



Calendar

- 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 Spirit Wear Day!
- Friday, October 6 Early Dismissal 12:15pm/12:30pm/12:45pm
 - Elementary Grading Day
 - Missing Work Term 1 Deadline 12:45PM
- Friday, October 6 Parent Empowerment Night 7pm
- Tuesday, October 10 Jeans Day for no #2s or #7s from 9/18-10/12
- Friday, October 13 Term 1 Ends
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- Mon, Oct. 16 - Fri. Oct. 20 No School - Fall Break
- Monday, October 23 College Week Begins
- Tuesday, October 24 Early Dismissal 12:15pm/12:30pm/12:45pm
 - Professional Development
- Friday, October 27 College Fair
- Friday, October 27 Wear your favorite college shirt/blouse/jersey

Hello American Prep Families,

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

The meaning of enthusiasm is intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval.” The source of the word is the Greek “enthousiasmos,” which ultimately comes from the adjective entheos, “having the God within.”

This week we are focusing on the characteristics of enthusiastic people. As you read the six traits below, think about yourself and your strengths. Pay attention throughout this week to the characteristics that you could improve upon with practice.

Enthusiastic people **RADIATE ENERGY**. When these people walk into a room, heads turn and people gather. Their smile lights up a room.

Enthusiastic people are **CURIOUS AND INTERESTED** in life. They love learning and live in a state of wonder, surprise, and delight.

Enthusiastic people **FOCUS ON THE GOOD** (even when things aren't). They emphasize what they can do rather than what they can't do.

Enthusiastic people **FEEL DEEPLY AND LAUGH OFTEN**. They show compassion for life's difficulties and use humor to help themselves and others through tough times.

Enthusiastic people **DO SOMETHING THEY LOVE** every day, no matter how small. They are passionate about their work, hobbies, craft, or the sports they play and it shows.

Enthusiastic people **SERVE A GREATER PURPOSE** than themselves. They have a desire to help others and build community.

<http://livingwithenthusiasm.com/characteristics.htm>

I challenge you to focus specifically on one of the characteristics above and become more enthusiastic! Invite every member of the family to participate and watch what happens to the atmosphere in your home.

Volunteers Needed - Picture Day!

We need a few volunteers to help our students look their best for picture day on Wednesday and Thursday. Teachers will walk with their students to the multipurpose room and line them up for pictures. Each student will have a small piece of paper w/their information. Volunteers are needed to help ensure everyone has this piece of paper, they are in full uniform (and help if they are not), and help keep the line moving quickly and efficiently. Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4CAFAB23A3FA7-44255386-volunteers> Kindergarten, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students will take pictures on Wednesday and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will take pictures on Thursday.

Parent Student Handbook Spotlight

Smart Watches/Phones/Etc - Reminder

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 or backpack 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

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 had their first ambassador event on FRIDAY September 15th. THANK YOU to our parent volunteers who helped to make this event a great success!

Our students learned about goal setting, being willing to try, how to include everyone, being genuine, and how to carry on a great conversation. We "traveled the globe" to learn these skills so be sure to ask your student what they learned!

*CALLING ALL PARENTS!: Our annual College Fair has become a wonderful tradition which is only possible due to our AMAZING PARENT VOLUNTEERS that day! **We also love to see GRANDPARENTS, aunts/uncles, neighbors, and even older college age siblings!** One of the students' favorite guests last year were two BYU students who showed pictures of the fun things they were currently involved in and answered questions about college life.

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

Art Club

Classes begin September 20th & 21st 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