



## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, September 13 5th Grade Friendship Character Development Event 12:50pm-3:15pm
- Tuesday, September 13 Parent Empowerment Night 7pm [Link below](#)
- Thursday, September 15 Constitution Day Program 10am [vimeo.com/americanprep](https://vimeo.com/americanprep)
- Friday, September 16 Mid-Term Deadline
- Friday, September 16 Jeans Day (for those who earned it)
- **Friday, September 16** **Fall Festival! 5pm-8pm** [Link below](#)
- Monday, September 19 Picture Day - Order online at BellPhoto.com code: ApaDraper2Fall2022
- Friday, September 23 4th-6th Grade Field Trips
- Tuesday, September 27 1st-3rd Grade Field Trips
- Mon-Fri, Sept. 26-30 College Week
- Mon-Fri, Sept. 26-30 Emergency Preparedness Week-*We will practice each of our drills*
- Friday, September 30 Jeans Day (for those who earned it)
- October 3 Term 1 Reading University Logs Due
- Friday, October 7 Term 1 Missing Work Deadline
- Friday, October 7 **Spirit Wear Day**
- **Friday, October 7** **Early Dismissal 12:15pm/12:30pm/12:45pm (Grading Day)**
- Friday, October 7 AM Kindergarten Attends
- Tuesday, October 11 Parent Empowerment Night 7pm “Mental Health & Wellness”
- **Wednesday, October 12** **Early Dismissal 12:15pm/12:30pm/12:45pm (Professional Development)**
- Wednesday, October 12 PM Kindergarten Attends
- Mon-Fri, Oct. 10-14 White Ribbon Week
- Friday, October 14 Jeans Day (for those who earned it)
- **Mon-Fri, Oct. 17-21** **Fall Break - No School**

Hello American Prep Families,

### **Our Builder Theme for the month of September is “I Am A Builder When I Show Enthusiasm!”**

APA is such a great place to be! Our students are A-W-E-S-O-M-E! Our teachers and staff are A-MA-ZING! Our parents are OUT-STAND-ING! Perhaps as you just read the previous sentences, the chants and cheers we do here at school come to your mind. If they didn't, ask your children if they know these school cheers so they can teach them to you. These cheers bring enthusiasm to our day. The rhythmic chants that flow from classrooms and breakout rooms are an affirmation of excited learning. They affect emotional animation and energy as well as being quite contagious. Ask your children to teach you a few of our cheers so that you can bring this same enthusiasm into your home.

## **Parent Empowerment Night - Suicide Prevention**

What if you knew how to prevent death for your child? What would that be worth to you? Suicide is the #1 killer for our kids 10-24. Adults are also plagued by suicide with middle-aged men having the highest rate. However, there is something we can do and it's proven effective. Join us on Tuesday, September 13th at 7pm for a Virtual Parent Empowerment Workshop on Suicide Prevention. We will learn to recognize the signs of suicide, learn how to ask someone about suicide, and how to help get them to help. We will also look at ways to improve mental health and prevent suicide ideation and attempts. Everyone really can make a difference! Feel free to invite family and friends over and participate together. Your students will receive an incentive from your school for attendance.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/82452465119>

Meeting ID: 824 5246 5119

## **Constitution Day**

September 17th is National Constitution Day where we celebrate the signing of THE Constitution in 1787. This year September 17th falls on a Saturday so we will be celebrating Constitution Day on Thursday, September 15th. Check-out our COUNTDOWN to Constitution Day on our American Prep Social Media page.

Watch for information coming home on your child's learning plan on TODAY and TOMORROW! We are excited to celebrate all week as families as well as at school.

Please watch this very brief parent video about our exciting week of celebration.

<https://vimeo.com/747388000>

## **Annual Fall Festival - Friday, September 16th 5pm-8pm**

The annual Fall Festival will be held this Friday from 5pm-8pm. Get your wristbands for an all-access pass to slides, bounce houses, obstacle courses, mechanical bull, laser tag arena, carnival games and much more! Meal tickets are also available for \$5 and must be purchased in advance. Go online to [www.americanprepfoundation.org/fallfestival](http://www.americanprepfoundation.org/fallfestival) to make your purchase today!

## **Student Picture Day**

Monday, September 19th is student picture day! Please ensure your student is in full uniform and ready for pictures on Monday. If you would like to order pictures go to: [Bellphoto.com](http://Bellphoto.com) and use Prepay Code: ApaDraper2Fall2022

You will need to enter your student's first and last name along with their grade, teacher name and school.

