

Draper 2 - School Calendar

January 12, 2018

Mon., Jan. 8 – Fri., Jan. 26	Mid-year DIBELS testing
Mon., Jan. 22-Fri., Jan. 26	Classroom Spelling Bees-Teachers will schedule these during “free time”
Monday, January 22	Early Release Day - For ALL Elementary students. PM Kindergarten attends – No AM Kindergarten this day 12:15- Purple/Pink/Blue/Orange 12:30 – Green/Yellow 12:45 – Tan/Grey
Tuesday, January 30	Lego Club begins 3:35-4:15 pm
Wednesday, January 31	Request to transfer to a different APA campus or withdraw due. See item below.
Tuesday, February 6	4 th – 6 th grade Spelling Bee 1:30-3:00 pm
Wednesday, February 7	1 st – 3 rd grade Spelling Bee 12:30-2:00 pm
Friday, February 9	4 th – 6 th grade Field Trips Groups Late Work Due TODAY!! Reading University Due TODAY!!
Mon., Feb. 12 – Fri., Feb. 16	Staff Appreciation Week
Monday, February 12	Home Room Late Work Due TODAY!!
Wednesday, February 14	Early Release Day - For ALL Elementary students. AM Kindergarten attends – No PM Kindergarten this day 12:15- Purple/Pink/Blue/Orange 12:30 – Green/Yellow 12:45 – Tan/Grey
Friday, February 16	Sibling Enrollment due – See Item below 1 st – 3 rd grade Field Trips End of Term 3
Mon., Feb. 19 – Fri., Feb. 23	NO SCHOOL Mid-Winter Break

For further information about activities and events, please visit our website
<http://draper2.americanprep.org/>

Builder Theme for January “I am a Builder When I Work Diligently”

At our assembly this week, we talked with our students about the satisfaction that comes with working diligently. An example of hard work paying off is found in the (fictional) story of Princess Tiana. For all of her life, Tiana loved to cook with her daddy. They dreamed of opening a restaurant together! When he died in the war for America, she decided to keep his dream alive and worked very hard to save her money DILIGENTLY, every single day, so that she could buy a building and open up her own restaurant in his memory: Tiana’s Place!

Tiana had obstacles to overcome in her story, but in the end, her hard work paid off and she had the satisfaction of seeing something she had only dreamed of become a reality.

We too can apply this principle of working hard in our lives. The only way to become a truly great soccer player, for example, is to work diligently on the drills your coach gives you. The best way to earn an A is to do all of your homework, listen in class, and study as needed. The surest way to become an excellent cook is to continue to practice making a recipe until it is perfect. Hard work is how we become smarter and better in all aspects of our lives. So, keep up the diligent work and make your dreams come true the way Tiana did!

Field Trip Donations

This year we would like for our students to ride busses for their field trips. Our elementary students, grades 1st through 6th, take 2 field trips per year. They are coming up very quickly!!

Lower field trips – Friday, February 16th and Friday, May 18th.

Upper field trips - Friday, February 9th and Friday, May 11th.

Kindergarten will go to the zoo for their end of year field trip. This trip has not yet been scheduled, we will let you know as soon as it is.

In order to be able to provide busses, we will need your kind donation of \$11.00 per field trip or, \$22.00 per year. This service will provide a safety factor that we have not been able to provide in the past.

Friends of APA (American Preparatory Education Foundation), is graciously heading up this campaign.

Go to the link below to make your online donation –

<https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/programs>

If you would prefer to send in a check, make it out to APEF.

Also, if you are able to donate a little bit more, for our families who may not be able to afford this extra cost in their budget, please feel free to do so.

Flu Season Reminder

Just a reminder about expectations regarding sick students. If your student has a fever or is vomiting, they are not to attend school. The CDC recommends that children be free of fever for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Flu season is especially bad this year. Keeping sick children home from school helps slow the spread of disease. Hand hygiene is the number one way of preventing the transmission of disease. Please do your part to keep all our students healthy. Thank you.

Substitute Training

Want to learn more about American Prep, our curriculum and methods? Want to be involved at the school and get paid at the same time? Come be a substitute for us! We will be starting a substitute training on Wednesday, January 31st from 8:20 am – 10:00 a.m. Substitute training will be 3 consecutive days. If you are interested in coming to our substitute training, please email Lindsay Campbell at lindsay.campbell@apamail.org.

