



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## Draper 2 School Calendar

April 24, 2015

Saturday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday School 7 am
Monday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	State Math Contest at BYU
Tuesday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	UCA Governing Board Meeting @ D1 4:30
Tuesday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	K-3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Show What You Know Assembly 8 am
Tuesday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	School Tour 8:30
Wednesday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Show What You Know Assembly 8 am
Wednesday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>	College Prep Workshop 12:45 pm
Thursday, April 30 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trips
Wednesday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ball Prep 3:45 parent pick up
Friday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Masquerade Ball 12 pm or 3:30 pm or 7:00 pm
Saturday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Masquerade Dinner/Ball 3:30 pm or 4:00 pm
Wednesday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> OR Thursday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade La Caille Event 4:30 pm
Friday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>	APA Art Show 5-8 pm
Saturday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	APA Art Show 9-12 pm
Saturday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Red Carpet Gala 4:30 pm

### April Builders Theme: I am a builder when I am utterly reliable

**UTTERLY** [uht-er-lee]

**RELIABLE** [ri-lahy-uh-buh l]

**ADVERB:** in an utter manner; completely; absolutely

**ADJECTIVE:** able to be trusted, predictable, dependable

**SYNONYMS:** completely, absolutely, altogether, entirely, extremely, perfectly, thoroughly, wholly

**SYNONYMS:** trustworthy, decisive, dependable, good, honest, positive, predictable, respectable, sincere

Utter reliability is one of the most important character traits a parent can pass on to a child. A child's ability to keep his word positively impacts nearly every facet of life. Here are some talking points for your discussion at home.

**Be trustworthy.** If somebody trusts you to borrow or take care of something, take care of it. If somebody tells you something in confidence, keep the secret. If you let people down, they stop believing you. When you do what you say you will do, people take you seriously.

**Be accountable.** Don't make excuses or blame others for your choices. When you are responsible for your actions you are saying, "I am the one who's in charge of my life." Don't rely on adults to remind you where you're supposed to be or what you're supposed to do.

**Always use your head.** Think things through and use good judgment. When you use your head you make better choices.

**Don't procrastinate.** When you have a job to do, don't complain or put it off. Doing things on time helps you take control of your life and shows that you can manage your own affairs.



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**Tell the truth.** It's surprisingly simple to find yourself telling a little white lie to cover a mistake or protect someone else. But if you tell the truth even when it's difficult, you will become much more reliable.

## **Harambee! Let's Pull Together**

We jubilantly present the 2nd Annual APA Fun Run on Friday May 8th from 4:00 until 7:00 at East Pavilion River Front Parkway (South Jordan).

Come and walk or run the beautiful 3-mile trail, enjoy dinner and treats, play in the park, and try your hand at dunking our teachers in the dunk tank. RED MANGO is providing 500 delicious smoothies... We will also have fruit, pizza, and water. Each of the food items for sale will be \$1-\$2 each, so it will be very affordable, with all the money going to a very worthy cause. Dunk tank balls will cost \$1 each with the option of standing much closer for \$5 or \$10 each and the option to run up and push the lever for an automatic dunk for \$20. Bring cash or checks that night!

*All proceeds of this year's Fun Run go toward our Hardship Fund. This fund helps APA staff and students facing serious illness, death of a loved one, and terrible injuries. Right now we have NO reserve monies in our Hardship account... help us build this important fund back up!*

We hope to see all our APA families there! If you missed the chance to order t-shirts, please DON'T let that stop you from attending this wonderful event.

*\*\*We are very grateful to our sponsors Jordan Valley Medical Center, Copper View Medical, and Red Mango, who have all provided very generous donations to make this event possible.*

## **The American Prep Builders Club!**

The **Builders Club** is a voluntary club that parents can join by signing up for a monthly donation of ANY amount. These donations will provide the seed funding, and demonstrate the long-term parent commitment, needed to attract matching funds from potential donors. The higher the percentage of APA parents who participate, the better the matching funds will be. 100% participation would be huge! Over the past 12 years our family has volunteered and donated in many different ways. I can confidently say that there will never be a more important donation we can make than THIS one. By making a small monthly donation, in appreciation for the amazing free public education we are all receiving, we can give APA what they need to attract significant donors and finally show the world how to solve the problem of underpaid educators. I hope you'll join our family in supporting this innovative new program. Please go to <http://www.apabuildersclub.org/> to sign up. Rick Peterson, Executive Director

