



Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, December 13 5th Grade Choir Concert 6pm
- Friday, December 16 Canned Food Drive Ends
- Friday, December 16 6th Grade French Revolution Activity
- Monday, December 19 Crazy Sock & Tie Day for meeting Food Drive Goal (3,000 cans)
- Monday, December 19 Spelling Bee words sent home
- Tuesday, December 20 Term 2 Ends
- Wed. Dec. 21 - Tue., Jan 3 Winter Break - No School
- Wednesday, January 4 School Resumes 8:05am
- Friday, January 6 Spirit Wear Day
- Tuesday, January 10 Parent Empowerment Night - Substance Abuse 7pm
- Friday, January 13 Jeans Day (for those who earned it)
- Monday, January 16 No School - Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Tuesday, January 17 Classroom Spelling Bees Begin
- Tuesday, January 17 5th Grade Maturation Night 6pm
- Friday, January 20 Early Dismissal (Professional Development)
 - 12:15pm/12:30pm/12:45pm
- Friday, January 20 AM Kindergarten ONLY

Looking Ahead.....

- Friday, February 10 Early Dismissal (Elementary Grading Day)
 - 12:15pm/12:30pm/12:45pm
- Friday, February 10 PM Kindergarten ONLY
- Mon-Fri, Feb. 20-24 No School - Mid Winter Break

Hello American Prep Families,

Our Builder Theme for the month of December is "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, and yes, even on the roads!

There is something so deeply rewarding about this builders 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 did the simplest thing- see a need, meet a need.

Neighborhood Carpool News

We are receiving frequent reports from the neighborhood surrounding the school of parents and those responsible for picking up students regarding improper parking and behavior towards the neighborhood. A reminder to be courteous, do not use the neighborhood as a staging spot, and please follow the carpool rules. We have incredible staff outside braving the elements to get everyone on and off the property as quickly and efficiently as possible with safety being the number one priority. We appreciate the majority of families who are following the rules and being respectful. Let's have everyone join in and make APA a good neighbor!

Enrollment for Siblings of Current APA Students & Transfer Requests

It's that time of year when the application process for siblings of current students for the 2023-2024 school year opens and requests to transfer from another APA campus are available. If you have a child not currently enrolled at APA D2 and would like them enrolled for the 23-24 school year, now is the time to submit your application online utilizing sibling priority. Go to: <https://www.americanprep.org/enrollment/> and follow the instructions provided. A reminder that all kindergarten applicants must turn 5 years of age by September 1st in order to enroll in a Utah public school.

Siblings of a current APA student enter code: sibling2023

Student(s) that plan to transfer from another APA campus enter code: transfer2023

These codes are specifically for siblings of current students as well as current students wishing to transfer campuses. We hope to complete all sibling and transfer applications by January 5th.

WE CAN CARE Service Drive

We CAN Care! WE HAVE ONE WEEK LEFT!!! So far we have collected 3423 food items. Wahoo! It has been so exciting to see how much we can accomplish as we all work together. We can be advocates for those in our community that need us, and that is a very important part of being a Builder and an Ambassador for good.

We still have time, so keep bringing in those food items! The drive will end THIS Friday December 16th! Our goal is to bring in 4000 items. If we reach that goal, we will have crazy sock/tie day on MONDAY DECEMBER 19th.

If we DOUBLE our goal (8000 items) we will get a HAT day on TUESDAY DECEMBER 20th. And if we TRIPLE our goal, we will get CASUAL DRESS DAY on TUESDAY DECEMBER 20th.

Also, we have a popcorn/holiday movie party for our TOP THREE CLASSES in EACH grade level!!

Some more ideas...

*Ask neighbors/friends/family to donate. "If you can trick or treat for candy, you can gather cans from your neighborhood!" ... with parent permission!!!

*Have kids earn canned food items doing chores so that they are truly serving themselves as they bring in food items.

*Ramen noodles and boxed mac and cheese are a little cheaper items that you can bring and add up quickly.

*Whether you can donate 1 item or 20, we appreciate EVERYONE who contributes! Thank you!!

Please no glass, expired food, or perishable items.

Yearbook - Price Increase in January

Now is a great time to purchase your student a yearbook before they go up in price. Visit www.purchaseyearbook.com and enter code APADraper2YB23.

Current Prices: \$20 soft cover, \$25 hard cover

January 31st Prices: \$30 soft cover, \$35 hardcover

6th Grade Service Opportunity

Our sixth grade students will have the opportunity to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul in Salt Lake City for the homeless. We will be assembling the sandwiches next week on MONDAY DECEMBER 19th. Parents must sign their students up to participate as the event will go from 3:00 until 3:45 (last dismissal).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-6thgrade6>

6th Grade Ambassador Event

Our sixth grade students had an amazing CELEBRATE event on FRIDAY December 9th. We learned some great table manners tips, practiced how to use a phone (including how to leave a message on voicemail) and finally covered the idea of using our voices for good... the choice is up to each one of us!

THANK YOU to our amazing parent volunteers who made everything go so smoothly: AARTI NAKRA, TORI ANDERSEN, SHANNYN STEINMAN, CHARLES MARTIN, SHERI BARNES, and MEENAKSHI CHOWDHURY!!!

You are all SUPER STARS!!

Compliance Items

The UCA Governing Board will review proposed fees for each American Prep school for the 2023-2024 School Year. Parents may review the proposed fees and have an opportunity to share thoughts or concerns for Board members to consider before approving these fees.

Please take some time to review the fees your local school proposed. You can find the related documents on the American Prep School Fee webpage:

<https://www.americanprep.org/school-fees/>

There are two opportunities for public comment specific to these proposed fees at their scheduled board meetings held at the American Preparatory Schools District Office located at 12894 S. Pony Express Rd. Unit 600, Draper, UT, on the following dates beginning at 7:00 PM:

December 15, 2022 and January 26, 2023

<https://www.americanprep.org/american-prep/uca-agenda-and-minutes/>