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School Calendar

December 1-16th
Saturday, December 3rd
Tuesday, December 6th
Wednesday, December 7th
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Saturday, December 10th
Monday, December 12th
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Tuesday, December 13th
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Wednesday, December 14th
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December 2, 2016

Utah Food Bank-Can Food Drive
Parents Night Out 5-9 pm
Builders Assembly Grades 1-3, 8 am
Builders Assembly Grades 4-6, 8 am
Grades 7-12 Choir Field Trip
Parents Night Out 5-9 pm
Academic Update-Cursive
Grades 1-6 Late Work Deadline
Reading University Awards Grades 1-3
Secondary Orchestra Concert 7-8 pm
Reading University Awards Grades 4-6
Winter choir Concert 7-8:30 pm

You will find all events and updates for our campus at <http://www.draper2.americanprep.org>. We encourage you to visit (and like!) our Facebook page for the latest school happenings. Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/americanprepD2/>.

December Builder Theme: I am a guilder when I demonstrate Kigatsuku.

Noticing when something needs to be done without being asked. Wow! What a great character trait to build and how much better would our homes, schools and communities would be if more of us worked at this. As a parent, it brings great joy when our children proactively help around the house. Small efforts can go a long way if all of us do just a little bit extra, whether that be picking up pieces of garbage when we notice them, or even holding the door open for those behind us when coming in the building. Look for ways to do just a little bit extra and you will be developing Kigatsuku.

Holiday Gift Tradition for Staff

As is tradition, American Preparatory Education Foundation is offering an opportunity to give your teachers a holiday gift AND make a donation to the bonus/compensation fund.

From Nov 28th-Dec 14th, for a \$5 minimum donation you can send a personalized holiday card and yummy treat to the teacher or staff member of your choice! Your student will be able to hand deliver the special gift and card directly to the recipient on Dec 19th.

Builders Club Members –

APEF is excited to announce our 3rd annual Holiday Fundraising Campaign for the Staff Appreciation Fund. This year, with a \$5 minimum donation, you can send a personalized holiday card and elegant chocolate treat to the teacher or staff member of your choice!

Your student will be able to hand deliver the special gift and card directly to the recipient on Dec 19th.

As a special THANK YOU for your continued support, as a Builder's Club Member, your gift will be upgraded to also include a delicious chocolate dipped pretzel rod.

Simply click the link below and fill out the info before **Wednesday, December 14th**.

<http://www.americanprepfoundation.org/christmas-staff-appreciation>



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AMERICAN PREP HIGH SCHOOL

After many years delay and challenges, we are finally ready to announce the groundbreaking for our new High School. We have *tentatively* scheduled a ground-breaking ceremony for Tuesday, December 13th. We are looking for parents to get involved with planning the event. All interested parents, please contact Mr. Baker dbaker@apamail.org

We CAN Care: APA's Annual Donation Drive

We CAN Care! Did you know that 1 in 5 Utah kids are unsure where their next meal will come from? Food insecurity is a reality for 423,000 of our neighbors. We can help by donating nutritious food for children and their families.

Our donation drive is now in full swing! We accept CANS, boxes, or plastic-packaged food items. Your students can drop off donations in their elementary homeroom or secondary 4th period classroom.

We introduced your students to the food bank this week during our kick-off assembly. We invite you to visit this link to watch a short video highlighting the great programs sponsored by the Utah Food Bank. Learn where your food donations will go and meet the people they will help! Thank you for your generosity!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_MM5ERWgZsQ&feature=youtu.be



Sixth Grade Reading University- Reader's Choice Challenge

Our sixth grade students will be reading to determine the 2016-2017 Sixth Grade Reader's Choice Award! At the end of the reading period, **Dec. 14**, students who have read at least two books from the list and turn in the reading log will be invited to a pizza party and will be able to campaign for their favorite. They will vote and a winner will be declared! Remember, all books read count toward RU reading.

Carpool Corner-SAFETY UPDATE

We have recently seen a significant increase in the cars turning left onto our property during the critical carpool times. This is a serious safety hazard for all of our drivers and there have been numerous "close calls". Please, please, cooperate with our protocols and recommendations to enter from the north and exiting toward the south. LEFT HAND TURNS during our carpool is NOT safe.

It is time for another reminder to plan your arrival time for the 1st pick-up window to be at 3:10/2:10. It is super important to the carpool process so as not create congestion caused by queueing up on our property and in our carpool lanes. Families that transport and have children at the other campuses have been given priority



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loading access and when other cars line up before our red cards families, it impacts not only our carpool but also the carpool process for the other campuses. Please be courteous and understanding and wait to enter the property until 3:10/@:10

From the Family Support Organization

A huge shout out to Jamie Pendleton for chairing our Barnes and Noble Book Fair.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered at the holiday boutique and to those who had booths. The boutique was a success. We look forward to doing it again next year!

