



Upcoming Events

- December 3-16 - Rock the Socks Donation Drive
- December 13 - 6th grade Band and Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm
- December 13 - Science Fair 7:00 pm
- December 14 - 5th grade Choir Concert 5:30 pm
- December 15 - Picture Make-up day 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- December 15 - Crazy sock and tie day - Rock the Socks reward!!
- December 16 - Spirit Wear day - Rock the Socks reward!!
- December 17 - Jeans Day
- December 17 - Free Dress Day - Rock the Socks reward!!
- December 17 - Report Cards go home
- December 20 - December 31 **NO SCHOOL - Holiday Break**
- January 3 - Return to school 8:05 am
- January 3 - January 28 - Acadience Testing
- February 10 - Spelling Bee 1st - 3rd grades 12:00-2:15 pm
- February 14 - Spelling Bee 4th - 6th grades 1:00-3:00 pm

I am a builder when I look for ways to serve others (Kigatsuku)

Kigatsuku is a Japanese word meaning “an inner spirit to act without being told what to do”, or in other words, “see a need, meet a need”. It’s simple; we don't need to go out of our way; we don't need to schedule it; we don’t need to travel to other countries. We only need to look around us and see how we can help the person right in front of us. Opportunities for *kigatsuku* are everywhere – at school, at home, in the grocery store - even on the roads!

There is something so deeply rewarding about this Builder’s Theme as we watch your children fall into the rhythm of *kigatsuku*. Imagine the energy and influence of an entire community of *kigatsuku* as we work toward something better than just ourselves. Imagine doing it without reward or compensation. Imagine what we could accomplish if we all did this one simple thing - see a need, meet a need.

6th grade Band and Orchestra Winter Concert & Science Fair - Monday, December 13 7:00 pm

Draper 2 6th grade Winter Concert will be Monday, December 13th at 7:00 pm in the Gym.

Band and Orchestra students should be at school by 6:30 pm.

Dress is Monday through Thursday full uniform, wear your best uniform and smile.

Come and enjoy a night of band and orchestra music, along with Science Fair projects.

Rock The Socks Rewards!!

Because we met our goal of 2000 items, students may wear CRAZY SOCKS and CRAZY TIES this **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th**. We earned Spirit Wear on this **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16th**. And because we TRiPLED our goal of 2000 items, we will have FREE DRESS DAY on this **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17th**. Congratulations to our amazing families!

Please remember the following Free Dress day guidelines:

- Clothing must be modest (not too tight) and in good repair
- Shorts and skirts must be no more than 3" above the knee
- Shirts must have sleeves, and all text must be appropriate for school

And because we tripled that goal, we earned a FREE DRESS DAY on FRIDAY, December 17th. The drive officially ends on THURSDAY. We will deliver our socks to the Road Home on Friday.

5th grade Holiday Choir Concert - Tuesday, December 14 5:30-6:00 pm

Our wonderful 5th grade choir will perform their Holiday concert on Tuesday, December 14th. Dress for the concert will be Monday through Thursday uniform, please wear your best uniform and your brightest smile.

Please have your student at school by 5:00 pm. The choir will be presenting songs for your Holiday enjoyment.

Parent Shurley Grammar Training

Here at APA, our 1st-6th grade students learn Shurley Grammar. What exactly is Shurley Grammar? "Shurley Grammar is a unique tool, specifically designed to help students master the parts of speech and sentence structure. Students learn definitions for the parts of speech through jingles that incorporate rhythm, rhyme, movement, and fun. Then, they are introduced to our well-defined system of classifying sentences known as the Question and Answer Flow." To help our parents better understand this part of our curriculum, we will be offering a 45-minute workshop to teach parents how to do the "Shurley Question and Answer Flow" and to help you understand what your student is learning during their homeroom grammar time. While this is the same workshop, we will be offering it several times at the school. The dates and times are as follows:

Monday, January 3, 2:30 pm

Tuesday, January 11, 2:30 pm

Tuesday, January 4, 2:30 pm

Friday, January 14, 2:30 pm

Friday, January 7, 2:30 pm

Monday, January 17, 7:00 PM

Monday, January 10, 2:30 & 7:00 PM

This workshop will be taught by our academic coach, Jacquie Chappell. Come join us in the fun!

Acadience Testing - January 3 - January 28

All of our students will be participating in the Acadience, formerly DIEBELs, testing Monday, January 3rd through Friday, January 28th. This reading test will be administered in each classroom by the teacher.

Spelling Bee Information

Attached to this newsletter you will find the Spelling Bee lists for your student(s) to study from.

**Classroom spelling bees will be held January 24 - January 28. The Bees will be in the classroom when the class has the time set aside.

**Spelling Bees - 4th - 6th grades: Monday, February 14 1:00-3:00 pm

**Spelling Bees - 1st - 3rd grades: Thursday, February 10 12:00-2:15 pm

Ordering Lunches for January

You may order lunches for January starting December 6th. All lunches must be ordered at least one week in advance. If you would like your child to have a school lunch on Monday, January 3rd you MUST order by Monday, December 27th, 2021.

If you have not ordered, please send lunch with your child. We have some items on hand for emergencies, but often that is just milk, fruit, and vegetables.

How To Order

Please follow these instructions to place your order

- Go to <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>
- Login with your email and password.
 - If you forgot your password, try 1234.
 - If you need to answer a security question, what is library card # try 1234.
- Click on ORDER (top middle).
- Top right make sure to move arrow to January
- Add menu items (quantity 1) to the cart by clicking on the Blue bar (Regular or Vegetarian) to add to cart.
- Review and place the order.
- DO YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE STUDENT? Be sure to use the drop-down button at the top to navigate to the next student and repeat the ordering process.

Beach Bash Recap

Our 5th and 6th grade students were able to visit the "beach" at our Beach Bash event! Students were worked on mastering skills such as proper dinner etiquette, finding ways to be positive, and the art of creating good conversation. Students trained to be "lifeguards" and know how to watch out for each other and to get help when we need it. Thank you to our amazing parent volunteers (Tori Andersen, Kitna Cheung, Gwendolyn Hortin, Melissa & Evelyn Muir, Jenny Ramos, Shannyn Steinman, Itzy Vidal Diana Labrador, Kathy Larrabee, and Jenn Reichart) that came as leaders! We could not run a successful program without you!

Heads up!! White Ribbon Week Volunteer Opportunities After the Break

Our annual media safety week is coming up January 10th through 14th. This week includes 3 fun activities on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday of that week. We would LOVE to have parent volunteers helping us out those days. Sign up below using the link!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co444AFAE29ABFC1-white3>

MathCounts

The APA MathCounts School Competition was held on Thursday, December 2nd. Twenty-three Mathletes participated as we narrowed our group to twelve competitors.

The 2022 APA MathCounts Competition Team is:

Arjun Mahajan	Om Sanghvi	Vaishnavi Kothamasu
Atharv Khemka	Shayden Jennings	Varun Agarwal
Ishanth Reddy Sooram	Tharun Narendran	Vishnith Ashok
Marko Jovanovic	Ty Dastrup	Wilson St. Martin

Alternate: Sushmita Venkatesh

Coaches: Ms. Kathy Woodcox, Ms. Nikki Davison, Ms. Danielle Anderson

Congratulations to our Top Thirteen! The team will now prepare to participate in the MathCounts Chapter Competition in February. Thank you to all who participated!