



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar

March 31st , 2017

Tuesday, April 4th

Builders Assembly Grades 1-3 8 am

Tuesday, April 4th

5th Grade Field Trip

Wednesday, April 5th

Builders Assembly Grades 4-6 8 am

Wednesday, April 5th

Grades 1-6 Early Dismissal 12 pm

Grades 7-12- 2:10 pm Dismissal

Friday, April 7th

Grades 4th & 6th Field Trips

April 10-14th

Spring Break-No School

April 17th-21st

Grades 1-6 Classes Speech Festival

You will find all events and updates for our campus at <http://www.drapers2.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/>.

March Builder Theme: “I am a Builder when I quickly acknowledge mistakes and humbly make amends”

In the ongoing challenges for our school, especially considering the attention in newspapers and television regarding the construction of our High School, these are some of the comments from people within our community about our carpool and impact upon traffic.

“I work in the area too. It's awful in the mornings. Parents turn left out of the school onto Lone Peak even when they are not supposed to. The ones that turn right like they are supposed to then make u-turns at the aquarium, which they are not supposed to. I've hated that school since it first went up because of the jerk parent drivers and for what it's done to traffic.”

“I work in the area. The school they have now has been the worst thing for traffic in the area. It backs up the entire street for 15-20 minutes while parents drop off and pick up their kids. And these parents are not the best examples of courteous drivers, breaking every law they can get away with, including driving in the left-turn lane and the bike line. I don't feel safe at all. It's all a fatal accident waiting to happen.”

This is what some of our community are saying about our school. Although it is not easy to hear, if there is truth in it, then how can we as a school community quickly acknowledge our mistake and humbly make amends?

Honor our SUPER STAFF with STARS!

Our Wall of Thanks is growing! We have over 120 stars and more are being added each day. It is fun for our APA family to enjoy a visual representation of appreciation for all our staff does!

For a \$5 donation to the Staff Appreciation Fund, we will hang a star with the teacher/staff member name and your family name on the wall.

You may donate as many times as you'd like. For each \$5 donation, we'll hang another star in your honor!



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You can expand your support by joining the Builders Club with a recurring monthly donation of any amount! When you select this option, you will receive 5 stars for the “Wall of Thanks”.

Help us show our amazing appreciation for our staff by clicking here:

<http://www.americanprepfoundation.org/staff-appreciation> . All proceeds raised go directly to the Staff Appreciation Fund.

Carpool Corner-

The first Carpool Committee meeting was well attended this past Monday. Thank you to all the parents that came for a lively discussion regarding the many different issues involved with our school start, pick-up times and carpool. As we continue to explore potential solutions we will be gathering some more data from our parents. Please look for a carpool survey to be coming to your inbox next week. This will be a great opportunity to gather valuable data that can be used to create positive solutions. We are very excited about some of the ideas that were discussed on Monday and will be scheduling another meeting after spring break.

AMERICAN PREP HIGH SCHOOL

Recently there has been a challenging situation regarding the construction of our new high school. This is the statement from Brad Findlay, the chairman of our governing board, regarding the stop construction order that was issued and the controversy reported in the news.

“We at APA were a little surprised by today’s request from the Superintendent. Once we had received and verified the order we closed down work on the site. We believe this is simply a misunderstanding, a communication glitch. We will work to resolve it and are confident we will be back to work quickly and open on time this Fall with our new high school.

“It is worth noting that this is the sixth charter school that APA has built. As always, APA has responded to every request and met every deadline that has been put before us. It is not unusual to have a few setbacks along the way, though in this situation there seem to be more than usual. We do not let it distract us from our core mission of providing superior education to our young people.”

APA’s 6th Annual Speech Festival For Elementary Grades (1-6)

Our Elementary In-Class Festival will be held April 17-21, right after Spring Break. **All students will participate in the in-class festival.** Each student will have 2 minutes to present a pre-approved poem or dialogue to his or her class. All Core Knowledge poems or other poems previously memorized in class are already pre-approved. If a student chooses something different, s/he must give it to the teacher for approval by April 7th. If a student does not choose a poem or dialogue by that time, something they have already memorized in class will be assigned. All students need to be prepared to present their poem or dialogue when they come to school on April 17th (right after Spring Break).

