



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

August 30th, 2019

Draper 2



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 2nd
Wednesday, September 4th

NO SCHOOL!! LABOR DAY
AST Training, 8:30 am, D-2 Multi-purpose room
Please note the date change from last week.

Thursday, September 5th

Parent Empowerment Meeting
6:30-7:30 pm and 8:00-9:00 pm, **D-3 Dance Room**

Friday, September 6th
Thursday, September 12th

Spirit Wear Day
6th grade Take Flight Ambassador Event, 12:30-3:00 pm
All 6th grade students are required to attend.

Friday, September 13th
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Mon., Sept. 23rd - Fri., Sept. 27th

Mid-term missing work deadline
Fall Festival, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
College Week

Wednesday, September 25th
Thursday, September 26th
Friday, September 27th

Picture Day -Classes will be assigned later
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College Fair, 10:45 am - 3:15 pm

*For updates, additional event information, and athletic events, please visit our campus website below:
<https://draper2.americanprep.org/>*

Do you have volunteer hours to report? Go to volunteerdraper2@apamail.org and report them. Thank you for ALL of your help.

Be a Builder

Our school's mission is supported with two pillars, academic achievement and character development. We want students to become as smart as possible and also kind, respectful and involved in their community. Each month we have different themes emphasizing different positive character traits. We call these "Builder" themes. This month we emphasized, "Being a Builder". Students have started learning our Builders Poem and now can start understanding what it means. There are many ways that



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we can build up ourselves, families, school, community, nation and world. Ask your students about what they think being a builder is all about. We hope these discussions will help all of us figure out what we can do "To change the world for the better".

From the Academic Office **Elementary Academic Update**

Our enrollment has been finalized and K-6 students have begun their reading and math groups. The beginning of each of the groups is a quick review from the previous year, and a reminder to the students of what they need to know before beginning harder concepts. This is a great way to get the students in the rhythm of school work without too much difficulty. If you feel that your student has been placed in the incorrect group, please wait a few weeks for them to begin their new lessons. If you have concerns after that time, please email your student's homeroom teacher with your questions. Data will be reviewed and, if necessary, changes will be made as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience as we get all of the students where they need to be.

From the Administrative Office **Do you need to talk to an Administrator?**

If you find that you need to talk to one of the Academic Directors or one of our Administrative Directors, please do not just walk in. Each one of us has many differing responsibilities on our plates and we usually do not have extra time at Drop Off or Pick Up time to meet with parents. Below is a list along with email addresses of the Draper 2 Administrators. Any one of us will gladly make an appointment to meet with you. Thank you so much for your help and kind consideration.

Lindsay Campbell - School Director - lindsay.campbell@apamail.org

Angie Lawrence - 4th-6th grade Academic Director - alawrence@apamail.org

Noel Gray - K-3rd grade Academic Director - ngray@apamail.org

Kevin McVicar - Administrative Director - kmcvicar@apamail.org

Emily Peery - Administrative Director - epeery@apamail.org

Cathie Adamson - Administrative Director - cadamson@apamail.org

***Drop-Off**

Due to the volume of traffic on Lone Peak Parkway, we do not allow left turns on Lone Peak Parkway from 7:30-8:00 am. If traveling from the south during these times, please use the light at the car dealerships or Wal-Mart to turn around. DO NOT use the neighborhood or the other businesses on the east side of Lone Peak Parkway. We have received numerous complaints this past week. Traffic is much better the earlier one can arrive at our campus. Adjusting your morning routine to arrive earlier in the drop-off will help you avoid the traffic congestion on Lone Peak Parkway.

***Pick-Up**

Please come at your designated pick-up time and not one second earlier. To make our pick up process work, requires that everyone arrives at their designated times. Please do not use the neighborhood or Fire Lane to wait. A best practice is to wait at the Wal-Mart parking lot until your designated time and then pull out onto Lone peak Parkway. Predicting traffic is not easy, so to be the safest, please wait until your designated pick-up time before pulling onto Lone Peak Parkway. Thank you for your cooperation.



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From our Family School Organization (FSO)

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Cafe Zupas Fundraiser. We brought in \$1531.76 and our school will receive a check for \$306.35 to purchase books for our classroom libraries

Fall Festival is on Friday, September 13th from 6-8. If you haven't gotten your wristbands yet, you can purchase them online at the link below or an envelope will come home next Friday with your children for you to send in cash or checks. We will also be sending out volunteer opportunities in the near future.

Right now we have 16 teachers who have had an awesome parent sign up to be their AST. If your teacher is still looking for an AST (Academic Support Team), please consider signing up. AST's are a crucial part of the volunteer system at APA. We are all grateful to the parents willing to help in this capacity.

<https://draper2.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/08/APA-.pdf>

Have questions? We'd love to hear from you! Draper2FSO@apamail.org or nharman@apamail.org

Professional Qualifications:

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

District Parent and Family Engagement Policy

At the conclusion of each school year, end-of-year assessment data is reported and organized into a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA). The CNA includes demographic, attendance, and assessment data. Also included in the CNA are the results of the annual Parent Survey. This Survey evaluates, among other things, the satisfaction of parents with the quality of the academic program and their opportunities to participate in the schools.