Volunteer Opportunity!!

We love and need our APA volunteers! If you have not been in to help this year (or you have and want to be more involved) please come into the school and volunteer! There are jobs in your students' classrooms, in the office, and all throughout the school that we need our volunteers to help us with!

There are lots of ways to help:

1. Stop by the school and we will put you to work!
2. Email your students teacher and find out how you can help.
3. Email the elementary director, lindsay.campbell@apamail.org, to head up a specific task.

There are opportunities for EVERYONE to volunteer! See you at school!

Sibling Enrollment

It is time to begin enrolling our siblings for the upcoming 2018/2019 school year. If your student(s) have a **sibling** that will turn 5 before September 1st, or if you would like an older sibling to come to APA, please go to the link below and register your sibling. ***This application is for SIBLINGS ONLY of students currently attending one of our American Prep schools. Not, cousins, neighbors etc.***

<https://goo.gl/forms/GtxugbipIHkvHCEf2>

The deadline for this application is Friday, February 16th.

Request a Transfer or Withdraw your student for 2018-2019

If you would like to transfer your student to a different APA campus or withdraw your student(s) at the end of this school year, please use the link below -

<https://goo.gl/forms/fH3HhbAHgNdXDJEX2>

Elementary Lego Club begins on Tuesday, January 30th

The Lego Club's prediction for 2018...lots of GREAT building!!! We hope your student can join in!!! Here are the details you need to know:

NEW END TIME: 4:15 PM (starts at 3:35 dismissal...we found students were very restless from 4:15-4:30 so shortened it a bit for this term)

Dates: The dates for Spring 2018 are: 1/30, 2/13 & 27, 3/13 & 27, 4/10 & 24 and 5/8 & 22.

Cost: If you paid for your students last term, we ask for you to contribute one Lego minifigure for participation this term (new or used). If you have not paid yet, the cost for families is \$15 for your first student and \$10 for all others. Checks are preferred and should be made out to "Friends of APA"

Permission slip: All students must have a signed permission slip on record (this is good for the whole school year). One is attached to this email.

Pick up reminder: Regardless of carpool pickup location, pickup for Lego club is on the east side of the building for all students. Also, all our Lego club help is volunteer. Please respect their time by being at school promptly at 4:15 for pickup.

Volunteer opportunities/Parent Hours: We have close to 150 students at Lego club each time and so adult help is vital. Let Mr Phinney (kphinney@apamail.org) know if you would like to volunteer. He will add you to the volunteer email list and send you a link to the volunteer spreadsheet to sign up for a slot.

FSO Happenings

Staff Appreciation Week

We are proud to announce the theme for our 2018 Staff Appreciation Week. It is "Once Upon a Time....." and coincides with Valentine week so there will be much love and many hearts to go with the fairy tales. We've been grateful for the outpouring of so many volunteers to help so far this year. The following sign up links are just the first to open up specific items/tasks to help our WONDERFUL staff know how much we appreciate them. We'd love each and every family to find a way to make this a special week for our "storybook" staff!

Door Decorating Sign Up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054faeaf2ea3f58-staff1>

Mailbox Treat Sign Up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45abac23a1ff2-staff2>

Daily Snacks for Break Room Sign Up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45abac23a1ff2-staff3>

Got Hours??

Check out the FSO Bulletin Board just outside the Multi-Purpose Room. We love recognizing our amazing parent volunteers! Submit your hours to volunteerdrapeer2@apamail.org. We would love to see your name there too!

YEARBOOK 2017/2018!!

We are pleased to announce that we will have a 2017/2018 yearbook!! Our wonderful Yearbook committee, Marion Minson, Jori Thomas and Mandy Brown are diligently working toward making a beautiful book to hold all of this year's memories for our students.

Our yearbook is planned to include all color pages and a sturdy soft cover. If you would like to order a hard cover, there will be a minimal additional cost.

Standard Yearbook Pricing – Before 2/16/18

Soft Cover - \$12.00

Hard Cover - \$16.00

Yearbook Pricing – After 2/16/18 & before 4/16/18 (Last date orders will be accepted.)

