

Draper 2 - School Calendar

September 29, 2017

Tuesday , 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 FOR ALL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS!! AM Kindergarten attends – No PM Kindergarten this day 12:15 – 2 nd dismissal 12:30 - 3 rd dismissal 12:45 – 4 th dismissal
Friday, October 13	Last day of 1 st term
Mon., Oct. 16 – Fri., Oct. 20	No School – Fall Break
Monday, October 23	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”

Enthusiasm is a gift we give each other – we can give enthusiasm in verbal and non-verbal ways!

Smiling at others, giving a high 5, or giving a thumbs up are ways we can show enthusiasm without saying anything.

Giving cheers and praise are ways we can verbally spread enthusiasm.

Positive specific praise is another powerful tool to spread enthusiasm – we notice something great, we name it specifically, and give an accolade. Here’s an example:

Say their friend’s name: Jonathan

Name the awesome thing they did specifically: Thanks for bringing in the playground balls, even though you weren’t playing with them!

Accolade: You are so responsible – I’m glad you are in my class!

Families can use positive specific praise at home to spread enthusiasm as well.

Enthusiasm propels one on to greater effort. Enthusiasm makes work enjoyable and provides encouragement for others to put forth increased effort. Enthusiasm is one of our building foundations at American Prep. (PSHB p.8)

Pictures

Picture re-takes are coming this upcoming Tuesday, October 3rd. Picture packages should come today with your students, please take a moment to look at them to decide if your student(s) need their picture re-taken. On Tuesday morning, we will go room to room and pull out the students who need re-takes.

For the class composites: All packages that were previously ordered will automatically include a class composite. Anyone that has already purchased a package does not need to order one separately. If you are wanting to order just a class composite, you can do that on picture retake day or online. To order online, go to www.bellphotostore.com, then enter apadraper2017 in for the school code. It will open the online ordering for them where a class composite is available for purchase. Please refer to the attached flyer if you have any further questions.

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. 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.

FSO Happenings

AST Meeting

Thank you to all of our amazing new AST (room mothers) who attended the Training Meeting yesterday!! Please reach out to your classroom AST to find out about volunteer opportunities in the classroom!

Got Hours??

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

BOX TOPS!

We are getting ready for our semi annual Box Top Drive...start collecting now! We will have some fun competitions between grades! Watch the newsletter for details!

Character Development in the Elementary Grades

The past two weeks Ms. Jackson and Mrs. Brown have been enjoying visiting classrooms in grades 1 through 6 to talk about the FIVE steps to a "PRO" lunch at APA. Students have been learning to be "PRO"... **P**ositive, **R**espectful, and **O**bservant! Students have impressed with their enthusiasm and BUILDER attitudes. We certainly have some amazing students here at APA. We will finish visiting all classrooms this week. Ask your students about what they've learned about lunchtime here at APA.

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 for Kindergarten through 3rd grade, Mrs. Chappell, at jchappell@apamail.org and Mrs. Lloyd dlloyd@apamail.org for 4th through 6th grade students.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!

Come and be our partner in making our school better!! Below are a couple of opportunities for our amazing parents.

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

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 for more information in signing up for this committee.

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.

Carpool Corner

Please display the new carpool cards with the loading zones printed on them. These new cards are much easier for our staff to recognize and distinguish between the various dismissal times. If you need a new carpool card, please submit your information with the following link.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RNS333ktvm7uQ7KxtNZ-JATTN-DRGb9hNvGuBwK_4Co/

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!***

After School Clubs

MONDAY – Chess Club-Parent Volunteers Needed

After much delay and many weeks, Mr. McVicar is willing to take on the next two Mondays, October 2nd and 9th from 3:35-4:30:35. We will have the first meeting in room 153. Any Parents still interested in helping can attend any meeting. The chess club will initially be for students that already know the basic moves. We will be adding another basic course after the Fall Break.

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 than 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 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. 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 with their name, grade and your best email and phone contacts.**

Draper APA Boys Golf Team ends up 7th at State Tournament!!

While only in our first year as a UHSAA member and with a very young team, Draper APA HS Boys place 7th in State. **Congratulations to our team and we look forward to a bright future!**

Team- Josh Christensen, Gabe Maxfield, Seamus McVicar, Jamison Proctor, Nathan Stone, Skylar Strubin, Nicholas Wanner. Coaches- Darci Olsen, Darius Beard and Kevin McVicar.