



Calendar

- Tuesday, September 12 Parent Empowerment Night - Internet & Cell phone Safety 7pm
- Friday, September 15 Jeans Day for No #2s or #7s from 8/17-9/14
- Friday, September 15 6th Grade Take Flight Event 12:15pm-3:15pm
- Friday, September 15 Midterm Deadline 3:45pm
- Friday, September 15 Fall Festival 5pm-8pm
- Tuesday, September 19 Reading the Constitution 10am
- Wednesday, September 20 Picture Day! Kindergarten, 4th, 5th & 6th Grade
- Thursday, September 21 Picture Day! 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade
- Friday, September 22 1st-3rd Grade Field Trips
- Friday, September 29 4th-6th Grade Field Trips
- Monday, October 2 Term 1 RU Logs Due 3:45pm
- Friday, October 6 Early Dismissal 12:15pm/12:30pm/12:45pm
 - Elementary Grading Day
- Friday, October 6 Missing Work Term 1 Deadline 12PM

Hello American Prep Families,

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

This month, we are focusing on being enthusiastic and showing enthusiasm. As quoted from our Parent-Student Handbook:

Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm propels one on to greater effort. Enthusiasm makes work enjoyable and provides encouragement for others to put forth increased effort. It is the responsibility of every member of the American Prep community to bring enthusiasm to their work and to their associations at school.

“Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your objective.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

Something we do at each of our elementary Show What You Know Assemblies is what we call a sound-off. This action itself creates great enthusiasm. Here is one of our sound-offs:

We're the school called APA
Enthusiastic all the way
If things look tough, don't quit or pout
Enthusiasm will knock it out!

We'd like to thank all of our students, parents, and staff for the enthusiastic start to what will continue to be a great school year!

Parent Student Handbook Spotlight

Smart Watches/Phones/Etc

Cell Phones, Electronic Devices and Games Cell phones (smart or basic), E-watches (smart or basic), and electronic gaming or other types of personal e-devices are not allowed at American Prep and will be collected by faculty if found on campus. These devices are distracting to our academic efforts at American Prep and can be impactful to our safe school culture. Students may not use their cell phone or device (smart or basic) once they arrive on school property and until they leave school property. In addition, students may not have their devices in their possession during the day and must leave their devices in their locker if they chose to bring them to school. This policy extends to any internet-accessing or basic (non internet-accessing) communication device. Device misuse procedure: (incidents are tracked per student, not per device) If a student is found using a cell phone or other prohibited device or has possession of a device while in the building, faculty will collect the phone or device and turn it into the office.

The procedure regarding confiscation of a cell phone/device is as follows, and applies to phones/devices in the student's possession regardless of ownership of the phone/device:

- The first time a phone or device is collected, the student may retrieve it from the office at the end of the day;
- The second time a phone or device is collected, a parent or guardian must retrieve it from an administrator;
- The third time a phone or device is collected, the student will receive a 1-day suspension.
- On the fourth infraction, the student will receive a 2-day suspension.

• Further infractions may result in increasing terms of suspension and meetings with administration. If a student has an urgent need to communicate with their parent, they can approach a staff member and ask permission to go to the secretary's office. Calling parents to check when they will arrive, to ask where they are, or to tell them something about their day are not urgent needs.

It is not recommended that students or staff bring valuables onto the school campus. American Prep cannot be responsible for damage to or loss of cell phones or other valuable items such as smartwatches and AirPods.

No Check-outs During Afternoon Dismissal/Carpool

The school office will be open for student check-outs from when school begins until 15 minutes before first dismissal (3PM/2PM). There will be no student check-outs after that time. Please arrange to arrive early if you need to check-out your students before the end of the day

Virtual Parent Empowerment - Cellphone & Internet Safety

Join us on Tuesday, September 12th at 7 pm for a night of social media and internet information. We will examine our own internet use and habits and learn how to help the teens in our lives navigate the world wide web with purpose. This is appropriate to watch with your students. Your campus will provide an incentive. Join us via Zoom on Tuesday at 7pm.

Join us at the following link: <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/89267303321> Meeting ID: 892 6730 3321

Character Development Corner

FIFTH GRADE students had their first ambassador event on FRIDAY, September 8th. Thank you to our AMAZING parent volunteers! We couldn't have done our event without each one of you! Our students learned about meeting and greeting (introducing themselves with eye contact and a firm handshake); writing thank you notes; asking intelligent questions (carrying on a conversation); how to navigate a reception line at a party; and how to be an excellent party guest. We had a wonderful time. Be sure to ask your student all about it!

SIXTH GRADE students have their first ambassador event on FRIDAY, September 15th during the school day. We would love to have parent volunteers join us that day. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-6thgrade10>

****LOOKING FOR TWO PARENTS** to read in our constitution day assembly at 10 am on Tuesday, September 19th. We would like a parent in military uniform and one in another professional uniform such as a nurse, doctor, police officer, firefighter, etc. If interested, please contact Mandy Brown at mandy.brown@apamail.org

***CALLING ALL PARENTS!** Our annual College Fair has become a wonderful tradition which is only possible due to our AMAZING PARENT VOLUNTEERS that day!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-college1#/>

EXAMPLE: One of our Draper 2 dads is a computer programmer. He brought nut free butter, jam and a loaf of bread. Then he told the kids he ***WAS*** a computer that they had to program. The kids might raise their hand with one step such as "put the peanut butter on the bread." The dad put the jar on top of the bread. The kids would laugh and correct the mistake... "open the jar. get a knife. dip the knife in the jar to get a glob of peanut butter on it. Spread the peanut butter from the knife onto the bread." This demonstration was interactive, fun, and very memorable.

After School Club Opportunities

Wolfpack Running Club

Great news! APA has a new Head Coach. He's Rocco Losurdo, an experienced runner and athletic trainer. Along with Wolfpack's structured training program, Rocco's in-depth knowledge, skills and abilities will make the APA pack the best.

Please consider signing up to be his Assistant Coach. Your kid(s) will be free. No experience is needed, and we'll train you. Registration will be open until September 10 for late registrants.

Your athletes 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Draper City Park.

The season includes 6 weeks of fun and challenging practices + 2 meets per season + Racing jersey + Tons of new friends. Here's the link for more information and to register.

<https://wolfpackrunning.org/services/elementary/>

The season starts September 5 and ends October 13.

If you have questions, please text or call Tom Sharkey, Wolfpack Director of Elementary at 443-939-7133.

Art Club

Classes begin September 13th & 14th where students will be performing hands-on drawings of various Objects to understand how we see things up close and far away. Cost is \$160.00 and the class will meet on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 2:45pm-4pm in room 219. Contact Mary White with questions at mary@utahartworkexpress.com

Yoga Club

Classes begin Wednesday, September 20th for K-3 grade and Thursday, September 21st for 4-6 grade students. Cost is \$65 for an 8 week course and yoga mats will be provided. Contact Sariah Crafts at sariahcrafts26@yahoo.com or see attached flyer for additional details.

Super Science

Super Science sessions begin after the October break on Wednesdays for 3rd & 4th grades and Thursdays for 5th & 6th Grades. Cost is \$115 for a 7 week course from 2:45pm-4pm. Email Tori Andersen for more information or to sign up simplysuperscience@gmail.com Venmo: SimplySuperScience

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 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. You can learn more about the state assessments administered at American Prep and find the testing schedules for your student's campus by following this link: <https://www.americanprep.org/state-assessments/>.