Soft Cover - \$15.00

Hard Cover - \$20.00

Order online at YBPay.lifetouch.com with the Yearbook ID code: 13453318

Pictures For The Yearbook

Do you have pictures you would like to have considered for our Yearbook? If so, please send them to the following email address and our Yearbook committee will look at them to possibly add to our Yearbook. d2yearbook@apamail.org

Our Families Conquered the Friends of APA Holiday Giving Campaign

In a short two-week time period in December, you helped us raise \$9,617.57 for our staff appreciation fund! Every one of our 700+ staff members received a bonus. Simply put, if it weren't for our faithful APA families, we wouldn't advance our commitment to pay our teachers and staff at a level equal to the value that they provide to our students.

How can you reward our super star staff for all they do for your children year-round? Please consider making a monthly donation as a member of the [Builders Club](#). 100% of these funds are used to build our staff appreciation fund and bolster our ability to acquire matching donations from corporate and community organizations. Thank you!

With heartfelt thanks, we express our gratitude to the many staff and volunteers who helped with this campaign - Candy Friedli, Constance Falatea, Michelle Goudge, Michelle McMahan, Emily Peery, and our parent volunteers in the office. You are all worth your weight in chocolate because we couldn't have done it without you!

Carpool Corner

Please, please do not turn left into our driveway during peak carpool times of 7:30-8:15 am and 3:00-4:00/2:00-3:00 pm. Turning left creates a dangerous situation and could result in a ticket if you try and butt your way into traffic coming from the north. A "failure to yield ticket" incurs a \$120 fine and could result in a collision. The best place to turn around is on River Chapel Road north of our neighborhood. Thank you for your cooperation.

Books

Unfortunately, sometimes our students' textbooks and library books get lost or damaged. We are diligent in collecting lost/damaged book fees so we can purchase those replacements for our students to use. We are not able to accept replacement books provided by parents but have different options to

help with the reduction of and payment of fees. Please contact Pam Gibbons at pgibbons@apamail.org for help or questions.

From Your Character Development Team

We were so excited to have Princess Tiana come visit the upper grade assembly on Wednesday. She talked about working diligently to make her dreams of running her own restaurant in New Orleans come true! She encouraged the students to also work hard at school and at home to make great things happen. Tiana will be back at the end of the month to reward some of the hard working students here at APA.

DATE CHANGE... Reminder, our Galaxy Quest Event will now be held on March 9th (5th grade) and March 16th (6th grade)

The Valentine Napkin Drive Challenge...

Our campus is hosting a TWO WEEK ONLY special event challenge... we want to create the biggest napkin pyramid the school has ever seen! Please send in a package of white napkins with your student (if you'd like to donate) and we will see which class has the most "heart" in our Valentine Napkin Pyramid CHALLENGE! * **Please note... the drive will run from February 1st to 14th!*** Our napkin pyramid will be on display in the school lobby those two weeks. THANK YOU for your support.

Love & Logic

"Are You Preparing Kids for a World that Doesn't Exist?"

Is it really okay to hold kids accountable for their misbehavior... or is this an archaic concept that no longer applies to raising kids? We at Love and Logic have always taught the same thing: Hope and pray for affordable mistakes, provide a strong and sincere dose of loving empathy, and let logical or natural consequences do the teaching.

We provide unconditional love, dignity, and opportunities to make small mistakes. That's the "love" in Love and Logic. The "logic" develops inside the child's heart and mind when they discover that quality of one's choices largely determines the quality of one's life.

To read the whole tip, please go to <https://www.loveandlogic.com/>

SPORTS

Learn to play acoustic guitar!

Kayla Waghorn will be teaching private guitar lessons at APA D3, room 126. Please see the attached flyer, or follow this link for more information: <https://kaylawaghorn.weebly.com/>. Contact Kayla to set up lessons today!

Individual Basketball Skills training

Grind Athletics is accepting new students! Train right here at Draper APA to take your game to the next level. Contact Tyler at tyler@grindathletics.com for more information.

Spring Sports are just about here!

Keep an eye out to sign up for all of the following activities and more -

High school- Girls Golf, Boys Soccer, Track and Field and Boys Tennis.

Middle School and elementary- Girls Soccer, Track and Field and Golf.

We will also be doing an 8th - 12th grade Girls Soccer league this Spring to get us ready for next year's High School season.