



Upcoming Events

- October 15 - 4th through 6th grade Jeans Day
- October 15 - 1st through 3rd grade Field Trips
- October 15 - Veterans Day Assembly essays due to teacher by 4:00 pm
- October 15 - Report cards go home with students
- October 18-22 - Fall Break ***NO SCHOOL***
- October 25 - Return to school, term 2, 8:05 am
- October 26 - Professional Development Day - EARLY DISMISSAL
 - *Of the Half-day Kindergarten Students, **only AM Kindergarten Students will attend***

I am A Builder When I Am Perfectly Honest

There probably isn't anything more important about being perfectly honest than being honest with ourselves. Let's think about the *blame game*. This is a common game we play where our teacher, our mother, our dog, or our classmate three rows behind us is responsible for the difficulties we are having. We have all played the blame game before. We have all disregarded the truth about ourselves and our responsibility and made it someone else's fault instead. You can tell it's your turn in the game when you find yourself saying things like, "It's not my fault", "It wasn't me", or "He started it". I have found myself playing this game too often...blaming my children because I am late when really it was me who wasn't organized...or blaming the receptionist for being rude, when really it was me who was being demanding. But - if games are supposed to be fun - then why does the blame game create so much negative energy and make us so unhappy? Stop the game! Be solution-oriented, not problem-focused. Being honest about our choices and actions can change our perspective and teach us vital life lessons!!

Jeans Day for 4th - 6th grade students - Friday, October 15th

Watch for a sticker coming home on Thursday, October 14th, so you will know if your student qualifies to wear jeans this Friday! Here are the guidelines - <https://draper2.americanprep.org/jeans-day/>

Report Cards Go Home - Friday, October 15th

1st term report cards will be sent home with your student(s) Friday, October 15th. Please watch for an envelope marked "To the Parents of".

Fall Break - Monday, October 18th through Friday, October 22nd

Enjoy this time with your families. Be safe and we will see you back at school Monday, October 25th at 8:05 am.

Carpool Tip for This Week

Obey ALL traffic laws!

If there are more than two people behind you waiting to exit onto Lone Peak Parkway, please be courteous and make a right hand turn into the *right hand lane* **EVEN IF IT IS AFTER 4pm**. PLEASE. This alone will speed up drop-off and pick-up **immensely!!**

Carpool Updates and Reminders

Afternoon carpool is not flowing as efficiently as it has in the past or as we would like, particularly the exiting process. We are working on a way to improve that process - but we need your cooperation. Please take a moment to reinforce how important it is for your children to quickly exit and enter your vehicle at the curb, and watch our Carpool Tips video together- <https://vimeo.com/631365239>.

Here are a few other tips that will help the flow of traffic:

- *Please do not arrive even one minute before your pick-up time. This is one time in life when it is better to be a little late, rather than a little early. Purple - 2:50/1:50. Yellow - 3:15/2:15. Blue - 3:30/2:30. Red - 3:45/1:45.*
- *Please ONLY turn right out of the drive onto Lone Peak, using the nearest lane. Please do so even if it is after regular carpool hours; and especially if there is a line of cars behind you. It only takes a couple of cars turning left, or turning right into the far lane, to delay everyone else - which adds up when you remember we have over 1000 cars needing to exit the campus.*
- *Draper 3 Families - If you want to avoid carpool traffic, we have a few helpful options. We have an after-school homework assistance program where students can stay and get help with work. Teachers stay until 4:15pm, even on short days, and the National Honors Society meets in room 323 on the 3rd floor, where students help students. Draper 3 has staff here until 6 pm each day, helping with homework. Pick your student up after carpool if you can.*

Let us know if you are interested in participating in our subscription bus service [here](#). If there is enough interest, we can begin researching what we will need to purchase to expand our bussing service.

If you would like to get involved in helping us work with Draper City, you can join other parents by adding your name to [this spreadsheet](#).

We appreciate your patience while we work out the flow of traffic.

School Wide Communication

We have so many new families at the Draper 2 campus we thought it would be a good time to remind everyone of our communication policy, so all members of our community will feel safe and valued and have confidence that all concerns will be addressed to a point of satisfaction. Feedback from you (our stakeholders) is essential for us to remain continually engaged in a process of improvement. If a parent has a question related to instruction, or that relates to the classroom in any way, the Homeroom teacher should be the first person to whom the parent would go seeking information or resolution. If the parent does not feel their concern has been resolved by the teacher, the Parents should ask the teacher for a meeting with an Administrator. If the parent feels their concern would best be addressed at that level, and they have already tried to address it with the teacher, and are uncomfortable asking the teacher for an administrative conference, the Parents may ask the school secretary for an appointment with the Director. We are so appreciative of our wonderful APA community in upholding our communication policy. Teacher emails are generally formatted: *teacher's first initial (then) full last name @apamail.org*. Teacher emails may also be found on the student learning plan and on our website here:

<https://draper2.americanprep.org/leadershipstaff/>. Our Academic Directors are best reached via email (for brief conversations) or to set up an appointment for lengthier discussions. Our K-3 Academic Director is Mrs. Megan Davis - megan.davis@apamail.org and Mrs. Angie Lawrence is our 4-6 Academic Director - alawrence@apamail.org.

