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School Calendar

January 15, 2016

Monday, January 5 th -Friday, January 22 nd	Secondary Winterim
Tuesday, January 5 th -Friday, January 22 nd	DIBELS Testing
Monday, January 18 th	<i>NO School</i>
Tuesday, January 19 th	K-3 rd Grade Show What You Know Assembly 8:00
Wednesday, January 20 th	4 th -6 th Grade Show What You Know Assembly 8:00
Thursday, January 21 st	D2 Musical – “Once On This Island” 7:00 PM
Friday, January 22 nd	D2 Musical – “Once On This Island” 7:00 PM
Saturday, January 23 rd	D2 Musical – “Once On This Island” 7:00 PM
Monday January 25 th	<i>ALL students early dismissal 12:00/12:25</i> <i>Only PM Kindergarten Attends</i>
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Wednesday, January 27 th	Classic Skate Night 2:30 pm-8:00pm
Thursday, January 28 th	9 th Grade Capitol Trip
Thursday, January 28 th	School Science Fair 5:30 pm
Thursday, January 28 th	Winterim Drama Performance 7:00 pm "Drop Dead, Juliet!"
Friday, January 29 th	9 th Grade Winter Dance 6:30-8:30

You will find all events, updates, and extracurricular activity schedules on our campus calendar at <http://www.drapet2.americanprep.org>.

January Builder Theme: I am a builder when I am Willing to Try

This week we have been talking a lot about being willing to try. Please share this inspiring story about a woman who was *willing to try again and again*.

Elizabeth Blackwell was born in England in 1821, the third of nine children. In 1832, the Blackwell family moved to America. Soon after the move, Elizabeth's father died, leaving the family penniless. Elizabeth, her mother, and two older sisters all worked as teachers to earn money for the family. Elizabeth realized that there were not many career opportunities for women at that time. Nevertheless, she was determined and *willing to try*. While teaching, she boarded with the families of two physicians where she was mentored and able to read medical books, so she decided to become a credentialed doctor, even though there had never been female students in medical schools.

Many people were skeptical about whether she would be able to get into medical school. Every school in Philadelphia, New York, and New England refused her application – until Geneva College, a small school in rural New York, sent a letter of acceptance.

The acceptance letter was actually a practical joke, and people were surprised when Blackwell showed up to school. She was not welcome. Professors forced her to sit separately at lectures, and she was often excluded from labs. Blackwell, however, *kept trying* and eventually earned the respect of many professors and fellow students. In 1849, she graduated first in her class and became the first woman in the world to receive a medical degree. After receiving her degree, Blackwell continued her training at several hospitals in London and Paris. Again, most doctors wouldn't accept her; they often ignored her or treated her with hostility. Dr. Blackwell often spent her time with nurses. Through her work with



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nurses, she emphasized preventative care and personal hygiene. Most male physicians didn't. In fact, they caused epidemics by failing to wash their hands between patients.

In 1851, Dr. Blackwell returned New York City. She was not allowed to practice in any of the hospitals or clinics and even had a hard time renting rooms. *Yet she kept on trying.* By 1857, she was able to open the New York Infirmary for Women and Children with her sister, Dr. Emily Blackwell. Their good reputations gained the support of many prominent citizens and physicians who joined the board of trustees.

In 1868, Elizabeth Blackwell finally fulfilled her dream of opening her own medical school in New York City. Because she was the object of worldwide attention, she emphasized strict entrance exams, a sound curriculum, and graduate exams. The education her students received was better than that of most of the medical colleges for men. Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell died in Hastings, England, in 1910. She served as a pioneer for women in the medical profession.

This time of the school year, students often feel discouraged and disheartened in their schoolwork. Please encourage them to remember Elizabeth Blackwell and many others who have not given up even when things seem impossible. Being *willing to try*, even when it is hard, is really what has made many great people successful. In fact, it is the very thing that sets them apart from others. We are committed to helping your students to be *willing to try* – even when things are difficult!

