

## **Draper 2 - School Calendar**

**September 22, 2017**

Monday, October 3	Picture Re-take day
Friday, October 6	Reading University (RU) Deadline
Monday, October 9	Late Homeroom work due
Wednesday, October 11	Grading Day – Early release day <b>FOR ALL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS!!</b> <b>AM Kindergarten attends – No PM Kindergarten this day</b> 12:15 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> dismissal    12:30 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> dismissal    12:45 – 4 <sup>th</sup> dismissal
Friday, October 15	Last day of 1 <sup>st</sup> term
Mon., Oct. 16 – Fri., Oct. 20	<b>No School – Fall Break</b>
<b>Monday, October 23</b>	Back to school 8:15 am sharp

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

## **Builder Theme for September – “I am a Builder when I Build with Enthusiasm”**

en·thu·si·asm : intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval.

It is very easy to show outward enthusiasm with others but not easy to bring that enthusiasm to ourselves. An important SECRET TO SUCCESS is learning to be enthusiastic with ourselves!

Find out what makes you feel enthusiastic, and then create that for yourself. Tell yourself how awesome you are doing! When you finish a math problem, use enthusiastic self-talk, like “one more problem finished, only 7 more to go!” When it’s time to do homework, say something like, “I am excited to get my homework done tonight! It will feel so good tomorrow to be perfectly prepared for school!” And, parents, this works for us as well!

We can all show enthusiastic support in developing **OUR** school!! Our Draper 2 campus is truly **OUR** school, **OUR** community!! Thank you to all of our parents who with enthusiasm, jump in and help make **OUR** school a better place to be. We really appreciate all of you **AND** your enthusiasm.

## **Open Enrollment**

Have you ever been part of a conversation with your friends or family at the soccer field, in the park, anywhere outside of APA, when you have noticed that they are not thrilled with the education their children are receiving? Encourage them to give us a call - 801-810-3590!! We will arrange for them to come to our campus and take a tour. You of course are very welcome to come along with them and show them what YOU think we can offer their students. Both of our Draper campuses have openings in ALL grades!! Spread the word, we would love to show off what we do and how we do it with your friends and family.

If you would rather, you may have them go to our website, find the enrollment tab and apply or, email our Enrollment Director, Lindsey Rees [lrees@apamail.org](mailto:lrees@apamail.org). All of our openings will be filled on a first come first served basis.

***We would love to share with your family and friends, the joyful learning experience your students are receiving.***

## **Professional Qualifications**

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State

qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

### **District Parent Involvement Policy**

At the conclusion of each school year, end-of-year assessment data is reported and organized into a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA). The CNA includes demographic, attendance, and assessment data. Also included in the CNA are the results of the annual Parent Survey. This Survey evaluates, among other things, the satisfaction of parents with the quality of the academic program and their opportunities to participate in the schools. American Preparatory administrators annually invite select staff and parents from each school to participate in a District/School Planning Meeting. This Committee reviews the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and analyzes areas for potential improvement. District/School Plans are developed with goals, action steps, and budget relationships. District and School Parent Involvement Policies are evaluated for effectiveness. School, Parent, and Student Compacts are also examined by this Committee for recommended changes.

### **School Parent Involvement Policies**

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are accessible on the APA website under the campus drop-down tabs. West Valley Parent-Student Handbooks will be available in Spanish. (The Parent Student Handbook is in your Communication envelope today.)

### **APEF is Friends of APA**

Have you heard of American Prep's Education Foundation or APEF? Beginning this year, we will be known as ***Friends of APA!*** Friends of APA's mission is to enhance the APA experience for our students and families by providing energy, expertise, and financial support to each school. We are excited about this new school year, and we are dedicated to the success of each student on every campus.

#### **What does Friends of APA do?**

- **Friends of APA supports ALL fundraising for extra-curricular programs and capital improvements at each campus like dance team, Lego club, Madrigals, Fall Festival, sports, and more!**
- **Friends of APA awards scholarships for APA students.**
- **Friends of APA sponsors a hardship fund to help staff, students, and families experiencing financial crises.**
- **Friends of APA promotes the *Builders Club initiative*.** Research shows that the most significant positive effect on student achievement is his or her teacher. It is the purpose of the Builders Club to help ***attract and retain the best teachers and staff*** by supplying a solid source of compensation for staff bonuses. The Builders Club is a subscription based donation program wherein these funds build and bolster our ability to acquire matching assistance from corporate and community organizations. ***All American Prep families are encouraged to join the Builders Club by making a monthly donation of any amount.*** 100% of these dollars are used for teacher and staff compensation. Last year, Friends of APA contributed 10% of the total APA bonus program. It is our goal this year to increase that percentage to 20% as well as obtain

matching contributions from the community. ***Please go to <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/apa-builders-club> to join today!***

### **Parents Needed!!**

We would love to have one parent each morning come in and call the families of our absent students. This is a very easy and fun way to get in your volunteer hours. You meet in the office about 8:45 am and the secretaries will give you the attendance packets. You then contact the families we have not heard from that have absent students.