The top two students in each class will be chosen to compete in the school-wide festival. School-wide Festival for 1st- 3rd grade: May 2, 2017

School-wide Festival for 4th-6th grade: May 4, 2017



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What can you do to increase your chances of winning?

Make sure you know every word of your poem, practice reading it with expression and feeling, make it great!

Why a speech festival?

1. To give the students the experience of getting in front of others and speaking in a place where they are safe.
2. To encourage students to improve in their public speaking abilities.
3. To give students with a public speaking talent an opportunity to shine.

Interested in helping to judge the speech festival? Please contact Belinda Durling at bdurling@apamail.org.

After school Tutoring-Now available for grades 3-12

Attention Elementary Parents! If your student is struggling with schoolwork, APA's National Honor Society and Junior Honor Society are now hosting a peer-tutoring program after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays 3:10 to 4:00 pm

Thursday 2:10 to 3:00 pm

Sessions will be held in Mrs. Dye's room (210). Elementary students are welcome to attend and receive help with any form of schoolwork. For questions, contact Mrs. Dye: ndye@apamail.org.

From the Family Support Organization

Once again, Thanks to all the volunteers that help make our staff appreciation week such an AMAZING tradition at American Prep.

Planning meetings for the Fun Run and Field day happened last week and there will be plenty of exciting Volunteer opportunities for parents. Look for different sign-ups after we get back from Spring Break.

Character Development

This past Wednesday our 7th grade students had a 70's flashback where they enjoyed yoga, steps to greatness, line dancing and eating. Huge thank you to our parent volunteers. We could not do what we do without you.

Ballroom Blast! 5th/6th grade 7 week clinic. Thursdays 2:45-3:30 p.m. March 23rd-May 11th. Fee \$60 (includes 7 classes and costume rental fee).

Begin practicing now! High School Dance Team Try-outs May 24th and 25th beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

9th-12th grade students interested in running for Student Body Government, please come to the Ambassador Office for more information.

Shoe Drive

Our shoe drive continues. Check those closets for new or used shoes that you can donate to the bin in the front office. For every 1,000 pairs of shoes we collect, we earn a spirit dress day. We currently have 498 pairs of shoes. Let's get to our first 1,000. WE CAN DO THIS!



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Athletics and Activities

Basketball Training

Draper APA is partnering with Grind Athletics for the most intense basketball training around! Please contact them directly and the classes will be held at Draper 2.

Grind Athletics Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTIGk1IBuoU>

<http://www.grindathletics.com/draperpreregistration.html>

Volleyball

Draper Spring Volleyball Training! Club V volleyball is continuing on with Draper American Prep so sign up before the spots fill up! Check out the flyer attached for more details, **this is for ages 8-15.**

As always, for more information and team schedules please visit the Athletics and Clubs website at:

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

Secondary News

AP Schedule

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will be taking their exams on the following days and times.

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| Monday, May 1 | 8:00 | Chemistry |
| | 12:00 | Psychology |
| Tuesday, May 2 | 8:00 | Computer Science A |
| Wednesday, May 3 | 8:00 | English Literature and Composition |
| Thursday, May 4 | 8:00 | US Government and Politics |
| Monday, May 8 | 8:00 | Biology |
| | 12:00 | Physics C |
| Tuesday, May 9 | 8:00 | Calculus AB/Calculus BC |
| Friday, May 12 | 8:00 | Human Geography |
| | 12:00 | European History |
| | 12:00 | Latin |

After school Tutoring

Attention Junior High Parents! If your student is struggling with schoolwork, APA's National Honor Society and Junior Honor Society are now hosting a peer-tutoring program after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Times for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays are from 3:10 to 4:00. Thursday's tutoring runs from 2:10 to 3:00. Sessions will be held in Mrs. Dye's room (210). All junior high and high school students are welcome to attend and receive help with any form of schoolwork. For questions, contact Mrs.

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