## **6th Grade Take Flight Report**

We had an amazing event with our 6th grade students on Tuesday September 6th. Thank you to our teachers, instructors, admin, OPS and IT team, and our INCREDIBLE parent volunteers! Our students learned about being genuine, practiced the art of conversation, learned about goal setting, reviewed friendship skills, and challenged themselves to try new things! It's going to be an amazing year for our sixth grade students as they "take flight" for their final elementary year.

THANK YOU Haley Vijayaraghavan, Mio Li, Erica Lewis, Tori Andersen, Lenzy Hurst, and Laura Smith! We couldn't do these events without awesome parents like you!!!

\*FIFTH GRADE students have their first ambassador event on TUESDAY September 13th during the school day. Volunteers sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-5thgrade4>

### **Reading University Lists**

<https://youtu.be/DO-ysov-w5U>

### **Constitution Day**

CONSTITUTION DAY will be celebrated this year on Thursday, September 15th. Please see the attached flyer and watch for more information next week coming home with your child.

\*Our Constitution Day assembly is live streamed but can also be watched anytime after that day and time via the link as it is recorded for your convenience.

### **Replacement Nametag Cost Increase**

If your student has lost or misplaced their nametag, a new one may be ordered for \$6.

### **Wolfpack Running Club**

Do you love to run?

The Wolfpack Running Club Elementary Program provides a safe and exciting way for kids of all skill levels to enjoy the physical and emotional benefits that come from running and belonging to a team.

Kids will learn the basics of cross country, trail running, and endurance running-through game-based workouts, fun lessons, and a primary focus on individual improvement. Practices will be held at a variety of places. Check out [wolfpackrunning.org](http://wolfpackrunning.org). Practices start 9/6.

### **Drop/Off & Pick Up Procedures**

We are so pleased with how well student drop off and pick up is going this year! A huge shout out to all the staff members assisting and for parents following the rules! This makes things go so much smoother! Just a few reminders, so we may continue to improve:

- Stay in your vehicle when dropping off/picking up your student(s).
- Only park and come inside the building if you have a meeting with a teacher or staff member during drop off & pick up times.
- Continue to turn right as you exit the drive
- Slow down...this is a new problem this year! As the carpool is going smoother and lines are not forming we have a few vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed in the parking lot. Please remember there are children and adults we need to keep safe. Be watchful and slow down.

Thank you everyone for doing such a great job this year! We appreciate everyone's efforts to make the drop off and pick up a better experience for all!

### **Compliance Items**

#### **Free Period Products**

This year, our school is offering free period products (menstruation products) in our girls' and all-gender bathrooms in compliance with recent legislation (H.B. 162). Period product dispensers have been installed, providing free menstruation products for our students. We ask parents or guardians to please discuss the need for and proper use of these products with their children who may need to use them, and ensure they know the products are free to use when needed.

## **Professional Qualifications**

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. In accordance with state regulation, all APA teachers are licensed through one of three licensing paths: Professional, Associates and LEA specific. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

## **District Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

American Prep recognizes that parent and family engagement is key to student achievement. We provide many opportunities for parents and family members to participate in, and stay informed of, their student's academic achievement. American Preparatory Academy trains staff annually during pre-service and teacher academy on how to communicate, build meaningful connections, and otherwise involve parents/families and the school. These topics are reinforced during professional development opportunities throughout the year as needed. Additional details regarding Parent and Family Engagement are available in the annual Parent-Student Handbooks (PSHB) which are distributed annually, posted on the school websites, and available in Spanish at our West Valley campuses. For the full District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, please refer to this link on the Policy page of the [americanprep.org](http://americanprep.org) website.

## **School Parent and Family Engagement Policies**

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are now accessible on the APA website under the Parent Library drop-down tab. West Valley Parent-Student Handbooks will be available in Spanish.

## **Mandated Assessments and Opt-Outs**

American Preparatory recognizes that Standardized Testing is an essential tool for measuring student learning and teacher success. The data obtained from these assessments may be utilized by teachers and administrators to review student academic progress, plan instruction, and share with students and parents. Summative assessments allow for data to be used in public reporting about school quality. Parent's may opt-out of most state standardized tests by submitting a Parental Exclusion form to the Academic Director.