American Preparatory administrators annually invite select staff and parents from each school to participate in a District/School Planning Meeting. This Committee reviews the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and analyzes areas for potential improvement. District/School Plans are developed with goals, action steps, and budget relationships. District and School Parent and Family Engagement Policies are evaluated for effectiveness. School, Parent, and Student Compacts are also examined by this Committee for recommended changes.

School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

School Parent Involvement Policies are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are also accessible on the American Prep website



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<https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>. West Valley Handbooks are provided in both English and Spanish.

School Land Trust

“The School LAND Trust program brings tens of millions of dollars annually to academic programs in public schools across Utah. Each public school in Utah elects a school community council consisting of parents, teachers, and the principal. Charter Schools have Trust Lands Councils... Each council carefully reviews student assessments and progress to decide which academic areas they want to focus on. Plans are developed to improve student academic performance in the identified academic areas with the annual School LAND Trust funds. The plans are approved by the council, submitted on this website, and approved by the local school board or chartering entity.” www.schoollandtrust.org. Our Draper 2 campus will receive \$151,511.00 in Land Trust funds this school year. Your Land Trust Committee Members for the 2019-20 SY are: Huh Hubert, Shari Harris, Elizabeth Papenfuss, Zoie Farmer, Tammy Shumway, Monica Walter, Verdun Hartin, Alisha Staggs (newly elected), Santhosh Alahari (newly elected), Angie Lawrence (newly elected)– Elementary Director, and Kevin McVicar– Administrative Director. Our next Draper 2 Land Trust Committee Member Meeting will be held at the school building on September 10th, 2019, at 2:00 PM. Parents and the public are welcome to attend. Our second meeting will be held March 3, 2020, at 2:00 PM. Our final Land Trust Committee/Stakeholder meeting will be held over the summer, after State Testing results are received. See our website <https://draper2.americanprep.org> for reports and other information.

School Lunch

We hope you and your students are enjoying our school lunch program!

This is a reminder to order meals for next month (Tuesday, September 3)

<https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>

All orders must be placed 48 hours in advance - if you want your student to have lunch on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 please order by this Saturday before 11:59 p.m.

If you need help ordering lunch, our school lunch workers are available at each campus from the hours of 8am to 1pm. You can also email lunch@apamail.org for assistance.

As a reminder, we do have a school lunch program that allows you to order a lunch for your student. All lunches are prepared by an outside vendor and delivered and served cold. Lunches must be pre-ordered at least 48 hours in advance.

You may order lunch, apply for free or reduced price lunch, and find all nutritional information here:

<https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/>

If students arrive without a lunch, we will have them call home. If we are not able to reach you, we will serve them an emergency lunch and you are responsible to make the payment (\$3.00 grades K-5, \$3.30 grade 6). If your student has eating restrictions and you would not want us to serve them an emergency lunch, please contact ekim@apamail.org or lmarcotte@apamail.org.

If you have questions or concerns, please email lunch@apamail.org or see Mrs. Kim or Mrs. Marcotte in the Multipurpose room kitchen from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.



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Please **DO NOT** send any lunch items with **RED** dye in them with your students. Red dye stains the carpets.

Character Development Corner

by Mandy Brown

Welcome back! We are so excited for the year ahead. Here are **4 items** to be aware of:

1. This month's Chew Time Video featured the Character Development Elementary Team teaching our students about how we can build our lives "one brick at a time", similar to a builder constructing a brick home. Laying a strong foundation is the first key step in a good building. We too can lay "bricks" in our lives by practicing virtues daily like honesty, enthusiasm, kindness, etc. Next week we'll talk about the first brick we can put into our foundations....stay tuned!

2. WE DESPERATELY NEED VOLUNTEERS for our amazing **COLLEGE FAIR** on **September 27th!** If you can come, it would be *fantastic*. (Or ask a grandparent, aunt/uncle, best friend, etc. to come share!) Last year we had a doctor, a lawyer, engineers, a pharmacist, a marketing consultant, and SO MANY MORE! Our kids LOVED learning about careers and colleges! Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444afae29abfc1-college3>

Contact me with any questions. Mandy Brown mandy.brown@apamail.org .

3. **Sixth Grade parents....** September 12th is our first Character Development event for the year. It goes from 12:30 until 3:00. If you want to volunteer, here is the link:

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

4. **Fifth Grade parents....** We had a FANTASTIC cruise aboard the jolly A.P.A. Friendship! Ask your students about how to be a good party guest, how to meet and greet someone new, why they should write a thank you note, how to use their laps as a "table" at a party, and how to ask INTELLIGENT questions!

