



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## School Calendar

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Saturday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday School 7am-Secondary Cafeteria
Tuesday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Reading University Grades 1-3 8 am
Tuesday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Grade 1 End of Year SWYK (1pm/6pm)
Tuesday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Grade 4 End of Year SWYK (2pm/7pm)
Wednesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5 End of Year SWYK (1 pm/5:30 pm)
Wednesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 5, 7-12 Choir Concert 7 pm
Thursday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Drama Showcase, 7 pm
Monday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day-No School-ALL grades
Tuesday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3 End of Year SWYK (1 pm/6 pm)
Wednesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Grade 2 End of Year SWYK (12 pm/6 pm)
Wednesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Grade 6 End of the Year SWYK (1 pm/7 pm)
Wednesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	AP Parent Night 7 pm
Friday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wind Ensemble Dinner 5pm
Friday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Senior Banquet 6-7:30 pm
Saturday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Class of 2017-Graduation, 11 am-1 pm

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/>.

## **May Builder Theme: "I am a Builder when I respect my body and mind."**

"At the very instant that you think, "I am happy," a chemical messenger translates your emotion, which has no solid existence whatever in the material world, into a bit of matter so perfectly attuned to your desire that literally every cell in your body learns of your happiness and joins in."

*Deepak Chopra*

## **Memorial Day- "Field of Poppies"**

As part of our Memorial Day celebration, each of our students will be given a "Buddy Poppy" to wear for the day and to take home. These artificial poppies have been a symbol of fallen and wounded veterans since World War II. They are traditionally sold on street corners by veterans, and donations received in return for these artificial poppies have helped over the years countless veterans, widows, widowers and orphans of fallen soldiers. The poppy itself continues to serve as a perpetual tribute to those who have given their lives for our nation's freedom. All students have been given an envelope for their donation to our local VFW that we will be collecting over the next few weeks.

We will be growing a "Field of Poppies" this year and with every envelope returned, placing a red "poppy" out at the entrance to our school. Help find opportunities for your students to earn their donation and return the envelopes as quickly as possible. The more envelopes we get, the larger our "Field of Poppies" will become. Our goal is to have all students come in with at least one envelope; however, if students or families want extra envelopes for other friends or families, they will be available at the front office.



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## **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!

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.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Story Crossroads Festival**

Congratulations to the winners from each division of the Speech Festival. The finalists performed their pieces well and final scoring was tough! We were fortunate to have visiting judges from the storytelling guild. One of the visiting judges, Jan Smith, was so impressed with our students that she raved about them to the executive director of Story Crossroads.

We are so excited to share the news that our winners from the school Speech Festivals have been invited to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Story Crossroads Festival this year at Murray Park (296 East Murray Park Ave).

### **1st - 3rd Grade Speech Festival Winners**

1st Place - Morganne Strong, 2nd Grade

2nd Place - Kennedy Sorenson, 3rd Grade

3rd Place - Anika Rajeev, 1st Grade

### **4th-6th Grade Speech Festival Winners**

1st Place - Allie Sorenson, 4th Grade

2nd Place - Grace Warner, 5th Grade

3rd Place - Alexandra Lilenquist, 6th Grade

### **Secondary Speech Festival Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Dominic Maughn - Monologue from *Death of a Salesman*

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Celeste Hompstead - Monologue from *Hamilton*

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Malia Arnold - Monologue

They will be performing **Wednesday, May 24** at the morning sessions about **9:00 am** or evening concerts starting about **6:00 pm**. Come watch them perform! [www.storycrossroads.com](http://www.storycrossroads.com) for more information.

Entrance fee: **\$3/adult; \$1/student or senior**

## **AP Parent Night**

Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the band room. Come learn which Advanced Placement (AP) classes APA offers as well as the benefits and expectations of each. Attendance is highly recommended for parents of students who are planning on taking one or more AP classes next year. Students are welcome to attend.

