions, you may email Kevin McVicar kmcvicar@apamail.org and/or Cathie Adamson cadamson@apamail.org.

Please plan on attending one of these meetings!! Your paperwork will NOT be able to be picked up by anyone else. You MUST be in attendance to receive your students re-enrollment information.

Tuesday, March 12th, 8:30 am or 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 19th, 8:30 am or 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 13th, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 20th, 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 14th, 8:30 am or 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 21st, 8:45 am or 6:30 pm

School Lunch

REMINDER - ORDER SCHOOL LUNCH FOR MARCH:

Please go to <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/> and login.

Contact lunch@apamail.org with questions or concerns.

Family Support Organization

By: Nicole Harman

Thank you to Lacey Anderson and Sarah Zasukha for their help in planning Staff Appreciation Week. Also, thank you to Shanynn and Eric Steinmann for creating many of the fun decorations you saw around the school. I greatly appreciate everyone who donated their time and resources to help make Staff Appreciation Week amazing. I could not have done it without your generosity! The school looked amazing and the staff appreciated the daily thank you's that were made possible through your help. I would also like to thank the following businesses for their donations; Chili's, Sweet Tooth Fairy, Swire Coca Cola, Frito Lay and Fiiz (the Taylorsville Location). Also thank you to Cupbop and the Song family and Tya Nelson from Padicakes for providing a wonderful lunch and dessert at the staff luncheon.

Recently the snow came down and hopefully we all got to enjoy a slow and relaxing snow day! It has been decided that our makeup day will fall during Parent Teacher Conferences which will make for a busy day for our staff! Please help me make their day a little easier and brighter by providing them lunch on Friday, March 8th.

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

Our classroom libraries are in need of new books so we will be holding a spirit night at Cafe Zupas in Draper. Please join us on Tuesday, March 26th from 5-9pm. More information will be made available in the next few weeks.

Character Development

by Mandy Brown

Yee-haw! Y'all, we can't wait for our upcoming Western Round Up events for our 5th and 6th grade students. The dates and times are as follows:

5th Grade: Thursday, March 21st from 12:30 until 3:00

6th Grade: Thursday, March 28th from 12:30 until 3:00



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Students may bring "western" gear to put on at the time of the party (bandana, cowboy hat) if they desire.

Parents, we'd LOVE to have your help!

5th Grade:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-western>

6th Grade:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-western1>

Carpool Corner

In honor of our March Builder theme we would like to acknowledge some of the confusion that we might have created with different messages sent to parents regarding our afternoon pick up times. Even though we had publicized that yellow double letter families could come on property starting at 3:00/2:00 pm, it has not been enough time for our parents picking up at D3 only to get their secondary students and then get off property before our next wave of parents arrive. The closer everyone arrives to their pick-up time the better. Arriving early creates a clog in our pick-up and makes it run slower. We are working on getting students out to the curbs faster and if parents can plan on arriving as close to their pick-up time as possible, then pick-up will run smoother. So all yellow double letters drivers, please try and arrive at 3:10/2:10 pm. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we try and figure out the best arrival time for the yellow double letter families.

Girls on the Run!!

It is time to sign up for Girls on the Run!! This wonderful program is available to girls 3rd - 6th grade here at the Draper 2 building. Girls on the Run will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays 2:15-3:45 pm.

Along with running, there is a self-esteem component that is amazing for girls to participate in. The program will begin on Wednesday, March 13th and culminate with a buddy run on or about June 1st. Sign up for fun and friendship at the website below -

<https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/GOTR-Utah-Spring-2019-Program-Registration?sid=9c1826ce7c294e17b9bc5c2ec6238631>