THANK YOU to our volunteers! We couldn't do it without you! ***Brittney Baugh, Lenka Becz, Elisha Beagley, Michelle Goudge, Sarah Huckstep, Brenda Kearl, Chantel Miner, Musharrat Sheikh, and Monica Walter.***

After School Activities

We are still working on finalizing our after-school activity schedule. This is the current schedule of activities:

Monday-Chess/Math Club alternating every week, Grades 1-6

Beginning Robotics, Grades K-3

Tuesday-Lego Club-Grades K-6

Debate Club-Grades 5-6

Wednesday-Art Class-Grades 1-6

Robotics Advanced, Grades 3-6

Thursday- Robotics Beginning, Grades 2-4



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Drama Club-Grades 3-6

Please fill out the Google Form to indicate your interest in the above listed clubs and to volunteer.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpU_eO6gkYROc8QgGASAU5NF-hOcgFI_lchz6nvSljuNw-ow/viewform?usp=sf_link

Extra Curricular Events!!

***Cross Country**

6th grade runners are invited to join the junior high cross country team. Practices take place after school every day that we do not have a meet. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays practices will be held immediately after school at Wheadon Farms Park in Draper. Parents will need to drop off students there and may pick up between 4:30 and 4:45 Mondays (3:30 and 3:45 Wednesdays and Thursdays). Tuesday and Friday practices will take place at Draper 3 and finish between 4 and 4:15. Races are 2 miles long. Cost is \$30 paid to Mrs. Hammond at the junior high office of Draper 3. Contact Coach Stewart jstewart@apamail.org with any questions.

***Drama Club**

Meeting on Thursdays, the Drama Club is for students that are interested in acting and drama performance. Please see the attached flyer for details.

<https://draper2.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/08/Want-to-ACT-1.pdf>

Spirit Wear

On the first Friday of every month and other selected days during the year, students and staff can show their American Prep Spirit by wearing any of our logo items. Students must have the regular Friday uniform on the bottom and can wear their Spirit Wear on the top. Spirit Wear can be logo items from any of our previous events or can be purchased in our Spirit Store and from our front office (some items and sizes might not be available)

<https://www.americanprep.org/product-category/spirit-wear/>

Draper Philharmonic & Choral Society

Our school is proud to be part of the Draper community and The Draper Philharmonic and Choral Society uses our building to practice every week. They are excited to offer some opportunities for our students to gain experience and participate with their group. Please check out the following information that is posted on our web-site.

<https://draper2.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/08/per-Philharmonic-and-Choral-Society.pdf>

American Preparatory Education Foundation

Michelle Goudge, Executive Director



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Thank you to those of you who attended our Holiday Boutique committee meeting this week. If you are interested in joining the committee, please let me know. We need many more volunteers who can help with advertising, vendor solicitation, decorations, activities, and more.

Priority registration is now open for APA parents who would like to sign up to be vendors for the boutique. The application is attached to this newsletter. Priority registration is available through Thursday, September 12 and will open to the general public on Friday, September 13. Please join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/apaboutiquevendors/> if you are an interested vendor.

We have added space for APA students to have booths this year as well. If you have a student entrepreneur who is interested, please let me know. The cost for a student booth is \$10.

If you have fundraising ideas, please feel free to reach out to me. I would love to hear your ideas!

Special Seminar-Jordan Family Education Center

Youth Protection: A seminar for parents addressing bullying, internet safety, child sexual abuse, substance use and abuse, and suicide prevention

Attend from 7-9pm on either date:

Tuesday, Oct. 29th, 2019

Wednesday, Nov. 13th, 2019

CALL 801-565-7442 to register

APA parents have been invited by the Jordan School District to attend classes and participate in support services, including the seminar mentioned above, offered by the Jordan Family Education Center. These services are provided by the District's school psychologists, counselors and school psychology interns. Click on the links below to find interesting classes and support groups covering a variety of topics like parenting skills, dealing with adolescence, attention deficit, anger, anxiety, autism, blended families and many more. For information about classes and counseling, call 801-565-7442. These services are available to families at no cost as a service of the District.

https://jordandistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/054_A-0316.pdf

https://jordandistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/054_A-0473.pdf

NEW Communication Tool

1) **Studentstories@apamail.org - Parents!** Do you have a great story to tell about your student? Did they help their community, participate in a special event, or win an award? We would love to hear about your child. Our goal is to inspire others through your student's personal experience.

Please send the following information to studentstories@apamail.org. Please include:

- Student name
- Campus location



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- Pictures of the event or achievement
- Description of the activity or achievement

2) **Staffstories@apamail.org -APA families!** Have you or your student had a positive interaction with an APA teacher or staff member recently? Has someone inspired your student to work harder and achieve more? We value your feedback and would love to share these great stories with our team.

If you have a great story to share about a great teacher or staff member, please send the following information to staffstories@apamail.org. Please include:

- Your name
- APA staff member's name or role
- Campus location
- Description

***“Pornography is Changing” Event**

For our first Parent Empowerment night of the school year, APA will be hosting a “Pornography is Changing” event on Thursday, September 5th. In order to accommodate more parents, there will be two sessions offered, one from 6:30-7:30 P.M. and another from 8:00-9:00 P.M. The event will take place in the Draper 3 Multipurpose Room, on the 3rd floor of the building. This presentation will help us all to understand what our children are being exposed to, how they are being affected, and how to best protect them! Additionally, a five-week course, regarding talking to your kids about sex at every stage of their life, will be offered for any interested parents. Come join us for an enlightening and hope-giving event. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.