



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar

December 16, 2016

Tuesday, December 20th

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December 21st-January 3rd

January 3-20th

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Wednesday, January 4th

Thursday, January 5th

Show What you Know Grades 1-3 8 am

Early Dismissal 12:00/12:25 pm

Holiday Break

Winterim Grades 7-12

Builders Assembly Grades 1-3 8 am

Builders Assembly Grades 4-6 8 am

Draper 3 High School

Ground-Breaking Ceremony 1-1:30 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 builder when I demonstrate Kigatsuku.

Our Holiday Break is rapidly approaching and the extra time to spend with family and friends will be welcome after all the wonderful activities enjoyed here at the school over the past weeks. Our Canned Food Drive was AWESOME and our community benefits greatly because of our efforts. The value our values bring to our community should not be underestimated. It is this same thoughtfulness, caring and consideration of others that can be done at all times of the year, but especially this time of the year when some of the hectic pace can drag us down. So, when we are in the middle of any stressful situation, witing in lines or stuck intraffic, take a moment to reflect on the spirit of Kigatsuku on how it might help in such situations. Have a safe, glorious and happy holiday break.

3rd Annual Holiday Fundraiser Exceeds Expectations!

American Preparatory Education Foundation would like to thank our very generous students and parents for your superb support of our 3rd Annual Holiday Fundraiser. *We were able to raise over \$16,000.00!* Thank you for your heart-felt gestures of gratitude to our amazing and incredible teachers and staff members this holiday season.

AMERICAN PREP HIGH SCHOOL

It's finally here - we would like to formally invite you to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Draper 3 secondary building! The ceremony & reception will be held on **Thursday, January 5th, 2016 from 1:00-1:30pm** at the Draper 2 campus. This event is open to the entire community and we'd like to see as many APA families as we can there; please feel free to invite any of your friends that might be interested in our brand new high school. This is a great opportunity to be involved in something special, to establish traditions at our new and long time coming **Draper High school**.

We CAN Care: APA's Annual Donation Drive

We CAN Care! We wanted to follow up and let you know what an outstanding success our food drive was this year. As of Thursday, Jan 15th our campus collected has collected 3632 food items, and between all of our campuses we have collected over 11, 500 items that will be delivered to the Utah Food Bank and various food pantries in Utah.



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Besides the awesome amount of food we collected, we had the chance to think of others and make our world a better place. That spirit of giving was palpable in our schools during the drive and we are so proud of our students who are learning NOW how to be great Builders in their communities.

Please look for our final totals in the January newsletter and also a link to a video being pu together on our efforts!

Reading University Awards

1 st Grade	Chloe Devries Asher Maughan Braydon Sessions	4 th Grade	Kristin Nani Sebastian Salazar Sam Gerritsen
2 nd Grade	Valeria Franco Eliza Soffe Medhansh Manchala	5 th Grade	Connor Orges Josh Gallup Brayden Qureshi
3 rd Grade	Chloe Den Bleyker Santiafo Rodriguez-Hamon Lydia Shafovaloff	6 th Grade	Anna Rupp Laurel Cuellar Ryann Pace

Spelling Bee

The National Scripps Spelling Bee Competition is coming to American Prep. For students in grades 1-8. Word lists will be distributed to students according to their grade level. The entire word list is now available on our website. Class spelling bees will take place Jan. 23rd-27th.

http://www.americanprep.org/?s=spelling+bee+lists&site_section=parent-library

Carpool Corner-

We are very excited to have construction of our new high school starting soon. As the construction begins, there will be an increase in the traffic coming down our entrance and it will be even more important to time your pick-up arrival at the appropriate times. Although we will be working with the construction crews to time their deliveries and traffic to take place outside of our carpool times....., the more all of us cooperate with the carpool recommendations, the better everything should flow. The start of the construction marks the beginning of the end of some of our carpool challenges. We are excited about the increased parking and loading for our campus next year and want to thank everyone for their understanding and patience during this time.

From the Family Support Organization

Barnes and Noble Book Fair Donation Results

The final numbers are in from the B&N book fair. Through the participation of our APA community, we raised \$1305.91 from the book fair held at Barnes and Noble, which, as you know, goes to purchasing books for the schools. Thank you to all the wonderful people that participated and organized the event. It was a great success for our school community!

Thank you for all your help with this endeavor!