## **New Information for Parent Drivers**

One thing that is constant around APA is change, particularly when it comes to driver certification! We are required to certify all of our parents who graciously volunteer to drive our students to any school sponsored activity. These requirements come from the state of Utah as well as from our insurance provider(s). But unfortunately the requirements change due to new laws passed or a change in insurance, etc. We want to offer our heart-felt recognition and gratitude for your cheerful willingness to update your certification as needed to meet the requirements. The following instructions are the most current (for now ☺).

Please provide the office staff of the following:



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A current copy of your driver's license

A current copy of car insurance card - the one you carry in your car (must be updated before each activity)

A current auto insurance declaration page showing that you have \$150K minimum *per bodily occurrence* or 100K/300K Auto Liability Limit. (This one is tricky, please consult with the office staff for verification.)

Fill out the attached *Employee/Volunteer Driver Acknowledgement* form

Review the attached form "Booster Seat Flyer"

View the Driver Safety Video and pass the test found at [www.risk.utah.gov](http://www.risk.utah.gov)

Once you are on the "Division of Risk Management" page go to the "Risk Quick Links" on the right side of the page. Click "Driver Training Video" and view the video. After you are finished, go back to the "Driver Training" page and just below the "Driver Training Video" click on "Online Test" and go to the login page.

To Login:

**Full Name:** (Last Name First) example: Doe, Jane:

**Group:** Charter School

**Name of Agency:** American Preparatory Academy

**Your E-mail address:**

**Supervisors E-mail address:** [mmcmahon@apamail.org](mailto:mmcmahon@apamail.org)

**Your Organization Employee Number#:** 000Vol

Proceed with the test until you have passed it. *You may take it as many times as you need to.* Print a copy of the page that says "Certificate of Completion" and turn it into the office along with all the other items listed above. You **MUST** renew the test every 2 years.

*All requirements must be met for each activity. Again, thank you SO much for your flexibility!*

## **From the FSO**

**Field Day is coming up in June!** Please head to the following link and sign up to help us with this super fun activity! <http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-elementary>

## **'Tis the Season...**

Spring is here and everything is blooming ... including our students! They are getting so TALL! This is such a tricky time of year for uniforms. So many students have been outgrowing the ones they started the year with. When you go shopping for new pieces to fit the new body sizes, please remember to take your Parent-Student Handbook with you. Pages 32 and 33 have the best information. Many local stores are familiar with our uniforms and can be helpful, some aren't. We'll continue to send home reminders when we do our regular uniform checks. Thank you for your continued support in helping our students with their professional dress. You're the BEST!

## **Have You Completed Your Hours?**

American Prep asks each family to provide 20 hours of volunteer service each year. *We have many opportunities for you to fulfill this commitment, please contact the office, the FSO, or your child's teacher for suggestions.* If you have elementary students, please record your hours on your communication envelope. Parents of only Jr. High students should email their hours to Heather Allen at [heatherlabarreallen@gmail.com](mailto:heatherlabarreallen@gmail.com).



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Most of our families provide MANY more hours than this and we are thankful to our INCREDIBLE families and their generous gift of time and talents. This extraordinary service makes it possible for our students to have an outstanding educational experience, which would not be possible without our volunteers' assistance.

## **Request from the Curriculum Department**

As you complete the registration materials for next year you will notice that there are no registration fees! However, because of this, it is important that we have books and other materials returned or paid for in order to replace them. When you return your registration materials, please return lost materials you have been notified of or pay for outstanding charges. If books are paid for but found later, your money can be refunded if returned before July 1st. Thanks for your help as we protect our resources so funds can be put toward our wonderful APA programs.

## **Parent Advisory Committee Elections**

We are in the process of creating our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for the 2015-16 school year. PAC participates with the administration in developing the Annual School Plan, in deciding how the Land Trust monies will be spent, and other matters important to our students at American Preparatory Academy.