If you are interested in joining our fun and friendly office staff for one or more mornings per week please email Cindy DeVore at [cdevore@apamail.org](mailto:cdevore@apamail.org).

### **School-Parent Communication-from the Parent Student Handbook pg. 43**

“A weekly newsletter from the Administrative Director will be emailed to American Prep families and also will be sent home with one student in each American Prep family in the weekly communication envelope. This envelope will go home with students on Thursdays or Fridays. The newsletter will contain notification of important dates and events, as well as pertinent school news and information.”

This will be the first week that you are receiving your Communication envelopes, it will be coming to the ***youngest or only child in your family***. Please make sure to sign on the front that you received it, home and send it back with your student Monday morning. If for some reason you lose your envelope, it can be replaced for \$2.00 to be paid to the office.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to look through everything in your Communication envelope. Lots of time goes into sending you only the items that our general population may be interested in.

### **Group Assignments**

Until about October 1st, all of our groups (reading, math, and spelling) are considered “Maybe Groups.” They are very fluid with students moving as needed. We want to make sure all of our students have plenty of time to wake up their brains after the long summer break. Remember that at the beginning of the year there is a lot of review in all subjects to help them to be successful. If you have any questions about your student’s placement, please email our Elementary Directors, Mrs. Durling [bdurling@apamail.org](mailto:bdurling@apamail.org) for Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Mrs. Chappell, at [jchappell@apamail.org](mailto:jchappell@apamail.org) and Mrs. Lloyd [dlloyd@apamail.org](mailto:dlloyd@apamail.org) for 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

### **Reading University Readers Needed**

Do you love to read? Are you interested in what’s out there in children’s literature? Are you interested in helping the Reading University program? We need readers to preview possible additions to the RU list. Please contact [apareadinguniversity@gmail.com](mailto:apareadinguniversity@gmail.com) for more information in signing up for this committee.

### **Air Quality**

There have been some questions regarding air quality and recess time. The policy at APA follows the Utah Asthma Program as well as the EPA’s recommendations. Air quality levels are listed as Green, Yellow, Orange, Red and Purple. We use the Utah Department of Environmental Air Quality website to track air quality. <http://air.utah.gov/currentconditions.php?id=slc>

When air quality levels are in the Green or Yellow range we allow all children outside for recess and PE. When air quality levels are in the Orange range we keep those kids who have asthma or a request

from a parent, on the blue Health Alert form, inside. When air quality levels are in the Red or Purple range everyone is kept inside. If your child has a cold or other respiratory infection, please email their teacher and we will keep them inside on Orange days. We follow CURRENT conditions, not forecasts. Often a forecast of Orange or Red will be on the news. If at recess time the air quality is still in the Green or Yellow range, we allow the kids outside. You may contact our District Nurse, Heather Mason, if you have any questions regarding this policy. [hmason@apamail.org](mailto:hmason@apamail.org)

### **Ambassador Program**

We are happy to introduce the Ambassador Program for APA's Elementary school! At APA, we teach various Ambassador skills including how to meet and greet others using a proper hand shake with eye contact. We also teach the students how to be a P.R.O. at lunch time! **P**ositive – **R**espectful – **O**bservant and what to do with their paper napkin! During lunch time we work on manners so students learn to be respectful. We want them to transfer the skills to their homes. It might take some time, but practice makes perfect, right? It's going to be a great, fun year for these kids!

If you would like to donate napkins for our students to use at lunchtime, please feel free to send them in with your student(s). We appreciate the time and effort it will take you to pick these up. Your kind donation will aid in teaching your student(s) how to use their best manners at lunchtime.

### **Alma News**

We launched our grade book, Alma, for the 2017/18 school year. Thank you for your patience as we put together and finalized adding all of the classes and students into Alma. There are a few things that will happen:

If you have any questions, or problems, please follow the APA communication policy and make sure you email your student's homeroom teacher.

