



Calendar

- Tuesday, October 10 Parent Empowerment Night: Suicide Prevention 7pm
- Friday, October 13 Jeans Day
 - no #2s (uniform infraction) or #7s (missing work) 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!”

We have wonderful students at American Prep who are willing and eager to work toward and demonstrate perfect honesty. I hope you can make honesty a theme at your home this month. Exposing “fibs” and examples of dishonesty is important for our children. They need to clearly see the line between honesty and dishonesty at home as well as at school. Dishonesty is such a plague of our culture in our time. We hope to make a positive difference in our world by working with you to develop hundreds of VERY honest citizens!

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.

6th Grade MATHCOUNTS

- All students who are interested in participating in MathCounts should apply by completing the [online application](#). [Click here to apply](#).
- Only students in grades 6, 7, & 8 are eligible to participate in MathCounts.
- Our first MathCounts practice will be Monday, October 9 from 3:30 - 4:15 PM, at the D3 campus in Room 127 (Mrs. Woodcox's Room)
- The annual MathCounts competition will take place in February 2024.
- Draper MathCounts Coaches are:
 - Ms. Kathy Woodcox - kwoodcox@apamail.org.
 - Ms. Danielle Anderson - danderson@apamail.org

Virtual Parent Empowerment Night: Suicide Prevention

What if you knew how to prevent death for your child? What would that be worth to you? Suicide is the #1 killer for our kids 10-24. Adults are also plagued by suicide with middle-aged men having the highest rate. However, there is something we can do and it's proven effective. Join us on Tuesday, October 10th at 7 pm for a Virtual Parent Empowerment Workshop on Suicide Prevention. We will learn to recognize the signs of suicide, learn how to ask someone about suicide, and how to help get them to help. We will also look at ways to improve mental health and prevent suicide ideation and attempts. Everyone really can make a difference! Feel free to invite family and friends over and participate together. Your students will receive an incentive from your school for attendance.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/84548403459> Meeting ID: 845 4840 3459

Lost and Found - Donated on October 13th

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

Enroll your student in science club (starts after the break) and receive FREE ECLIPSE GLASSES for the family this week! Want information on science club, have questions about the eclipse, need eclipse glasses? Please email Tori Andersen at simplysuperscience@gmail.com

Character Development Corner

*College Week is approaching! This is held the week following fall break. We will be celebrating education beyond high school that week. After all, college is ONE great FORMULA for success... so start your engines for learning all week!

We will hold our annual PARENT COLLEGE FAIR on Friday, October 27th. THANK YOU in advance for our amazing parents who are prepping and planning to be with us that day! We also show daily chew time videos. On Friday October 27th, all students and staff may wear college spirit wear on top along with a regular uniform bottom.

*THANK YOU PARENTS for helping with our star party on Wednesday. We were able to assemble several hundred of the thousands of stars needed for our APA campuses for Veterans Day. We appreciate your willingness to give so generously of your time!

*Veterans Day assemblies will be here soon. Start thinking of who your family can invite for the students to honor that day. Our school participates with Draper 3 and puts on TWO assemblies on Friday, November 10th. Your teachers will let you know which of the assemblies your children's classes are participating in. More information will be coming soon.

Ballroom Workshops for 4th-6th Grade

BALLROOM BLAST ELEMENTARY WORKSHOP: Come explore the world of Ballroom Dance and jive with us to an awesome Swing! Here are all the details:

Who: All 4th-6th graders are invited

What: \$25 Workshop Fee Includes

- * Two 90 minute lessons--that's 3 hours of instruction!
- * APA Ballroom T-shirt
- * Opportunity to perform with the D3 Ballroom Team in the Winter Showcase

When: Lesson 1: Wed. Nov. 29th 3:00-4:30 pm

Lesson 2: Wed. Dec. 6th 3:00-4:30 pm

(Lessons start at 3, but the team dancers and coaches will take good care of the students in the D3 MPR until that time. So, D2 students can walk over and D1 students can be dropped off after school and we'll meet them at the D3 front entrance.)

Showcase Rehearsal: Sat. Dec. 9th 12:45 pm

Winter Showcase Performance: Sat. Dec. 9th 2:00-4:00 pm. Free and open to all

friends and family so they can celebrate your hard work!

Instructors: In addition to coaching our APA team for the last 7 years, Joy Price has 19 years of coaching experience working at a competitive dance studio, and as a professor at BYU-Idaho. She is also an accomplished performer with titles from a wide variety of national/international competitions and has been a featured artist at Walt Disney World. Assisting her will be members of the current D3 team who will mentor, encourage, and model for the younger dancers.

Fundraising Element: These workshops will help raise money for D3 Ballroom Team members. If you want to support a specific member of the team you will be able to list their name on your registration and they will receive \$15. Remaining profits will go toward the team as a whole.

Registration: Registration will be open from Nov. 1-13th. Please watch for the registration link in upcoming newsletters.

Questions: contact Kiri Reeves at kreeves@apamail.org

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.

Science Club - limited seating still available!

Looking for a spectacular after school activity for your kids to explore and enjoy science? Look no further! Simply Super Science presents SUPER SCIENCE! We will do fabulous physics experiments that unlock your child's inner scientist! Sessions begin October 25th. See attached flyer for more details or to sign up: simplysuperscience@gmail.com Vemo: SimplySuper Science

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/>