*We have 1 parent PAC position to fill at APA Draper 2 and 1 parent PAC position to fill at APA-Draper 3. Parents of students who are employed 6 or more hours per week at the school are disqualified from participating as an elected parent.*

The PAC generally meets 3-4 times per year. Members of the PAC will be expected to participate in all of these meetings so that a quorum may be present to conduct business. There are no term limits, so long as an elected parent has students enrolled in the school, is actively participating, and wishes to continue to do so. These are the anticipated meeting dates, times, and places for the 2015-16 school year. It is vital that you attend all three meetings if you are a member of the PAC. We must have a quorum in order to hold a meeting. Failure to do so may result in the loss of your seat on the Committee.

### Draper 2 meeting schedule:

1st Meeting at Draper 2 will be on Thursday, September 24 at 10:00am.  
2nd Meeting at Draper 1 will be on Tuesday, January 19 at 10:00am.  
3rd Meeting (Annual School Planning Meeting) This meeting will most likely be held in August after we get State Testing results back.

### Draper 3 meeting schedule:

1st Meeting at Draper 2 will be on Thursday, September 24 at 10:00am.  
2nd Meeting at Draper 1 will be on Tuesday, January 19 at 10:00am.  
3rd Meeting (Annual School Planning Meeting) This meeting will most likely be held in August after we get State Testing results back.

If you are interested, please contact Kim Dudley, [landtrust@apamail.org](mailto:landtrust@apamail.org) no later than Friday, May 15, 2015 at 4pm. Please include your name, the campus you are running for, your students name and grade, your phone number and email address.

We are holding elections at more than one campus, so it will be very important that you note in your email for which campus' PAC you are running. The ballot will go home as the last page of the May 22<sup>nd</sup> newsletter. Each family may vote for one candidate. Ballots must be returned to the school before 4pm on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The candidate who receives the most votes will be posted in the May 29<sup>th</sup> newsletter.



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## APA District Art Show

Come and support APA's marvelous artists during the second annual APA District Art Show! This year we will have two separate showings, one at our magnificent WV2 campus and one at our fabulous D2 campus. A panel of judges will award honors to the standout performances on Friday evenings at each event. Separate judging and awards will be done at each show. This year we have included twice the amount of artwork as last year! Come check it out! For more information, please contact Nancy Patterson [npatterson@apamail.org](mailto:npatterson@apamail.org).

May 8<sup>th</sup> 2015, 5:00-8:00pm  
May 9<sup>th</sup> 2015, 9:00am-12:00pm  
WV2-Small Gym

May 15<sup>th</sup> 2015, 5:00-8:00 pm  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 2015, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm  
D2 Main Foyer

## End of Year Testing

End of Year Testing will be here before we know it! Below is the schedule for tests by grade. Please make sure your students are able to be here each day throughout the scheduled testing days, that they are well rested and have had a good breakfast. It is amazing how good rest and a healthy breakfast help the students have lasting energy on testing days. If you would like to volunteer during testing please contact Saren Fassbinder at [ssassbinder@apamail.org](mailto:ssassbinder@apamail.org). Thank you for your help!

Elementary: Tuesday, May 12th - Thursday, May 14th, SAGE Testing  
Wednesday, May 20th - Thursday, May 21st, SAT Testing  
Tuesday, May 26th - Thursday, May 28th, SAT Testing  
Monday, June 1st - Friday, June 5th, Core Knowledge Testing

Secondary: Monday, May 18th - 7th Grade SAGE Testing (Language Arts & Science)  
Tuesday, May 19th - 8th Grade SAGE Testing (Language Arts & Science)  
Wednesday, May 20th- 9th/10th/11th Grade SAGE Testing (Language Arts & Science)  
Thursday, May 21st - 7th Grade SAGE Testing (Math)  
Tuesday, May 26th - 9th/10th/11th SAGE Testing (Math)

## Specialists Positions Next Year

Do you have a friend or family member who would like to get their children into Draper 2? We are seeking candidates for specialist positions. Candidates must be dependable and organized with the ability to work independently and solve problems. Training will be provided on specific duties. Interested applicants should go to <http://americanprep.atsondemand.com/> to apply.

## Great Schools Website

If you are having a GREAT APA experience, why not tell the world about it? Please take a moment and make a comment on the Great Schools website at <http://www.greatschools.org/utah/draper/2177-American-Preparatory-Academy/reviews/write/> *Please make sure you are writing your review on the Draper 2 page.* Thank you for the positive responses!

