



Calendar

- 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 Am Perfectly Honest!”

Our students are focusing on being perfectly honest this month. The reason we use the phrase “perfectly honest” is because in our world there is often a message sent that there is such a thing as “pretty honest” or “honest enough”. We encourage you to discuss this at home to help your students understand the difference. There are few values needed more in this life than honesty and consequent trust that comes from it. These tips can help you teach your children how to be honest in their daily lives.

Talk about how much you value honesty in your family. Discuss how important it is to every family member to always count on each other to tell the truth-even when it's difficult. If there's not honesty, there won't be

closeness in your family. Focus on how honesty is the foundation upon which your mutual trust and respect are built. Each family member supports and defends each other, but dishonesty will change the nature of your relationship dramatically. Once trust is broken, it takes a long time to build it back.

Place more emphasis on their truthfulness than on the consequence for their dishonesty. Of course you should impose consequences for dishonesty, but emphasize that everyone makes mistakes that bring consequences, but consequences increase when dishonesty is discovered, because trust will be broken. No matter what your child does, first and foremost, acknowledge and praise their honesty. Help and support your student practice perfect honesty, so they will not be afraid to tell the truth.

Honesty is a life-long quest and something we have to work on all of the time, not just when we are children. Please use this opportunity to discuss how much you value integrity in your family. Tell them how proud you are that they are demonstrating honesty.

Help Needed Picking up & Dropping off a student on Thursdays

We have a parent in our APA community who lives by Walmart in Herriman and needs help getting his daughter to and from school on Thursdays. If you live in the area and have room in your vehicle to help a member of our APA D2 family, please contact Julio Perez at 435-228-8902 or by email at juliobarroso_74@hotmail.com. He is extremely appreciative of any help available.

Volunteers Needed

We need a few volunteers to help put labels on envelopes for 1st Term Report Cards. If you have time either this week or next, please contact Cambree Barrett at cbarrett@apamail.org or just stop by the office and Mrs. Barrett will have all the supplies needed.

Parent Student Handbook Spotlight

Learning Plans

A learning plan will be issued to each elementary student at the beginning of each week. In the younger grades, teachers write the week's lessons, subjects covered, and assignments on the learning plan for the students. In the older grades, students will fill in the subject areas on the learning plan in each class each day.

Parents will review their student's learning plan each night. When assignments are completed, parents will initial the learning plan. If a student is unable to finish an assignment, the parent is to circle and initial the assignment indicating they are aware of the assignment that must be completed.

Elementary teachers or instructors will check the Learning Plan each morning for signatures, and at the end of each day to ensure the student has filled in the subject area boxes correctly and completely.

Group teachers will take the time at the end of each class period and explicitly instruct their students to get out their Learning Plan and will guide them in filling in the Learning Plan box correctly and completely.

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.

Solar Eclipse - Simply Super Science!

It's SOLAR ECLIPSE time!! There is a solar eclipse visible from Utah Saturday, October 14, 2023 starting at 9:06 am and ending about 11:56 am in Salt Lake!!

This annular eclipse is visible from Utah (about 86% of the sun will be covered as viewed from Salt Lake)! If you are willing to travel south a couple of hours, an exquisite view of what is called the Ring of Fire will be visible. During an annular eclipse, the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth when it is at its farthest point from Earth. It is far enough away from Earth that the disk of the Moon appears smaller than the Sun in the sky. Since the Moon does not block the entire disk of the sun, it will look like a dark disk on top of a larger, bright disk. This creates what looks like a ring of fire around the disk of the dark Moon. If you are on the path of the eclipse (which starts in OR and moves down through NV, UT, NM and TX) in cities such as Elko, Delta, Richfield, Bever, Blanding, and other places, you will see the ring of fire (please see the maps)!! It is really cool!!! About 91% of the sun will be covered with the ring of fire.

This is the last annular eclipse visible from the US until June 21, 2039. A total solar eclipse will occur April 8, 2024. Totality will not be visible from Utah, unfortunately.

Because we are dealing with the sun, it is never safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection (solar eclipse glasses or a solar filter). Sunglasses are not eclipse glasses and are not safe for viewing the Sun. If you don't have eclipse glasses, you can make your own pinhole projector to safely view the eclipse, but you will not see the sun directly. Instead, you will see the projected image of the sun created by the pinhole on the ground or surface you direct it to. Questions? Please email Tori Andersen at simplysuperscience@gmail.com

Character Development Corner

We would LOVE to have help on WEDNESDAY MORNING (October 4th) in the front lobby for our STAR PARTY. We will be assembling our special star cards that our students write on for our honored Veterans for our upcoming assemblies in November. Pop in any time and help us out! Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-44825429-star>

***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#/#/](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.

Improv Club w/Mr. Ames for 5th & 6th Grade

We are excited to announce a new club organized by our own amazing, Mr. Ames! Improv Club will be held on Tuesdays at 3:45 in room 162. Cost is just \$240 per session per student (this is just \$15 per class)! Limited spots are available. Contact Mr. Ames at bames@apamail.org to register your student today! See attached flyer for additional details.

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/>

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>