Once on This Island – A "don't miss" event

The APA Draper 2 Drama & Music Departments proudly present the energy-packed, critically acclaimed Broadway hit. Our student actors and production teams have been working hard to put on another spectacular performance. The music, dancing, and just plain fun explode on stage as we tell an important but delightful story. Think “Little Mermaid” meets “Romeo & Juliet”, in powerful, yet toe-tapping ways that promise to keep you laughing and smiling, even crying. We hope it brings you back for multiple delightful evenings of indulgent fun.

Show Dates & Times

Thursday, January 21 7:00 PM

Friday, January 22 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 23 7:00 PM

Monday, January 25 7:00 PM

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. Groups of 5 or more are discounted to \$6 per ticket. Please click here to order- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17_CldxiAS85QB6DI-ylPza1cYcQdOOBwFCRoWJxn0oE/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link

Please print the confirmation page, write your name and requested # of tickets on it, attach your payment, and bring to the front office by Tuesday, January 19. Please make checks payable to APEF. Payments received without the form cannot be matched to the correct request. Once your payment has been received, your tickets will be confirmed and prepared. You will receive an email confirmation that your tickets are reserved. Requests will be granted in the order received. All ticket holders must be in their seats 15 minutes prior to show time. Doors will open at 6PM.

Tickets may be picked up at will-call on the night of the show, or between 3:20 pm - 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 19 or Wednesday, January 20. In-person tickets may be purchased at APA on Tuesday, January 19 and



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Wednesday, January 20 from 3:20 pm - 5:00 pm. Any ticket requests that have not been paid for by Tuesday, January 19 will be released and sold. Some tickets may be purchased night of show. To expedite sales on show evenings, no section requests may be made.

Spread the word. Bring your family and friends! Our kids are working SO hard, and they look and sound fantastic!! See you there ... you won't want to miss it! It's going to be a fabulous show!

Study for our Spectacular Spelling Bee

APA will once again be participating in the Scripps Spelling Bee. This will be for 1st through 8th grade students. Classroom bees will take place during the week of January 25th. The winners of the classroom bees will go on to compete in one of two school-wide bees. The school bee for 1st-3rd graders will be held on Wednesday, February 3rd at 12:30 pm. And the school bee for 4th-8th grade will be held on Friday, February 5th at 1:30 pm. Thank you to Liz Papenfuss who has volunteered to help with the Spelling Bee. We couldn't pull this off without her! If you are interested in helping with our Spelling Bee, the first is WEDNESDAY, February 3rd, from 12:00-2:10pm and the second is Friday, February 5, from 1:00-3:10pm. Click the link below to sign up to help. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0F49AEA62EA1FC1-spelling

Congratulations to our Reading University Award Winners for December!

Kindergarten	Mrs. Wanner - Spencer Headlee
Mrs. Linford AM - Prakash Mahanthi	Mrs. Provstgaard - Ella Fox
Mrs. Linford PM - Chloe Briggs	
Ms. Bodily AM - Marko Jovanovic	4th Grade
Ms. Bodily AM - Zidane Jenson	Ms. McNew - Elsa Lambson
	Mrs. Mulcahy - Wesley Reeves
1st Grade	Mrs. Hyer - Ender Cerny
Mrs. Dayberry - Kate Porter	
Ms. Ruff - Luka Jovanovic	5th Grade
Mrs. Henry - Jenessi Wilkins	Mrs. Bos - Shreejha Sureshkumar
	Mrs. Thompson - Paul Gerritson
2nd Grade	Mrs. Bodily - Devika Rajeev
Mrs. Cohen - Jackson Holbrook	
Mrs. Foster - Tate Hurst	6th Grade
Mrs. Glad - Lily Mae Petrovay	Mrs. Mulcahy - Kevin Van Noy
	Ms. Beal - Taj Singleton
3rd Grade	Mrs. Mercier - Logan Butler
Mrs. Rodriguez - Ava Baumann	

APA Student is Art Contest Finalist!

