



Calendar

- 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
- Friday, October 6 Missing Work Term 1 Deadline 12:45PM
- Tuesday, October 10 Parent Empowerment Night 7pm
- Friday, October 13 Jeans Day for no #2s or #7s from 9/18-10/12
- Friday, October 13 Term 1 Ends
- 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
- Thursday, October 26 Picture Retake & New Students
- Friday, October 27 College Fair
- Friday, October 27 Wear your favorite college shirt/blouse/jersey

Looking Ahead.....

- Thursday, November 2 Parent Teacher Conferences 4pm-7pm
- Friday, November 3 No School - Parent Teachers Conferences 8am-12pm
- Friday, November 10 Veterans Day Assemblies
- Wed.-Fri., Nov. 22-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break

Hello American Prep Families,

Our Builder Theme for the month 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 Student Handbook Spotlight

Holiday Celebrations

At American Prep, we celebrate holidays differently than many schools traditionally do. Some holidays are explored and taught in our Core Knowledge curriculum. At times, holiday traditions may be incorporated into the fun, culminating activities that go along with our units of study in History and Science. Other holidays are celebrated as a school with special recognition assemblies. Holiday music may be included in our music classes. Academic time is never sacrificed for class “holiday” parties. Some holidays to note:

Constitution Day (September) - APA has a special Constitution Day program every year that is live-streamed on Facebook and parents can watch/hear the reading of the entire Constitution and Bill of Rights on Constitution Day (September 17th).

Halloween (October)—We do not celebrate Halloween at school.

Veterans Day (November)—We celebrate Veterans Day with a school-wide assembly where we honor our invited veteran guests. The students also participate in writing activities that express their respect and appreciation to our nation’s veterans.

Thanksgiving (November) —The Builder theme for the month of November focuses on being grateful and expressing that gratitude through word and deed. Classes may have related activities. Kindergarten holds a Thanksgiving feast.

Religious Holidays (Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, Ramadan etc.) — These holidays may be discussed as part of the curriculum and to help students understand what others in our school are doing and experiencing. We may sing songs from these or other similar holidays as part of the curriculum in our music classes.

Valentine’s Day (February) — We encourage students to show they care by doing good deeds for others all during the month. Often, the school participates in a school-wide service project during February. If students wish to exchange valentine cards or treats (completely optional) they may within the following guidelines:

- All classmates must be included in the giving.
- Any treats must be non-food or wrapped as they will be placed in backpacks to be enjoyed at home.

Memorial Day (May) – Students perform and participate in a school-wide assembly and learn about the meaning and history of this holiday. Students, parents and staff have the opportunity to participate in a “poppy fundraising drive” to benefit veterans.

Lost and Found

As the weather turns colder and students are wearing jackets to school our lost and found is filling up quickly. Please label your student’s belongings whenever possible. This will help us get items back to the correct family. We will donate all lost and found items on Friday, October 13th (the Friday prior to Fall Break). If your student is missing anything, please have them check the lost and found before Friday, October 13th.

Character Development Corner

CONSTITUTION DAY was a great success. Be sure to check out the blog with the video recording link and photos! We especially appreciate our guest readers!

<https://hubs.ly/Q022VDWS0>

*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.

Spirit Wear Friday - Friday, October 6

Students and staff can show their American Prep spirit by wearing Spirit Wear items on top, and regular Friday dress on bottom the first Friday of every month. Items can be from previous fundraising events or can be purchased through our Spirit Store. We also have a few items available for purchase in the lobby.

<https://www.americanprep.org/product-category/spirit-wear/>

Jeans Day - Friday, October 13

Watch for a sticker coming home on Thursday, October 12, so you know if your student qualifies to wear jeans! Here are the guidelines - <https://draper2.americanprep.org/jeans-day/>

Checkout Procedures

To minimize academic time, students will not be called out of class until parents arrive at the school. Please allow 10-15 minutes to check out your student(s). We ask that parents not check out their student(s) early to avoid waiting in the carpool line. The school office will be open for student check-outs from when school begins until 15 minutes before first dismissal (2:00/3:00). If you need to check your student out earlier than your normal dismissal time, but after 2:30 (M.Tu.F) or 1:30 (W.Th.) - please contact cbarrett@apamail.org to get a "Day Pass" to enter campus.

Curriculum News

Thank you for being diligent in replying to the library's overdue emails. We appreciate you letting us know the status of overdue books. When you receive these emails, know that it is a gentle reminder. If you have lost the books and would like to declare them lost, please reply to the email. Otherwise, please communicate with your homeroom teacher the location of the books or any other special situations that are keeping the books from being returned. Thank you!

Field Trip and School Supply Donations

We encourage families to support student field trips by making a \$10 donation for each student. We also appreciate donations toward purchasing school supplies. Follow this link to contribute:

<https://payments.efundsforschools.com/fundraising/districts/56586>