We need YOU to help run our upcoming Geography Bee. We are in need of two timekeepers to help run this event. Dec. 7th 12:30-3:30 (most likely will end earlier). <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45abac23a1ff2-geography>

We need help setting and cleaning up for our wonderful school staff Holiday Dinner. The event is Dec. 20. If you are able to help on either end, we would truly appreciate it and so will the staff. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45abac23a1ff2-staff1>

Staff appreciation week is right around the corner! We would like to start working on getting leads for doors, break room food, donations, mailbox treats, and the luncheon. If you are interested in helping make this week memorable, please sign up! It is the week of March 20-24.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45abac23a1ff2-staff1>

Parents Night Out

Did you ever want to just drop off your kids and have an “adult” night out? We will be hosting two Parents Night Outs the first two Saturdays in December. Our Advanced Band and National Honor Society will be hosting the events on December 3rd and 10th. There will be pizza, snacks, games and movies for your children. All children that are potty-trained are welcome. Information has been attached to the elementary students learning plans.

Athletics and Activities

American Prep Mascot Naming Contest

We are excited to announce a school-wide naming contest for our new mascot. Our Draper campus will now have our own official “Eagle” mascot and we are having a naming contest. Please submit your mascot name at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hxcq-T3lUe98Wg9-l1Iv2beelwEaiDsfO5JA68BaCXY/edit>. We will be compiling a list of the most popular names and then will have students vote for their favorites.

Coaches needed!!

APA is excited to be offering Girls on the Run (3rd-5th grade) and Heart and Soul (6th-8th grade) programs again this year. We are looking for volunteers to help coach. The session begins on February 20th and ends May 20th with a 5k at Sugar House Park. It be held Thursdays from 2:45pm-4:45pm at **Draper 1** campus.



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If you have ever wanted to part of something amazing that empowers girls with tools to be successful in life all while having fun!! This is the place for you.

Please contact Ashleigh Macomber (Head Coach) ashleighmacomber@gmail.com
801-502-9899

For more information and team schedules check out the Athletics and Clubs web-site:
<http://www.draperathleticsapa.org/>

Expanding Your Horizons-Girls Grades 5-8

Utah Valley University is pleased to offer the Expanding Your Horizons conference on Saturday, January 7, 2017. This STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) focused conference is designed for 5th - 8th grade girls to introduce them to a variety of exciting careers they can pursue if they continue their education. Conference participants may choose from 25 hands-on, interactive workshops led by professional women.

The conference is \$25.00. Please register by visiting

<https://www.uvu.edu/conferences/expanding-your-horizons/>

For those who would like to participate in this event with APA, we offer a reduced registration price and transportation. The bus will leave from the West Valley 2 campus at 8:00 am the morning of the event and return at 4:00 pm. Full uniform is required if participating with APA. Please see your campus secretary for permission slips and registration forms.

Character Development

Attention 7th Graders: We have a wonderful opportunity to share our time with the elderly during Care Center Visits on Wednesday, Dec. 7th and 14th from 12:45-3:45 p.m. Those students assigned the Dec. 7th date received a permission slip on Monday. **PARENTS PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE 3:45 PM LATE PICK UP AND THE DATE YOUR STUDENT IS ASSIGNED TO ATTEND.**

Attention 6th Graders: Join us for a celebration! Thursday, December 8th from 1:10-3:45 p.m. At this event we will teach students how to be a respectful guest, how to use their voice, how to set a table, and polite ways to serve and dine with others. **PARENTS PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE 3:45 PM LATE PICK UP.**

We would like to congratulate our "Builders of the Month" for showing gratitude through word and deed.

They are: Rashaan Rucker, Annie Christensen, McKinnley Hansen, Ian Scarbrough, Katelyn Brown, Christian Driggs, Ashlynn Campbell, Sean Paluso, Noelle Wilkins, Malia Arnold, Gian Ferrate, Erik Moreno, Shelly Balthazar and Annie Pham



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Secondary News

Winterim Schedules

Winterim schedules are coming out December 5th and fees will be due by December 12th.

Winterim Stamp Collecting Class

This upcoming Winterim, Mr. McLaughlin will once again be teaching Stamp Collecting. He is asking for donations of stamps that otherwise would be disposed of. This includes many multiple copies of the current Christmas, Eid, or Hanukkah stamps. Any postage stamp, US or foreign, computer valued or country issued, will be gladly accepted. Just place in an envelope addressed to Mr. McLaughlin and drop off to Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Hammond, or Mrs. Phillips in either office. Thank you!

The APA Department of Fine Arts presents:

'BELIEVE': a Holiday Celebration
Wednesday, December 14th, 7:00pm
American Preparatory Academy, Draper 2

Call time for performers, 6:00pm

CONCERT BLACK Dress/ Uniform
Ladies: Black dress, skirt, top, sweater, etc.
Black tights, Black dress shoes (no heels)
Gentleman: Black pants, socks, and dress shoes
White shirt (long sleeve), Red, Green, or Holiday tie.
Thank you for your support of the APA Choral program.
Hope to see you there!

ASPIRE Feature Notice

ASPIRE is the system that you can utilize to help track your secondary student's academic progress and attendance. If you are not currently using Aspire and need a username and password, first go to this link: <https://amerprep.usoe-dcs.org/Login.aspx>. Once on the home page, click where it says, "Request a Username" below the login box. You will need your student's four-digit ID number and their birthdate. With this you can setup your own login tied to all of your students. You can also setup ASPIRE alerts to send you notifications on your phone or email if your student has missing work. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Baker dbaker@apamail.org.