Congratulations to Jasmine Sandivar for being one of six finalists out of more than 200 entries for the 2015 Draper City Police Holiday Card Art Contest! Jasmine's art, entitled "Cop Drop" is posted on the Chief of Police's office door. Fantastic work Jasmine!

New APA Builder T-Shirts have arrived!

T-Shirts that were ordered before the break have been distributed and can now be worn on casual Fridays! We have since received more order inquiries that we have decided to do another big order. Please either download the order form attached to the electronic newsletter or pick up an order form at the front office. Orders are due to the front office by THURSDAY, JANUARY 28th.



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Over 16 THOUSAND socks!

Great News! We just wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone for our most successful sock drive ever! Between all five campuses we collected **16,405 pair of socks!** That's a lot of warm toes this winter! Our student councils were able to deliver the socks to the shelters and it was so inspiring to share the generosity of our APA family with families in need.

We put together a fabulous video about this event to share with all our students. You can view this video on our Ambassador Facebook page or the Ambassador Website at <http://apaambassadors.org/ambassador-videos1.html>. Thank you again for participating in this great APA tradition!

Order Yearbooks Now

There is an early bird pricing for yearbooks until February 12th, 2016. The APA Elementary Yearbook cost \$20 for a soft cover book and \$28 for a hardcover book. The APA Jr. High/High School Yearbook hardcover price is \$32.

Please click on the links below to order an elementary yearbook:

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/21192>

To order a jr. high/high school yearbook, click below:

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/14590>

Students are preparing for a Superb Science Fair

This wonderful experience is required for all 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students. 5th grade students may submit projects if they choose.

Science Fair did you know!

- Participation builds confidence, challenges potential, and promotes independent achievement.
- Science fair projects can pay off in cash and open doors of opportunity. Senior division grand prize winners have the opportunity to compete for additional awards and scholarships at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.
- Graduating high school students with records of awards for original research or engineering at the regional fair and beyond have a distinct advantage over other college applicants in being considered and accepted by the schools of their choice. This is because science fair honors rank high among the screening factors used by admissions officers at most top universities.
- Students who participate in regional fairs have their projects evaluated by top local scientists from research and industry. Participants whose projects are judged to be worthy of international competition will be judged by the top scientists of the world. Imagine discussing your project with a Nobel Prize winner.

<http://slvsef.org/resource-center/why-compete>

APA will award the overall winners cash prizes in addition to divisional awards - \$100 for first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third! The deadline for Junior High projects is January 26th. Our school Science Fair will take place Thursday January 28th at 5:30 pm. Several students will be chosen to advance to the Salt Lake Charter Science and Engineering Fair in February. If they advance from there, they participate at the state level in March.

The Salt Lake Valley Science & Engineering Fair will be held in March. Category Awards are given in each of the competition categories in the elementary, junior, and senior divisions. A cash award, certificate, and



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trophy will be given to each winning project. The awards will be presented to the first, second, and third-place winners in the elementary, junior and senior divisions.

In addition, special awards and scholarships from over 30 business and organizations will be awarded to students of all grades. *These are worth thousands of dollars cash and offer inestimable opportunities to network and build positive relationships with businesses and organizations that may help your student with college expenses and experience in scientific fields.*

We know your students have been working hard on their projects collecting data and experimenting. We are looking forward to hearing about what they learn!

From the FSO

We need many volunteers to make this year's Staff Appreciation Week a success. There are many opportunities to get your volunteer hours in. Please join us if you're able to help and sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0F49AEA62EA1FC1-teacher/

Many hands make light work, if you'd like to help decorate doors, please contact Camber Lybbert at camber_lybbert@yahoo.com

FSO has a new Facebook page. Please go to www.facebook.com/apafso and like our page to see volunteer opportunity updates.

Thank you for all you do to help out in your classrooms and at school!
Sarah Nelson, Michelle Goudge, Jill Welch and Camber Lybbert

Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels!!