Candice Farnsworth - B&N Book Fair Lead



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Staff Holiday Party Help Needed

We're looking for a few helping hands for our wonderful school staff Holiday Dinner. The event is after school on Tuesday, December 20th. If you are able to set up at 11 a.m. **or** clean up at 3:30 p.m., we would truly appreciate it and so will the staff.

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

Staff appreciation week is coming soon!! We would like to start working on getting leads for decorating 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>

Academic Update this Monday addressed why APA uses cursive handwriting in the elementary grades. It was enlightening to realize that cursive is developmentally easier at a young age than print. It allows our children an earlier and simpler means of communicating through the written word! AMAZING!

We've attached Mrs. Durling's handout from the update. Check out all the other educationally sound reasons APA chooses cursive!

Athletics and Activities

Learning Through Robotics-Grades 3-6

A new session of Learning Through Robotics will begin at the end of January. Classes meet on Mondays from 3:15-4:15 for 11 weeks. Sign-up for this new session is now open and there is a flyer attached to the newsletter for all those interested in participating.

For more information and team schedules check out the Athletics and Clubs web-site:

<http://www.draperathleticsapa.org/>

Snow Blitz

The Snow Blitz ski and board program is looking for volunteers to:

1. Check kids in
2. Help stow equipment on the bus
3. Help kids get rentals once at the resort

The staff member will receive a Brighton Lift Ticket and can then ski from 4:30-7. The staff member would need to be able to attend four Thursdays: 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2 from 2:30-8:30. Please Contact Sam at 385-468-1670

Girls on the Run Registration OPEN!!

We are busy at work getting geared up for another amazing session of Girls on the Run. This year we plan to reach over 1,800 girls at over 120 different sites.

We are now accepting volunteer applications; **MORE COACHES ARE NEEDED!!**

Online registration for the Spring 2017 session is now open!! This is on a first-come-first-served basis. Coaches that have completed their volunteer paperwork and training will be eligible to receive a discount code for their child's registration. If you need financial assistance with the registration fee, please complete a scholarship application online (this needs to be done prior to registering for the program so that you have a scholarship redemption code).



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Don't see your daughter's school site? Contact our program Director, Stacy Ulch for assistance at <mailto:stacy@girlsontherunutah.org>

NEW VOLUNTEER APPLICATION SITE –

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

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-T3lUe98Wg9-11Iv2beelwEaiDsfO5JA68BaCXY/edit>. We will be compiling a list of the most popular names and then will have students vote for their favorites. The top names will be voted on after the holiday break, get your name in now!

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

7th-12th grade students-TAKE THE SELFIE CAREER CHALLENGE! AWESOME PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR THOSE WHO INVESTIGATE THE MOST CAREERS AND SUBMIT SELFIES!

- 1.Go to: www.virtualjobshadow.com
- 2.LOG IN: with your student email & apa123
- 3.Find the Career Tab at the top
4. Click on Career Central and pick a career
5. Watch a short video and the Q&A
6. Decide if the job is for you by giving it a thumbs up or thumbs down
7. Take A SELFIE with your vote & submit via email to sbroadhead@apamail.org
8. Include your name, job title and brief WHY you like or dislike the job

***Parents, encourage your student to learn about career opportunities by checking out this site over the winter break



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Secondary News

Winterim

A very exciting part of our secondary program begins on Jan 3rd. Winterim is a chance for students to engage in variety of classes and areas of personal interest and possible career fields. Our teachers get the opportunity to go more in depth in these areas of their own passions and interest. It is a very exciting, energetic and dynamic time of the year for our secondary students. Take some to engage in conversations with them about their courses.

Enter Now to Win up to \$30,000 in the High School Utah Entrepreneur Challenge

Registration for the High School Utah Entrepreneur Challenge is now open! Students in Utah ages 14-18 can enter for a chance to win up to \$30,000 in prizes and scholarships. The submission deadline is **March 1, 2017**. Registration requires students to submit a simple business idea. Twenty-four teams will be chosen to compete for three grand prizes of \$5,000 each. Other prizes and scholarships include: Best Prototype Award of \$1,000, a People's Choice Award of \$1,000, a Rising Star Award of \$1,000, a Top Online Vote Award of \$500 and \$10,000 of in-kind Lassonde Studios housing scholarships. The competition is sponsored by Zions Bank. Please visit: <http://lassonde.utah.edu/hsuec/>