## Character Development

**Attention 7th Grade Performers:** *Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, recite poetry, tell jokes? Then we need you!* It's time for the rest of our 7th graders to visit with some wonderful elderly friends as we take our annual field trip to local care centers. Performances are the #1 request, so we need your help! Please share your talents and make someone's day a little brighter. **Care Center visits are scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>**, please



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sign up with Mrs. Haymond.

## **7th and 8th Grade Masquerade Ball**

THANK YOU for your flexibility in scheduling our many 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders for this event! We have tried to accommodate their requests, but not all students were able to get their first choice time. If you have a concern with the time you were given, questions can be directed to Lexi Day at [lday@apamail.org](mailto:lday@apamail.org)

7th grade date & times: May 1st--12:00pm, 3:30pm or 7:00pm

8th grade date & times: May 2nd--3:30pm or 4:00pm

*8th grade students will be dropped off at APA-WVI campus (1255 W Crystal Ave) for the dinner and picked up at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center (1355 W 3100 S)*

*\*\*ALL ladies' dresses must be checked off before April 29th. They may bring the dress or a picture of them wearing it. See Mrs. Hollinger, Mrs. Haymond, Mrs. Duncan, Ms. Littler or Mrs. Minson to check your dress! If you need to car pool, have students check at the Jr. High office for an attendance list of each time slot.*

We are excited for our students to share a wonderful time with their friends and practice all that they have been learning in the Ambassador Program throughout the year.

9th Grade Ball Prep is May 6th from 1pm--3:45pm. *Please note the late pick-up time.* They will be reviewing all their skills learned this year in the Ambassador Program as they prepare for La Caille!

Invitations will come home soon for the La Caille Ball event. Students must RSVP for ONE date, either May 13th or 14th from 4:30pm--10pm. RSVP's are honored on a first come, first served basis and students will receive a confirmation back with their assigned day.

7th-11th Grade Council BINDERS must be returned!

If your son/daughter was on the *fall or winter* Student Council and still has not returned the council binder, he/she will be charged a \$20 fee. Please encourage them to scour the house and get those turned in to Mrs. Haymond as soon as possible.

## **Secondary News**

2nd Annual APA Fun Run on Friday May 8th from 4:00 until 7:00 at East Pavilion River Front Parkway (South Jordan Park). Please encourage your secondary students to click here <http://goo.gl/VFTdWg> to nominate their teachers to sit in the DUNK TANK! Balls are 2 balls for \$3 with registration or \$1 per ball at the event.

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## **College Prep Workshops Are Fascinating and Informative**

Thank you to all of the parents and students who attended our evening College Prep Workshop. We had a huge response and many requests for additional workshops. To meet the needs of more of our families we will be



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holding another workshop on **Wednesday, April 29, 2015 from 12:45pm-2:00pm in the choir room.**

We will be discussing APA's College Prep program, the latest information on APA's high school, and navigating the neighborhood high school successfully. We will teach you about College Index scores and how to prepare your student to be a competitive college and scholarship candidate. Learn all about the Regents Scholarship and strategies for earning "debt-free college degrees". A question and answer period will be included. If you have any questions you may contact myself or Mrs. Kennedy.

Cheryl Awerkamp  
[cawerkamp@apamail.org](mailto:cawerkamp@apamail.org)

Victoria Kennedy  
[vkennedy@apamail.org](mailto:vkennedy@apamail.org)

## **Summer Youth Job Opportunities**

Looking for a summer job? Salt Lake County has a Summer Jobs program for youth 16- 21 years of age. The pay is \$8.50 an hour and runs from Mid June to Mid August. Applications are due May 1. Please see the attached flyer.

## **Discounted Bus Passes from UTA**

UTA will offer youth ages 18 and younger a three-month unlimited transit pass for the summer break. The cost will be \$75 if purchased during May online at [rideuta.com/buyapass](http://rideuta.com/buyapass), and \$99 thereafter.

The pass will be called the "rider's license", and is designed to give young students summer transportation without the need to ask parents for a ride. It will be valid for unlimited use on UTA buses, TRAX, FrontRunner and the S Line streetcar between June 1 and August 31.