January Builder Awards

Mrs. Martir- Rohit Kapoor

Ms. Bergman - Rose Johnson

Mrs. Kowalewski AM-K - Rose Johnson

Mrs. Kowalewski PM-K - Lucas Myers

Ms. Hathorne AM-K - Kole Goodsell

Ms. Hathorne PM-K - Laney Cannon

Ms. Botcher - Yaffa Salahat

Ms. Callister - Daltrey Boyack

Mrs. Dayberry - Emery Stevens

Mrs. Henry - Mia Lee

Mrs. Davis - Reece Johnson

Ms. Elliott - Bhanu Polavarapu

Ms. Guziak - Vamsi Babu

Mrs. Hyer - Sarath Kondabolu

Ms. Cain - Xavia Salazar

Mrs. Minniear - Maria Camila Piraban-Gonzalez

Ms. Boyer - Zoey Harmon

Mrs. Bodily - Rachell Salcedo

Ms. Chappell - Lauren Den Bleyker

Mrs. Erickson - Andrew Struyk

Ms. Gray - Preslee Johnson

Mr. Newcomer - Jasmine Moisa



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Mrs. Durling - Charlie Maynard
Mrs. Foster - Beck Williams
Mrs. Hughes - Aleron Kichenaradjou
Mrs. Pitcher - Taran Senthil
Mrs. Hooley - Teigaan Brown
Mrs. Diamond - Taz Andersen
Mrs. Mair - Ethan Peterson
Mr. Brennan - Magy Rodriguez
Mrs. Herrera - Mohammad Maaz
Ms. Tefteller - Nehlla Borjon
Mrs. Strong - Arush Patel
Mrs. Wanner - Adyson Larrabee
Mrs. McKeague - Berlin Cox

Ms. McGrath - Roscoe Williams
Mrs. Akin - Tylee Barrett
Mrs. Burkholder - Prabhsimran Singh
Mrs. Parke - Mariana Botero
Mrs. Smith - Damani Wilkerson
Mr. Henderson - Alyvia Christensen
Ms. Beal - Johnathan ("JJ") Clark

Love & Logic

"My Child Doesn't Have Any Friends"

Tim's mom used to worry that he had very few friends. She told us he didn't socialize much with the other kids. He didn't have friends over like other kids did and he seemed mostly content to just sit at home by himself.

She had already realized that when she tried to force the issue, it often made things worse. If she tried to get her friends to make their kids come over, invite him to things and spend time together without some mutual interest, it mostly backfired.

The story got happier. While the problem didn't magically get better right away, she did share some factors that helped improve things over time.

What helped?

She got him off screens - the more time he spent on screens, the worse his issues with peers seemed to get.

They played a lot of board games versus watching videos. Even quiet kids have to look up, respond and interact when playing board games. Plus, games have some structure and a beginning and an end.

She kept up his chores and contributions to the family. There is a powerful sense of belonging that is forged as we work and contribute together.

And the number one thing that helped?

He got a part-time job at a local shop (money is a pretty strong motivator for some tweens and teens - especially if we're not buying them everything they want.)

The results were amazing. Every time Tim was "forced" to greet customers and smile, he grew more comfortable. The necessity of doing this well, caused him to improve and he became much more adept in other social situations.

Mom reports he's still more of a loner than some kids, but he is able to get along in a variety of situations without feeling the discomfort he used to feel. And the best of all, a few nice kids have really been drawn to him "because they can tell he's just a good guy."

Jed Hafer



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To receive the Love and Logic newsletter and tips, go to their website:

<https://www.loveandlogic.com/>

Don't forget to order your yearbook before the price increase!

PAYMENT FOR YEARBOOKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL.

1 - Go to bellphoto.com

3 - Enter school code: apadraper2yb2018

2 - Click on Prepay

4 - Click on Start and the gallery will open.

Art Haven Spring Classes

Please see the attached flyer to get information about the Spring Art Haven class that will be starting April 10th, the week after we return from Spring Break. Online registration is now open.

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ArtHaven#/selectSessions/2620706/filter/session=42526406>.

This fun Wednesday after school activity is available to students kindergarten through 6th grade.

Read-A-Thon

We are excited to announce that we will be having a Read-A-Thon this month. We will be encouraging our students to read, read and read, while also raising money to buy books for our classroom libraries. Details about this will be coming next week!