



October 11, 2019

Draper 2

Upcoming Events



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| Oct. 14th - Oct. 18th | No School - Fall Break |
| Wednesday, October 23rd | Veterans Day Essay due, 4th - 6th grade |
| Friday, October 25th | Field Trips, 4th - 6th grade |
| Tuesday, October 29th | Picture Retake Day |
| Wednesday, October 30th | Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences
12:15 pm/12:30 pm/12:45 pm
AM Kindergarten attends today, 8:05 am through |
| dismissal | |
| Wednesday, October 30th | Used Uniform Sale, 12:30 - 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, October 31st | Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences
12:15 pm/12:30 pm/12:45 pm
PM Kindergarten attends today, 8:05 am through dismissal |
| Thursday, October 31st | Used Uniform Sale, 12:30 - 2:00 pm |
| Friday, November 1st | No School - Professional Development |
| Friday, November 8th | Spirit Wear Day |
| Wednesday, November 13th | Veterans Day Assemblies |

For updates and additional information, please visit our campus website:

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



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Report volunteer hours via email: volunteerdraper2@apamail.org

October Builders Theme - I am a Builder when I am Perfectly Honest

There is a Yiddish Proverb that says: A half-truth is a whole lie. Perfectly means all the time, all the way, no matter what. Learning this definition is important because in our world there is often a message sent that there is such a thing as “pretty honest” or “honest enough”. We are trying to help our students understand the delineation between “honest” and “dishonest”.

Being perfectly honest also means that we accept responsibility for our own actions and we don't place blame elsewhere. If we think about it, we have this opportunity each day of our lives.

For example, students may not get an assignment done and make an excuse about not finding their book or their pencil instead of admitting that they didn't use their time wisely. This is tricky, because we want to believe the best of ourselves and we may think that excuses will make things easier or make us feel better about ourselves. But in reality, excuses makes us weaker; they take our power away and give it to someone or something else.

Taking responsibility for our own actions is much more noble and makes us stronger. We should challenge ourselves to be perfectly honest and to tell the whole truth all the time, all the way, no matter what!

From the Academic Office

Academic Update: End of Term and Report Cards

Congratulations! We made it through the first term successfully and both teachers and students are getting into the APA rhythm! Thank you for your hard work in helping your students come to school each day prepared and in full uniform!

Report Cards for Term 1 should be coming home with your students before the nice relaxing week-long break. Please review your student's report card and set goals for the upcoming term. If you haven't yet you will want to contact the school to get access to your student's Alma account so you can check their grades throughout the term.

Please make sure that over the week-long break you are spending about 30 minutes a day reading and practicing math facts with your student. This will help keep their brain sharp even when not at school. Be safe and get some much needed relaxation. We will see you in a week!



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Field Trips & Donations

The lower grades (1-3) had field trips this week, and the upper grades (4-6) have field trips on **October 25**. Please remember to pack your student(s) a lunch!

The cost of buses for field trips is about \$11.00 per student per trip. We would appreciate your kind donation to support these experiences (\$11 for Kindergarten, \$22 for grades 1-6). Although we hope to receive donations from every parent, we welcome donations of a greater amount to help cover where we may fall short.

Please go to <https://www.americanpreparation.org/drapper-2> to donate. Checks addressed to Friends of APA can also be left at your campus office. All donations are tax deductible.

Substitute Teachers Needed

We are looking for APA parents to become substitute teachers for our schools! We provide all training, and the pay is \$80-90 per day. This is a great time of year to become a substitute teacher - save up for those holiday plans in advance. We provide in-depth, paid training so you will feel comfortable in your duties. **APA is a FUN place to work! We'd love to have you on our team!**

Maybe you can only commit to one day per week - that would be fine with us! Or, work every day - whatever suits your schedule! We need substitute teachers every day and we would really appreciate your help. Also, please tell your family members and friends about this opportunity!

Apply online today! <https://www.americanprep.org/careers/>

Book Return Challenge

by Pam Gibbons, Curriculum Specialist

Starting next term, our library book return challenge will begin. Although, K-2nd graders may have their books for 2 weeks and the 3rd – 6th graders may have their books for 3 weeks, please help your students to get in the habit of returning their books as soon as they are done reading them. For students who haven't finished reading a book by its due date, please remind them to renew it so it's not marked over-due or lost. At the end of each term, the class in each grade which has the most weeks without any overdue books or unpaid fees will get a reward. At the end of the year, each student in the class with the most weeks without overdues or unpaid fees will get a surprise. Next term's reward is a free sock day at the end of the term.



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From the Administrative Office

Drop Off and Pick Up

As we approach the winter months, you will see many of the traffic cones start to disappear to allow for easier snow removal. Please follow the **same traffic patterns** that you would follow when the cones are there. The one-way traffic pattern is important for safety and efficiency. Thank you for reducing your speeds when on property, being vigilant and aware at all times and please refrain from using your cell phones when driving. Two hands on the wheel are always better than one.

Yearbook Orders

It is time to order your yearbooks!! Please go to americanprep.org/yearbook, click on the Draper 2 button, follow the link to Bell Photography and get your yearbook ordered.

