



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

October 4, 2019

Draper 2

Upcoming Events



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| Thursday, October 10th | Spirit Day for all students |
| Thursday, October 10th | Jeans Day for ALL students with no missing work |
| Friday, October 11th | Field Trips, 1st - 3rd grade |
| Oct. 14th - Oct. 18th | No School - Fall Break |
| Friday, October 25th | Field Trips, 4th - 6th grade |
| Friday, October 25th | Veterans Day Essays due |
| Tuesday, October 29th | Picture Retake Day |
| Wednesday, October 30th | Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences AM Kindergarten attends today, 8:05 am-12:05 pm |
| Thursday, October 31st | Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences PM Kindergarten attends today, 8:05 am-12:05 pm |
| Friday, November 1st | No School - Professional Development |
| Friday, November 8th | Spirit Wear Day |
| Wednesday, November 13th | Veterans Day Assemblies |

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

Do you have volunteer hours to report?
Email volunteerdraper2@apamail.org to report them.



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

Our theme for the month of October is “I am a builder when I am perfectly honest.” We spoke about honesty at our assembly this week. The reason we use the phrase “perfectly honest” is 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 find and clearly see the delineation between “honest” and “dishonest”. It was explained that honesty is a life-long quest and something we have to work on all of the time, not just when we are children.

From the Academic Office

Academic Update: Jeans Day Guidelines

On Thursday, October 10th, we will have our first Jeans Day reward for students with no missing work by today, October 4th. This reward will be held every other week for qualifying students. You will know your child qualified to wear jeans if there is a sticker attached to their learning plan Wednesday night.

Please remember: Jeans Dress Thursday, (not to be confused with every Casual Friday Dress Day), will consist of any of the following uniform pieces:

- Blue jeans in good repair (no colored jeans, jeans with holes, skinny jeans, decorative markings, or shorts) You **MUST** be able to pinch an inch on each side of your jeans, **NO** skinny jeans. If students do not want to wear jeans, they can wear their regular uniform bottoms or khaki pants.
- Blue polo or regular uniform top may be worn. (4-6 grade no tie required). For this time, Thursday, October 10th, the students may wear a Spirit wear top.
- Regular uniform shoes are to be worn.

Students may, of course, wear their regular uniform as well if they do not choose the jeans dress from above.

Students who have NOT earned this privilege, but come in jeans, will need to call home for an adult to bring them a change of clothes.

Watch for that sticker on the learning plans next Wednesday, October 9th, to see if your child earned the Jeans Dress Day special privilege. We know they can do it!! Students will have the opportunity to earn another Jeans Dress Day in two weeks if they have no missing work.

“What Your ___ Grader Needs to Know” Book

You may notice your child has daily reading assignments from the Core Knowledge “What Your __ Grader Needs to Know” book. All parents are asked to have a copy of



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this book at home so students can read the assigned passage and supplement what they are learning in the classroom. If you don't yet have a copy, you can purchase one on Amazon at

https://smile.amazon.com/s?k=core+knowledge+what+your+grader+needs+to+know&ref=nb_sb_noss_2.

Substitute Teachers Needed

We are looking for APA parents to become substitute teachers for our schools! We have found that our amazing parents make the very best substitute teachers! They know the "APA way" and love our students, which are the two most important traits of a successful substitute teacher! 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/>

Drop Off and Pick Up

Temporary Pick-Up Tags

If you need to come to campus at a different time than your carpool assignment, please email mcarman@apamail.org to get a tag that will allow you to enter campus early. Examples: early check out due to doctor appointment, meeting with a teacher or director, etc.

Morning Drop Off

Things are running smoothly during morning Drop Off - thank you! Please remind your students that they cannot play on the playground without adult supervision. They should not play after being dropped off in the morning, but need to go directly into the school.

We know some parents love to walk their students into the school - especially if they are very young. This creates a lot of traffic with pedestrians and cars in our cross-walks, and is our main safety concern in the morning. We encourage you to drop your students at the curb as soon as they are capable of walking in by themselves.



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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.

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 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!

School Lunch

The menu is posted through January 2020! <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/> To get to the NEXT MONTH after selecting your items, you MUST scroll to the top and on the TODAY tab click the arrow (next). If you need help ordering lunch, our school lunch workers are available each morning. You can also email lunch@apamail.org for assistance.



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Volunteer Hours

We have some parents ask if their donations can count for volunteer hours. The short answer is "No!" You may count the time that it takes you to go to the store and pick up an item or two but, there is NO dollar amount connected to volunteer time. The main reason why we ask you to come in and give 20 hours of volunteer time is we want you to be involved in the school, seeing how and why we do the things we do. Your children LOVE seeing you here as well. So, please come in and join us, you will be surprised at how much fun you will have getting to know your child's friends.

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!!

Spirit Wear

We are a few weeks into school 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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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.

International Math Competition Test-Math Kangaroo

American Prep is now registered and approved as a testing center for the Math Kangaroo International Exam in Mathematics. The Math Kangaroo exam will be administered at the Draper 2 campus on Thursday, 19 March, 2020 from 3:30 - 4:45 PM Mountain Time

Any student from grades 1-12 can participate. The exam duration is 75 mins and has 24 multiple-choice questions (Grade 1 - 4) and 30 multiple-choice questions (Grade 5 - 12) with no negative marking.

Enrollment is now open with a registration fee of \$21 and will end on Dec, 15, 2019. After December 15, enrollment will happen only if there is a spot availability and with a late registration fee of \$35.

If you are interested in registering your students, please fill out the following form for each student and then you will be contacted with specific information about how to register.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLif628L5LsH1THXudP3zYGMlkXo9bp4JTu2K2pko4CGxviA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Learn more about the Math Kangaroo's history [here](#) and the exam rules [here](#).

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.



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Character Development Corner

by Mandy Brown

THANK YOU again to our amazing volunteers who helped us with the college fair last Friday! 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, John Van Wagenen and Jill Welch.

Our new month brings a new theme for us to practice at home and at school. it is the value of being perfectly honest. Next week I will include the link for the lunch time chat video about this theme which you can watch together! In the meantime, be sure to name that behavior with your children to help grow their builder vocabulary.

Thanks for all that you do as parents! You have wonderful children and we love the chance to associate with them.

From our Family School Organization (FSO)

By Nicole Harman

Dear Parents,

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 will be held Friday, November 8 and Saturday, November 9 at the Draper 3 campus. We still need vendors. Please pass the word on to friends and family members who might be interested in having a booth. 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. Thank you to those of you who attended our meeting this week. If you are able to help with this event, please reach out to me. We still need people to help with advertising, vendor outreach, decorating, and more.

APA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We are creating an APA business directory that will be available to all APA families. Thank you to those of you who have submitted your information. If you'd like to have your business included, please email me and I will send you the form. This is free advertising for your business and a great way for APA parents and staff to support other APA families.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATION DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our school supplies drive. We appreciate you! It's not too late to donate. Because APA provides school supplies to all of its students, as parents we don't have to go to Target or WalMart alongside everyone else who is doing their back to school shopping for notebooks, pencils, crayons, etc. But this is a significant expense for APA, so Friends of APA is looking for parents who are willing to donate money to offset some of those costs. To donate to our School Supplies Donation Drive, please go to americanprepfoundation.org and click on the SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION DRIVE button. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

Do you have an old instrument lying around collecting dust? APA is looking for band and orchestra instrument donations. We have many students in need of instruments. If you would like to donate an instrument, please contact me at the email address or phone number above. This is a great way to help some of our APA students, and it's a tax write-off for you!