



## Upcoming Events

- 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
  - Monday Earthquake Drill
  - Wednesday Evacuation Drill
  - Thursday Lockdown Drill
  - Friday Shelter in Place Drill
- Friday, September 30 Jeans Day (for those who earned it)
- Friday, September 30 College Shirt Day (all students & staff)
- 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!”**

Enthusiasm is in the air! Students are radiating energy as they arrive each day with smiles on their faces. Staff creates an enthusiastic atmosphere as we do something we love every day and serve a purpose greater than ourselves. We have had the pleasure of sharing your enthusiasm as we have greeted you at the Fall Festival this past weekend! Thank you for your enthusiastic support as we work towards getting everything exactly as it should be.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students achieve their highest potential. As partners, we want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities as we have outlined in our Parent-Student Handbook. Please consider the many ways that you can volunteer and become involved this

year. Studies show that parental involvement in your student's education is one of the strongest indicators of student achievement. We feel privileged to be a part of this school family.

### **Student Pictures - Order Today**

It's not too late to order your student's picture from picture day! Go to: [Bellphoto.com](http://Bellphoto.com) and use Prepay Code: ApaDraper2Fall2022

Enter your student's first and last name along with their grade, teacher name and school.

### **Reading University Lists**

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

### **Replacement Nametag Cost Increase**

If your student has lost or misplaced their name tag, 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 started 9/6.

### **Constitution Day**

We had a wonderful Constitution Day assembly on Thursday. We are grateful to our student readers who worked hard on their parts, as well as our staff who participated. Thank you to Kerri Enniss from [parentguidance.org](http://parentguidance.org) and Zoie Farmer from our FSO (family school organization) who took the time to come read as special guests.

If you missed the live assembly, you can still watch the recording here:

10:00 am Draper 2 - <https://vimeo.com/749240055>

There is also more information and family activities here:

<https://blog.americanprep.org/blog/constitution-day-activities>

Thank you to all for a wonderful day celebrating our freedoms and foundation of our country.

### **Friendship Report**

We had an amazing event with our 5th grade students on Tuesday, September 13th. Thank you to our teachers, instructors, admin, OPS and IT team, and our INCREDIBLE parent volunteers! Our students learned how to introduce themselves, how to ask intelligent questions within a conversation, how to write thank you notes, guidelines on being an excellent guest, and tips on good manners when enjoying refreshments at a party.

THANK YOU Jill Smith, Sariah Crafts, Madhuri Inuganti, Shanen Mercer, Alison Freeman, and Roni Nielsen!!!!

We couldn't do these events without awesome parents like you!!!

### **College Week September 26-30**

We are so excited for COLLEGE WEEK which we will hold NEXT week. We are "all ears" to learn more about college! That week our students watch a special lunch time video each day and we end with our AMAZING PARENT PRESENTATIONS at our college fair on Friday, September 30th. Also, on Friday, September 30th all students and staff may wear their favorite college shirt. Students also have the option to wear their favorite solid color t-shirt to represent a college if needed such as wearing NAVY BLUE for Utah State University. Finally, you'll

notice throughout our school that our staff has college posters out by their classrooms. It is always fun to read these posters and see some fun facts about our incredible teachers, instructors, and all other staff!

### **Order a Draper 2 Yearbook Now and Save \$**

Don't miss out on the pre-order price for the yearbook! A copy of the hardcover book costs \$25 until January 31st and a softcover is just \$20 until January 31st! Prices will increase to \$35/\$30 beginning February 1st.

Go online today to [www.purchaseyearbook.com](http://www.purchaseyearbook.com) and enter code: APADraper2YB23

### **From the Lunch Room**

Now is the time to order meals for the month of October.

- <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>
- All orders must be placed 7 days in advance
- If you need help ordering lunch please email [lunch@apamail.org](mailto:lunch@apamail.org) for assistance.

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### **Compliance Items**

#### **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.