The price will be \$20.00 for a hardback 80-page yearbook and \$15.00 for the softback yearbook. After Monday, March 2nd, 2020, the books will increase to \$25.00 for the hardback yearbook and \$20.00 for the softback yearbook.

Pictures, Pictures, Pictures

We are starting to gather pictures for our 2019-2020 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.

Spirit Wear

We are at the end of the first term and some of our wonderful parents still don't know where to find how to order Spirit Wear. We have pictures and a list of all available inventory on our online store. Visit www.americanprep.org/store to look at all available spirit wear and uniform items.

DID YOU KNOW WE NOW OFFER UNIFORM PANTS? They are new to our store this year. Our parents asked and we are delivering. We have grey high school pants, blue women's pants and khakis for all sizes. Take advantage of our bulk ordering to get the best price around. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to us at apparel@apamail.org.



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Lost and Found

At the end of every month we clear out all the items in our lost and found. We keep the items for a couple of weeks and then donate the items. If you are missing items, please come in or ask your students to check the lost and found. We will be holding all the items collected during the first part of the year and will have tables with all of these items during our Parent-Teacher conferences at the end of October.

School Lunch

The menu is posted through January 2020! <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>
Please email lunch@apamail.org for assistance.

Upcoming Event Details

Early Dismissal Days -

October 30th and 31st will be early dismissal days. School will dismiss at 12:15 pm, 12:30 pm, and 12:45 pm. The buses will leave at 12:25 pm. Please make arrangements for your students to be picked up early on these days.

AM Kindergarten will attend on October 30th, and PM Kindergarten will attend on October 31st. Kindergarten teachers will email parents with details about Drop Off and Pick Up.

Used Uniform Sale

On Wednesday, October 30th and Thursday, October 31st, we will be holding a used uniform sale in the Draper 2 multi-purpose room. If you are finding that your student has grown since you purchased uniform pieces, this would be a great time to purchase a few items at discounted prices. We will NOT have any new uniform pieces.

****Please be sure to bring plenty of \$1.00 bills. We will NOT have change to exchange your large bills to put the proper amount of money in the envelopes.**

Come and see what we have for you!

Veterans Day - Celebration Details

We are very excited for our Veterans Day celebration which will take place on Wednesday, November 13th! We will have two assemblies to honor our Veterans, one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 12:00 p.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



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space constraints in our gymnasium, only parents who are accompanying 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.

Veteran's Day - Essay Contest

At American Prep, we look forward to the month of November when we are able to honor our nation's Veterans. It is one of the great highlights of the year for all of us—students, faculty and parents. Last year's essay contest was such a success that we would like it to be a part of our program again this year. The Student Essay Contest honoring our Veterans is an incredible way for our students to show their appreciation to those who serve our country and for the freedoms that we enjoy. Please see the office if you need a flier for essay themes, contest rules and guidelines. **BE A PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!**

Other Items

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!!



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Character Development Corner

by Mandy Brown

This month we are practicing being perfectly honest. Being perfectly honest includes owning up to mistakes, speaking up when necessary, and being true to oneself at all times.

Take a minute (actually just under 4 minutes!) to watch the following video with your child(ren). It has been shown to all the classes during lunch "chew time" and we would love you to be able to discuss it at home as well!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CW9-6jZ7NEatgdvYHhI_JGYwUW6tGzhd/view

After our fall break, we will have a Reading University character who exemplifies being perfectly honest in a lunch time video. I wonder who it will be!

In case you missed it...THANK YOU again to our amazing volunteers who helped us with the college fair! It was a huge success thanks to you: *Tori Andersen, Tyler Beagley, Sihem Boudina, Sydney Diamond, Stacie Garn, Michelle Goudge, Jill Hakes, Joshua Haines, Skyler Jennings, Taunya Lofgran, Sam Peay, Stacie Petersen, Dejan Jovanovic and Ivana Vladisavlejevic, and John Van Wagenen.*

From our Family School Organization (FSO)

By Nicole Harman

It's hard to believe that it is already October! Before we know it, our first set of Parent Teacher Conferences will be here. Because our staff put in so much extra time during these conferences, we like to say thank you by providing them with a dinner and lunch. In order to pull this off, we need your help! Don't forget that donating food items count towards your volunteer hours. Keep track of the time it takes you to make or purchase items, turn those hours in. As an FSO, we greatly appreciate the help and support you give us.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844a8ac22a7fd0-parent1>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844a8ac22a7fd0-parent2>

We will be making a push throughout the month of October for your students to turn in BoxTops. Our first deadline is quickly approaching and we would love to have at least 1000 Boxtops turned in. If you don't want to clip and save Boxtops, please download the app and choose American Preparatory Academy Draper 2 campus. This is a very easy way to earn money for our school. Look for more information in the coming week.



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4TH Annual Holiday Boutique

APA's 4th Annual Holiday Boutique is soon approaching! We still need vendors and student vendors. Details, as well as the vendor and student applications, can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/apaboutiquevendors/>. The cost for a student booth is \$10.

We are also in need of many volunteers to make this fundraiser a success. Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050548A5AB2EA7F49-4thannual> to sign up to help.

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Instruments Needed

Instrument donations can be dropped off with your campus secretary.

Thank you for all that you do!