Just a friendly reminder to keep clipping and saving both your Box Tops (found on General Mills cereal, Hefty, Betty Crocker, Ziplock, Pillsbury, Hanes, Yoplait, and Kleenex) and your Labels (most often found on Campbell's soups! Also, Prego, V8, Pace, Swanson, Bic, and Spaghetti's). This is an easy way for your children to earn the chance for a fun ice cream party for the top three classes, and an awesome way for our school to earn money to be used for further growth and improvement. So spoil your kiddos with brownies, eat lots of soup for dinner, and pour an extra bowl of cereal; then send in those Box Tops and Labels! Thank you for your help!

Register for Girls on the Run

We are very excited to offer Girls on the Run to 3rd-8th grade girls starting Feb. 25, 2016. The final 5K race is scheduled for May 21, 2016.

Draper 1 will be held Thursdays from 3-5pm and Draper 2 will be held Thursdays from 2:30-4:30pm
More information is available at <http://girlsontherunutah.org/>

The program fee is \$185. Please register

at: <https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/Spring2016ProgramRegistration?sid=d1bf855bfa0a44fa962fd196aa314872>

If you are unable to pay the full amount please fill out the scholarship application form prior to registering and <https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/Spring2016ScholarshipApplication?sid=6adfe42615bc4b1d9bd07084af770abe>



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If you would like to volunteer as a coach please fill out the volunteer application here:

<https://www.raceplanner.com/siteapplication/signup/Girls-on-the-Run-Utah-Volunteer-Application>

If you have any questions please contact Ashleigh Macomber, D2 Coach at [801-502-9899](tel:801-502-9899) or

ashleighmacomber@gmail.com and Melissa Gonzales, D1 Coach at [801-678-5284](tel:801-678-5284) or mtngonzales@gmail.com.

Nightmares Chosen as RU “Book of the Year”

Before Winter Break the sixth grade completed a reading challenge where students were able to read from a suggested list of six new RU books and choose their “Book of the Year.” Many students participated and enjoyed a pizza party as they decided on the requirements for their choice. Some students read all six choices and received a copy of the second book in one of the series for their effort. The book chosen as “Book of the Year” was *Nightmares* by Jason Segel. The sixth grade students highly recommend it and are interested in reading the rest of the trilogy!

2016-17 Enrollment Survey is Open!

We will be using a survey this year to collect data about your enrollment plans for the 2016-2017 school year. This survey is compromised of three parts. If any part of this survey DOES NOT apply to you, please skip that section and move directly to the next section. Do not complete any part of the survey that is not applicable to you.

PART 1: Student Withdraw Application:

Use this section of the survey to notify the school that your student will NOT be enrolling at American Preparatory Academy for the 2016-2017 school year. By SKIPPING this section of the survey we will assume that you plan to enroll your currently enrolled students for the upcoming school year. No further action will be necessary at this time to maintain your priority enrollment status.

PART 2: Sibling Priority Application:

Use this section of the survey to apply for all new Kindergarten students as well as any sibling that is not currently attending American Preparatory Academy. Please note that this section is only for siblings and not for other relatives.

PART 3: Student Transfer Application:

Use this section of the survey to notify American Preparatory Academy that you would like to transfer to a different American Prep location.

Please complete one application per student. You may need to complete the survey several times if you have more than one student. You may skip survey sections that are not applicable to you. Click here for the survey: <http://goo.gl/forms/ab8ICx0tuw>. If you are having trouble completing the survey and would like assistance, please email Lindsey Rees at lrees@apamail.org or contact the school main office.

APA Classic Fun Center Skate Night

Gather your family and friends and come have some fun at the APA Classic Skate Night!

When: Wednesday, January 27th, from 2:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: Classic Fun Center- 9151 S. 255 W. Sandy

Price: Free admission for you and your whole family. Bring your own skates, roller blades and scooters for free. Rentals are also available.

Extras: Other activities for a discount. Dinner deals available as well.

Don't miss out on this super fun activity!!