## **From the Family Support Organization**

### **FUN RUN:**

Don't miss the FUN RUN today at 4:00 pm at Wheadon Park in Draper.

Race Registration starts at 4 pm! (Participation in the races is FREE)

There will be Chick Fil A and Subway sandwich meals available for just \$5

\*\*\*We still have race shirts - purchase at the Fun Run for just \$8



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Silent Auction Items include an entire set of braces from Dr. Ghiz!

## **FIELD DAY:**

Looking for last minute volunteer opportunities??? Look no further. We need your help to run field day. We are asking for 2 volunteers from each classroom to come up with a game and help run it. If your classroom has it's needs filled, we still could use your help. We are running lower elementary (1-3 grade) differently than upper elementary (4-6 grades). If you are willing to be a lead over the lower or upper grades, please let Sarah know at [sarahpnelson@gmail.com](mailto:sarahpnelson@gmail.com).

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45abac23a1ff2-field> (lower grades)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45abac23a1ff2-field1> (upper grades)

**CURRICULUM NEEDS YOU!** Do you love books? Can you count to 32? Come help us check in all the textbooks loaned to our APA students this year on May 31st and June 1st and 2nd. You could be helping clean, repair, transport, or shelve textbooks with fellow bibliophiles! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45abac23a1ff2-text/26631671>

## **FSO 2017-2018:**

We are gearing up for an incredible 2017-18 year! We need plenty of helping hands! We are now filling positions for next year's committees. Please check out the sign up and get involved!

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090A45ABAC23A1FF2-20172018](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090A45ABAC23A1FF2-20172018)

## **District Art Show Winners**

It was very exciting to have many of our students art-work displayed in our American Prep District Art Show. Congratulations to all of the students displaying artwork. Extra special congratulations for these students receiving the following awards!

### 1st Grade

Mia McDonald-1st Place

### 2nd Grade

Valeria Franco-2nd Place

Lila Wixom-3rd Place

### 3rd Grade

Sofia Noel-3rd Place

### 4th Grade

Spencer Headlee - 1st Place

Jack Jensen-3rd Place

### 5th Grade

Grace Warner-1st Place

Kyla Harris-3rd Place

## **Yearbook Information**

Yearbooks that have already been purchased will be handed out to secondary student 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, during their 4<sup>th</sup> period class. Elementary yearbooks that have already been purchased will be passed out on the last day of school, June 9<sup>th</sup>, at their homeroom teacher's discretion. All extra yearbooks will be sold on the last day of school, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Parent Advisory Committee Draper 2 Election Results**

We would like to give a warm welcome to our newest committee member Elizabeth Papenfuss!

Congratulations! And a big vote of appreciation to our returning committee members for next school year! The following parents will represent you on the PAC/Land Trust committee for next year:

Elizabeth Papenfuss – Newly Elected

Britney Mendel

Huh Herbert

Crystal Painter

Mandy Brown

Ann Gubler



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## **Parent Advisory Committee Elections-Draper 3**

It is time to vote for the parents you would like to represent you on our Parent Advisory Committee. The PAC meets 3-4 times per year and 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 need to fill 1 vacancy on the Parent Advisory Committee this year. Each family may vote for one candidate. (You may not cast more than one vote for the same name.) The ballot is included as a separate page and can be found in your Communication Envelope along with the newsletter. **Make your 1 selection and return it to the school with your student to be placed in the ballot box on the reception counter upstairs or bring it in to the office by Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.** Please staple or tape your ballot. Ballots will be placed in a secure location at the school when they are received. The parent with the most votes will be posted in the May 26th newsletter and will represent Draper 3 parents on the PAC. Thank you for taking the time to select your parent representative for the 2017-18 School Year.

