



## Upcoming Events

- February 2 - Spelling Bee 1st - 3rd grades 12:30-2:00 pm
- February 4 - Spirit Wear Day
- February 11 - Early Release - 12:00/12:15/12:30/12:45 **PM Kindergarten attends**
- February 11 - Jeans Day
- February 18 - 5th Grade Ambassador Event
- February 18 - Last Day of Term 3
- February 21 - 25 - Mid Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

### **I am a builder when I befriend others.**

We are Builders when we make sure everyone knows we are their friends. We don't need to know someone well to befriend them. We just have to have a willing attitude. Here at our school we have many opportunities to befriend others. Greeting each other, saying kind words, helping without being asked, and working together to solve problems are just a few examples. It is all about caring for those around us.

Our tradition at American Preparatory Academy is to spend the month of February focusing on how we can demonstrate caring for our families, our school community and others in our world. We are excited for this month's events as we celebrate and build these caring qualities.

We focus on "caring and sharing" around the time of Valentine's Day. We encourage students to show they care by doing good deeds for others all during February. We briefly teach the students about the American tradition of Valentine's Day.

As a reminder, we do not hold Valentine's Day parties or celebrations. We DO focus on caring and sharing all during the month. However, parents of elementary students MAY send Valentines and a small, wrapped treat to a student's classmates on a designated day (this year February 14) under the following conditions:

1. All students are included in the giving – cards must be given to all classmates if you plan to do cards.
2. The treat can be put in the backpack and taken home (please no donuts, muffins, cupcakes, cookies – only wrapped treats like a small piece of candy are ok).

Teachers will allow students to share their Valentines during lunchtime on the designated day.

Teachers will provide a class list to parents a week before Valentine's Day, attached to the learning plan. PARENTS DO NOT NEED TO PROVIDE VALENTINES AND TREATS. This is just for parents who strongly desire to do so.

### **Classroom Spelling Bee Winners - 1st through 3rd grades**

Congratulations to our 1st - 3rd grade classroom spelling bee winners! They all did a fantastic job and will continue on to the school bee.

**1st Grade:**

Saarth Mehta - Aarya Kaul - Emily Funk - Aadya Kamath - Abjijay Singh Baghel - Andrew Humphries

**2nd Grade:**

Akshaj Sai Pandiri - Ayan Ahad - Hruthvik - Saathvika Dhanasekaran - Ayansh Sahu - Sumedh Kanghondhi

**3rd Grade:**

Navya Manojkumar - Lexi Dastrup - Rivka Kathuria - Anirudh Manojkumar - Aviana Hingu - Tishana Atthi

**Welcome Cambree Barrett – Receptionist**

We'd like to welcome Ms. Barrett to American Preparatory Academy! You may have seen her this past week in the building working closely with Mrs. Carman and Ms. Hickman. We are excited for her to join the APA family in this new capacity. She is currently an APA parent and has previously worked in our nutrition program. Please stop by, say Hi and introduce yourself next time you are in the building as she is getting to know students, families and staff. Ms. Barrett may be reached at [cbarrett@apamail.org](mailto:cbarrett@apamail.org).

**After School Clubs**

We have a handful of outside groups offering clubs again. Brief details are:

**Wednesdays from 2:45pm - 3:45pm**

Chess Club - \$256     [www.chesswizards.com](http://www.chesswizards.com)

Art Haven - \$104     [www.arthavenplace.org](http://www.arthavenplace.org)

**Thursdays 2:45pm - 3:45pm**

Game On - \$195     [www.arthavenplace.org](http://www.arthavenplace.org)

**Tuesdays 4pm - 6pm & Thursdays 3pm - 5pm**

Sing! Utah - \$160/mo     [www.singutah.org](http://www.singutah.org)

**White Ribbon Week Report**

Thank you to all of our parents for supporting your students during White Ribbon Week this month. We learned that we have the power over media!

We have the power to:

\*Ask before we download

\*Never post hurtful words

\*Tell a trusted adult if we see something that makes us uncomfortable

\*Turn it off!

\*Help our friends make safe choices online

A **\*\*HUGE\*\*** shoutout to our volunteers for helping us run smoothly!

Save The Date 5th Grade!

If you have a 5th grade student, we will be having our FINAL stationed event of the year on Friday February 18th from 12:50 until 3:10. Use the sign up genius link below if you'd like to volunteer to help us out! Thank you so much. It's going to be "out of this world!"

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-5thgrade3>

**Carpool Reminders**

During carpool in the morning and after school please remember to pull as far forward along the curb as you can. This helps open up more of the curb for the cars behind you so more families can safely drop off or pick

up their children. If everyone pulls all the way forward it makes the process more efficient and safe. Thank you for doing your part!

### **APA & D2 Hope Squad School Supply Drive for the Utah Youth Village**

In honor of February's Day of HOPE, we have decided to gather new (and like new) school supply donations to give a Gift of HOPE and support Utah Youth Village children in need. Donations will be accepted February 1st until February 28th. Ideas for donations include: pencils, pens, notebooks, crayons, coloring pencils, markers, calculators, erasers, composition notebooks, highlighters, binders, folders, dividers, backpacks and more! Please drop off donations for the Utah Youth Village to the donation box in the D2 lobby anytime between February 1st and February 28th. THANK YOU!

### **Parenting with Love and Logic Classes - FREE to APA Parents**

The Love and Logic approach to parenting is built around the science of caring and respectful relationships. An authentic, loving connection between parents and their children forms the foundation of good behavior and healthy decision-making. We use these principles at our school every day and are excited to be able to offer FREE classes to our families at APA so they can begin to parent the Love and Logic Way. We will begin our first course at APA on Monday, February 7th in the evening. It will go for 6 weeks. We will also offer it in Spanish at the same time. We are registering now! Please fill out this google form: <https://forms.gle/pm2aQNaChZr9DiZi7>  
Please email [tokelberry@apamail.org](mailto:tokelberry@apamail.org) if you want more information.



### **Yearbook - Order time is almost up!!**

Yearbooks are on sale at the discounted price for just a few more weeks - get yours while you can!

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

**Code** - *draper2apa2122*

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

*Prices will increase to \$35 (HC) and \$30 (SC) on February 1st.*

### **Lost & Found**

Please have your student(s) stop by the lost and found located on the first floor. There are many items that have been "lost" and we'd love for them to be found!