Things to email about would be:

- \* I cannot log into Alma
- \* My student(s) is not listed
- \* I do not see all of my student(s) classes listed

### **Carpool Corner**

THANK YOU PARENTS! Your patience and cooperation makes carpool run smoothly. We are also finishing printing the carpool hangars and they should have been delivered to your student. If for some reason you did not get them, please first check with your student and maybe even check in their backpack. This is a good time of the year to check and make sure that the backpack stays organized! If you still cannot find or need a new carpool hangar printed, please fill out the following Google Form. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RNS333ktvm7uQ7KxtNZ-JATTN-DRGb9hNvGuBwK\\_4Co/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RNS333ktvm7uQ7KxtNZ-JATTN-DRGb9hNvGuBwK_4Co/edit)

A couple of reminders: Please do not try and cut the corner when coming in to drop off by going all the way through the carpool. Form one line in the morning and split in two for the afternoon. Thanks again for showing your carpool numbers in your windshield.

## **FSO Happenings**

### **AST Meeting 9.28.17**

If you have been asked to be an AST this year then you won't want to miss a helpful training and information meeting on **Thursday, Sept 28th at 8:15 am in the gym**. Learn the ins and outs and how best to help! There will be a light breakfast provided. See you there!

### **THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!**

We would like to send a special SHOUT OUT to our generous Fall Festival Sponsors! Thank you to Kristy DeVries and FRITO LAY for donating hundreds of bags of chips and REAMS of Sandy for their generous food donations.

### **OWN OR WORK FOR A LOCAL BUSINESS???**

We are always looking to support our APA families. Please contact Jen Hardy ([jsloris.phredd@gmail.com](mailto:jsloris.phredd@gmail.com)) if you would like to donate, sponsor, or cosponsor an event in the future.

### **Got Hours??**

Many of you have already starting accumulating volunteer hours...this is great! Please send a quick email to [volunteerdraper2@apamail.org](mailto:volunteerdraper2@apamail.org) with your hours each time you volunteer!

## **After School Clubs**

### **MONDAY - Chess Club-Parent Volunteers Needed**

We still need chess club volunteers, but are ready to get started with Chess Club on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. McVicar [kmcvicar@apamail.org](mailto:kmcvicar@apamail.org) will be getting the club started and could always use some volunteers. Please contact him directly and look for permission slips in next week's newsletter.

### **TUESDAY- Lego Club - NEW TIME - 3:35-4:30 pm**

**Who:** Elementary students (K to 6)

**When:** ***EVERY OTHER*** Tuesday **from 3:35 to 4:30 PM** (All students will be released from their class at 3:35 PM regardless of carpool release time). Here is a complete list of club meetings for the remainder of the Fall:

9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/28 and 12/12

***Pick-up - At 4:30 pm, all of the students will be taken to the east curb. If you need to pick your student up earlier then the 4:30 pm time please come in and sign them out. PLEASE PICK UP ON TIME!!!***

**Where:** Currently outside of Mr. Phinney's classroom (we will move back to the multipurpose room when secondary moves into the new building)

**How:** The cost for the whole term is \$15/student (additional children from a family are \$10). Please pay with a check to Mr Phinney (room 106) made out to "Friends of APA" and attach it to the permission slip (Attached to the digital copy of the newsletter.)

**PARENTS:** If you would like to fulfill some of your parent hours by helping with the club (e.g., set up, adult presence, taking photos of student creations and clean up), please email Mr. Phinney at [kphinney@apamail.org](mailto:kphinney@apamail.org) and he will let you know how you can serve.

**Why the time change?** We had students joining at 3:20, 3:35 and 3:50. By 4:15, the earliest students had lost interest and wanted to leave. This created some issues in managing the club. By all starting and ending at the same time, we hope to keep energy up for ALL students for the whole club.

**WEDNESDAY** – Art Club – 2:30-4:00 pm

**THURSDAY** – Robotics – 2:35 – 3:35 pm.

## **SPORTS**

### **Athletics and Activities**

#### **American Preparatory Academy Wrestling!**

Coach Hammer is ready to start up the wrestling practices. This is for grades K-8th, so please check out the flyer, that is attached to the electronic version of this email, for more information.

#### **Basketball Open Gym**

We will be holding open gyms for 6th - 12th grades on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings starting Monday 9/25 from 6:00 am to 7:20 am. If you want to attend or have any questions please email Coach Dan at [slr.coachdan@gmail.com](mailto:slr.coachdan@gmail.com). There is no charge for open gyms!

We will start **after school open gyms** on Monday 10/23, so be sure to check the school calendar as well as the athletics calendar (<https://www.draperathleticsapa.org/>) for all the updates.

#### **Middle School Basketball (grades 5th - 8th)**

We will hold tryouts for the middle school teams on October 12th and 13th! The Middle School Girls tryouts will be Thursday (10/12) from 3 to 4:30 pm in the Draper 2 gym. We will hold Middle School Boys tryouts on Friday (10/13) from 3:30 to 5pm. **Parents, if your student wants to tryout please email Bryan Durst [bdurst@apamail.org](mailto:bdurst@apamail.org) with their name, grade and your best email and phone contacts.**