



## BE A BUILDER!!

The Builders Poem, included below, is the theme of our school. As we strive to internalize the virtues and the principles of this poem we find that not only are we building ourselves but we are building others as well. Building takes effort and is a conscious choice. As we seek for opportunities to uplift and build those around us, we make the world a better place. We urge you to both memorize the poem and use it as a personal guide in your own life. This summer look for ways to be a builder and to help your family see and recognize how they can be builders as well. Notice, name, and praise builder behaviors you see in your student!

### Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, June 2
  - Field Day - Lots of volunteers needed! **Early Dismissal (12:15, 12:30 & 12:45 pm)**
  - Off Campus Testing (8:30 am *OR* 10:00 am *OR* 12:30 pm)
- Thursday, June 3
  - Yearbooks distributed, **Early Dismissal (12:15 pm)** - Last Day of School
- Summer Activities - <https://draper2.americanprep.org/summer-2021-activities/>
- Summer Reading Lists - <https://draper2.americanprep.org/summer-reading-lists/>

### Field Day - June 2

#### Volunteers

We need LOTS of volunteers to help on field day! We have expanded the opportunities so you can choose to stay with one classroom all day! Even if you can't come the whole time, we would love your help. Come when you can! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044faaab2ca1fd0-field>  
Please note: these activities will take your full attention, so please don't bring younger children. **We still need 20 2-liter soda bottles for one of the activities** - please send EMPTY bottles to the reception desk. This is for a 6th grade activity, so if you have a 6th grader it will benefit them!

#### Dress Standards

- Tops - Students can show spirit by wearing their grade's assigned color or spirit wear
  - **1st** - Yellow; **2nd** - Red; **3rd** - Orange; **4th** - Green; **5th** - Blue; **6th** - Purple/Black/Tie-dye
- Bottoms - khaki shorts, skorts, long athletic shorts, capris
- Shoes - athletic shoes; no open-toe shoes, no flip-flops
- Hats - encouraged
- Don't forget to send a water bottle and put sunscreen on your students!
- PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

## ***Off Campus Testing - Reading, Math, Spelling - June 2***

If you have not already done so, please sign up for a time to have your off-campus student tested.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044faaab2ca1fd0-offcampus5>

## ***Stay Sharp Summer Packets***

Each student will receive a “Summer Stay-Sharp” packet with work to be completed over the summer break. This is REQUIRED work that will be turned in on the first day of school (August 18). Directions and materials will be included in each packet.

- Off-Campus students will receive the packets on June 2.
- On-Campus students should have received their packets at the end of last week. If you have not received it, please reach out to your homeroom teacher.

**Why we do it** - Left unexercised, students’ academic skills begin to slide and they lose the gains that they made during the school year. We have learned that with a minimal 1 hour of academic focus each weekday during the summer, students not only maintain their pre-summer levels, but come back to school having made steady gains! These students are ready to hit the ground running – with no wasted “catch-up” month at the beginning of the school year.

## **To Make This Fun and Successful, Keep These Things in Mind:**

- A little bit of work goes a long way. About one hour of academic focus during the summer is a big break from the school rigor, but still offers huge returns in students maintaining and progressing in their skill levels.
- Set a schedule. Get them in the habit of doing it at the same time each day. First thing in the morning may be the least distracting time. Be available to monitor and help them.
- Have set tasks. Help them organize their hour to include practice from all areas in the packet – reading, math facts, test practice – whatever is included for that grade level.
- Meaningful motivation. At the beginning of the new school year, we will be celebrating with those students who complete their entire summer packet. Extra motivation from you during the summer may be needed - you know your students best.

## ***What Your Grader Needs To Know - Book Exchange***

We want our students to have the current year WYGNTK book during the summer, especially for those who missed school due to COVID quarantines or were learning off-campus. If your student will not be returning to APA next year, including 6th graders going to Draper 3, we invite you to return the WYGNTK book to the school before the end of the year.

We will host a book exchange at the beginning of next school year.

## ***Dockets & Name Badges***

Dockets and name tags will go home with your student(s) after Tuesday, June 1st. Please put them in a safe, secure place, one that you will remember. You will need to bring your docket back to school with you on Wednesday, August 18th.

If your dockets are torn or lost, we will have extras that can be purchased through the office. The docket alone is \$8.00 and the inside folders are \$2.00. If you need a complete replacement, the cost is \$10.00. A name tag is \$5.00 to replace.

### ***End of the Year or Summer Withdrawal***

We know that there may be some families or students who find they will not be able to return to American Preparatory Academy next year. Please remember to let us know as soon as your decision becomes official. We have many families on our waitlist who would love to attend APA and would like to know as soon as possible. During June we are open by appointment only from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Email Lisa Hickman to schedule a time - [lhickman@apamail.org](mailto:lhickman@apamail.org).

### ***Meet & Greet - August 13***

Class lists will be posted Friday, August 13th during our Meet and Greet. More information to come.

### ***Medications***

If your student has medications in the office, please come pick them up. We will dispose of any medications left after Friday, June 4th.

### ***Summer Meals***

Did you know there are free activities and meals available in your community for your kids and teens this summer? Follow this link to find a site near you: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>

### ***School Fees and Fee Waiver Information***

<https://draper2.americanprep.org/school-fees/>

***Eagles Track & Field Summer Program - <https://draper2.americanprep.org/eagles-summer-track/>***

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## **Builders by Anonymous and Howard Headlee**

I saw them tearing a building down, A gang of men in a busy town.  
With a 'yo heave ho' and a lusty yell, They swung a beam and the sidewall fell.  
I asked the foreman if these men were as skilled As those he would hire if he were to build.  
He laughed and said, "Oh, no indeed, Common labor is all I need,  
For they can wreck in a day or two, What builders have taken years to do."  
So I asked myself, as I went my way, Which of these roles am I to play?  
Am I the builder, who works with care, Measuring life by the rule and square;  
Or am I the wrecker who walks the town, Content in the role of tearing down?  
I've made my decision; I'll start today, I'll be a builder in every way!