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Looking for a Carpool?

Please click this link for the Draper 2 Family Directory: <https://www.zeemaps.com/map?group=1567746>
This map allows you to see which families live near you and form carpool groups. In order to comply with confidentiality requirements, families who have selected "A" on their FERPA consenting to the release of contact information are included in this directory. If you would like to change your FERPA selection, please fill out a new form in the main office. When you click on the individual map markers, you will find the name of the family and the contact information.

If you are looking for a carpool group with a Draper 1 family, click here to view the Draper 1 Family Directory Draper 1 carpool/directory map <https://www.zeemaps.com/map?group=1566513>

EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS for 6th-8th grade girls:

Expanding Your Horizons for the 6th-8th grade girls on Saturday, March 26th at UVU. This STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) focused conference introduces girls to a variety of exciting careers they can pursue if they continue their education. Conference participants may choose from 50 hands-on, interactive workshops led by professional women. Come explore educational and career opportunities in nontraditional, high-earning STEM careers, and more! If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Okelberry at tokelberry@apamail.org

Secondary News

Legislative Training Event

Thank you so much to all of those who helped to make this event a success! The students had a great time and we are very grateful to our parent volunteers!

Welcome New Ambassador Councils!

January 22nd and 23rd: New Council Training! Friday evening training will be held at WV1 from 4:00-6:15pm with dinner provided. Saturday training will be held at D2 from 9:00am-1:00pm with breakfast provided. On Saturday, all students are welcome to wear pajamas to school!!! Please arrange transportation for your student to be dropped off and picked up on each of these days. Thank you!

SheTech Explorer Day for 9-12th grade Girls:

SheTech Explorer day at UVU is on Friday, March 11th from 8:00 am-3:30 pm. This is a conference for girls 9th through 12th grade. This day-long event will include hands-on workshops in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), and will end with the amazing TechChallenge event. The ultimate goals is to expose girls to technology in a fun atmosphere as well as meet STEM role models to learn more about opportunities in those fields. This is FREE workshop but it is during school so the students will miss out on their regularly scheduled classes and will have to make them up. There will be bus transportation for APA students and chaperones leaving from WV2 and D2. Please pick up the registration forms and permission forms and return them to the Jr. High/High School Office by Friday, January 29th. The workshops are on a first come, first served basis so register in early!!

Mock Trial on the Horizon

We are looking for 8-12 students to form our 2015-2016 team. Students will take on the role of a lawyer, witness, or other courtroom participant in a mock trial competition, which takes place during February and



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March. Competitions are held in real courtrooms in front of judges and attorneys - this is a great opportunity if you have any interest in law, debate, or otherwise learning about our judicial system.

Interested students are encouraged to contact Mr. Baker as soon as possible - we have a very limited number of spots available on the team this year.

ACT Exam Administered to 11th Graders in March

On March 1st we will administer the state sponsored mandatory ACT to our 11th graders. The test will be administered at D1. Please mark your calendar and help your students be prepared for this important exam.

We encourage our students to take the ACT more than once. The next ACT will be held on February 6th and must be registered for by this Friday, January 8th without a late fee. It is strongly suggested that the 11th graders take the ACT multiple times in order for them to attain their optimal score. They will only have 6 ACT exam opportunities before college applications are due in December.

The University of Utah is offering an ACT prep course held at Alta High School and several other locations. Alta's is held Tuesdays/Thursdays beginning January 14th through the 28th. The cost is \$199. I have heard of good results for those who have taken this course. Register on the Youth Education webpage at: www.youth.utah.edu, 801-581-6894

Please call or email Cheryl Averkamp caverkamp@apamail.org if you have any questions.

Utah Stem Fest: A Hands On Science and Technology Fair

On February 3rd, 7th-10th graders have the opportunity to attend this enriching event from 11:45-3:00 at the South Towne Expo Center. Sign up and get permission slips at the secondary office. Families are invited to attend on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. For more information, go to www.Utahstemfest.com.