Academic Directors

Mrs. Megan Davis and Mrs. Angie Lawrence are the Academic Directors here at the Draper 2 campus. As you can imagine, they are very busy people, especially at the end of terms. If you would like to talk to them, ***please*** email to set up an appointment including the topic of discussion. By including the topic of discussion they will have a better understanding if they are the correct person to address your needs and how much time to schedule for the meeting. Their email addresses are below:

K-3 Academic Director - Megan Davis megan.davis@apamail.org

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

Three Open "Operations Staff" Positions!!

The purpose of the custodial position with APA is to "Clear the Way" for our core business. Which core business is: providing educational excellence, and strong character development to our Students.

Basic Responsibilities -

It is the role of every member of the Operations Team to do whatever it takes to "Clear the Way".

Additionally, there are particular duties assigned to the Custodial Position that contribute to our core business by ensuring:

- Our facilities are healthy, safe, secure, and able to facilitate a high level of learning.
- We remain highly positive and proactive about meeting the needs of our staff, freeing their time and minds to focus on excellence with our students.

Complete Job Description can be found at this link -

<https://recruitingbypaycor.com/career/jobIntroduction.action?clientId=8a78826753d0044a0153d2e566b2004b&id=8a7885ac7c194ff3017c515e99e87e95&source=&lang=en>

Veterans Day - Celebration Details

We are very excited for our Veterans Day celebration on Friday, November 12th! We will have two assemblies to honor our Veterans, one at 8:45 a.m. and one at 10:15 am. This assembly is an opportunity for students and families to invite a Veteran friend or family member to 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 will livestream the assembly so parents can watch it online!

We will be sending home invitations after we return from Fall Break - be thinking about a Veteran you could bring to this wonderful assembly! Watch for future information to learn which assembly your child will be attending.

Veterans Day Essay

Please see the attached flyer about writing an essay for our Veterans Day assembly. This contest is open to ALL 4th through 12th grade students and is mandatory for ALL 5th grade students.

Please make note of the deadline: ***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15th***. The essays should be submitted to your student's homeroom teacher.

Good luck and great writing!

Daily Lunch Help Needed

If you are available between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm, please come help Mrs. Osmond deliver lunches. We appreciate all our volunteers that have come in so far. Let's continue to help Mrs. Osmond out!

Would you like your student to be *FEATURED* in the Yearbook?

Here are three ways:

1. Take a picture of your Draper 2 Student with their FAVORITE BOOK.

- *In order for the picture to fit what we are trying to do, the photo should be SQUARE and zoomed in on your student and their book.*
- Please email your submissions to mcarman@apamail.org

2. Email your Student's FAVORITE JOKE to mcarman@apamail.org

- Submitted joke does not have to be invented by your student
- Just has to be enjoyed by your student :)

3. Email an original, PATRIOTIC-themed poem, written by your student to mcarman@apamail.org

- *Note: not all poems will be included – only the best of the best :)*

The Yearbook Order Site is now open!!

Get yours at the discounted presale price for a limited time!!

Website - <https://www.purchaseyearbook.com>

Code - draper2apa2122

- Hardcover presale price: \$22
- Softcover presale price: \$17

*Prices will increase to \$30 (HC)
and \$25 (SC) on February 1st.*

Halloween Costumes? Not At School! What a Treat!

A few parents have asked if they need to provide costumes for their students for later this month. Good news! The answer is “no.” Most parents are relieved to know this. If you are one who has anticipated this celebration at prior schools and are disappointed at this news, let me explain. In our quest to remain focused on our mission of academic achievement and character development for every student, we guard our time resources very closely. VERY closely. We look at every activity and every program and evaluate it carefully on how effectively it helps us achieve these goals. Because of this, we typically do not celebrate holidays in the way that other schools traditionally do. Don't panic! This does not mean we don't have fun! We celebrate our students' learning with regular, grade-level celebrations (culminating activities), that go along with our units of study in history and science—but we do not use academic time for holiday parties or costume parades. Halloween isn't celebrated at school. Neither is Christmas. We only celebrate/acknowledge a few holidays during the school year - for more information on these, please refer to your Parent/Student handbook.