## **From our Curriculum and Library Department**

May 19<sup>th</sup>= **All** library books due

May 30<sup>th</sup>= Kindergarten textbooks due

May 31<sup>st</sup>= Secondary textbooks due for periods 1-4

June 1<sup>st</sup>= Secondary textbooks due for periods 5-8

June 2<sup>nd</sup>= All elementary groups books due for students with no missing work

June 5<sup>th</sup>= Elementary students late work finished in groups and books returned

June 7<sup>th</sup>= Teaching materials due

## **Character Development**

Our 9th grade "Evening in Paris" at La Caille was a smashing success. Many of our students tried escargot for the first time along with four other delicious courses. The pond, atrium, roaming peacocks and blooming tropical plants added to the experience. It was definitely a night to remember!

Ballroom tryouts for next year begin on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in the Secondary Cafeteria. 9-12th grade students interested in trying out will learn a dance routine on Wednesday and then perform the routine on Thursday, May 25th.

## **Lego Club News**

As we end the year, we have 2 final Lego Club meetings. Monday 5/22 is for Elementary and Monday 6/5 is for secondary. With secondary and elementary being in 2 buildings next year, there will be some logistical challenges for the Lego club (in particular, set up and clean up). BUT, with parent help we can easily pull it off! If you want to plan to use some your parent hours next year on Lego club, please email Mr Phinney at [kphinney@apamail.org](mailto:kphinney@apamail.org).

Also, during the summer there is a GREAT Lego event at UVU called "Brickslopes". Check it out at: <https://www.brickslopes.com/> (Last year Mr Phinney met students down there. Again, email him if you plan to go and we can try to put together a group. Groupon did a discount for the event last year so keep your eyes open.)



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## Athletics and Activities

### **Mountain Biking**

**APA Mountain Biking Parents Meeting:** Monday the 22nd at our Draper 2 campus at 6:00 pm in the choir room. If you have a 7th - 12th grader next year and you want to learn more about the fastest growing sport, please attend! (see attached flier)

### **High School Soccer**

**Congratulations to Draper APA HS boys and girls soccer teams** on a great season. The boys finished tied for 4th in the region and the girls finished 2nd in the region with a record of 9 wins 2 losses and 1 tie. Great job players, coaches and fans!

**We have 7 sports that have their tryouts and are starting before school begins next year.** They are; girls volleyball, x-country, girls tennis, girls soccer, boys golf, boys baseball and mountain biking. We have even more opportunities to get involved in other sports, activities and clubs during the school year. Please go to our High School website at <http://draper3.americanprep.org/> and click on "Athletics". We will keep updating the site with tryout dates and schedules, along with instructions on joining in, so keep checking back.

There are many ways to respect your body and mind, here is an article about a free PE program offered by US Speedskating.

<http://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating/News/Featured-News/2017/May/15/Jeremy-Ranch-Elementary-Holds-First-Skate-PE-Program-in-Utah>

As always, for more information and team schedules please visit the Athletics and Clubs website at: <http://www.draperathleticsapa.org/>

## **Secondary News**

### **EXPLORING COLLEGE OPTIONS with Top Tier Universities**

Is your high school student serious about exploring a top-tier university such as Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn State, or Stanford? Often we think these are out of reach and are impossible to visit. Representatives will be in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm! You are invited to come and speak to representatives from these universities. You must register for this event. Go to [www.exploringcollegeoptions.org](http://www.exploringcollegeoptions.org) to register for this event. You may also see any counselor for more information.

### **The Paradigm Challenge Scholarship**

The Paradigm Challenge is an annual competition that inspires youth to use STEM skills plus kindness, creativity, and collaboration to make a difference. The 2016-17 Challenge aims to generate new ideas to reduce waste in homes, schools, communities, and around the world. <http://www.projectparadigm.org/about-the-challenge>

### **Veterans of Foreign Wars - Voice of Democracy Essay Contest**

The VFW is dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generation. If you are a democracy-loving high school student interested in a \$30,000 college scholarship or a patriotic middle school student interested in winning \$5,000, these scholarships may be for you. [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), search for Voice of Democracy Essay Contest.



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