



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar

September 16, 2016

Monday-Friday September 19th-23rd

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Spirit Week-Grades 7-12

Academic Update – Reading University 8:00 am

Substitute Training 8:15-10:00 am

Show What You Know Grades 1-3, 8:00 am

Girls Basketball Tryouts Grades 6-12 3:45-5:15 pm

Show What You Know Grades 4-6 8:00 am

Leaders for Life 7th Grade 3:45 pm Parent Pick-up

Overlook and Campfire Event 11th Grade 1-6 pm

Annual Fall Festival 6-9 pm

Show What You Know Grades 1-3 8:00 am

Fieldtrips Grades 1-3

Show What You Know Grades 4-6 8:00 am

Barn Event Grade 8

Brandon Mull Visit Grades 4th-7th 1-2 pm

FriendSHIP Event Grade 6 3:45 pm Parent Pick-up

Fieldtrips Grades 4-6

Wild West BBQ 10th Grade 3-5 pm

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

September Builder Theme: I am a builder when I build with enthusiasm

“Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic and faithful, and you will accomplish your object. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Alma System Ready to Use!

This year APA is using Alma, a new software system that will help us better manage school, classroom and student information. It is a secure, easy-to-use online system that brings important school information and tools together in one place. Alma offers a parent portal to help families stay informed and on track with student learning.

Alma is new to APA and the staff at Draper 2. As staff becomes more familiar with the program you will see more assignments, grades and attendance information- especially as we get closer to the end of term on October 14th, 2016.

You will receive an email from Alma with information about how to set up your account and log in to the portal. If you have not received an email by Monday, September 19th, please contact Heather Gillis or Pam Hammond at the front desk. You can also find a button to access Alma on our website at

www.drapers2.americanprep.org.



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Teacher Qualifications

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Volunteer Hours

ATTENTION ALL D2 VOLUNTEERS: With the start of this new school year, APA is already the recipient of many valuable hours of your time. We appreciate you! We have a new updated system for tracking your volunteer hours. For elementary parents, instead of recording the hours on the communication envelopes, please email your time to volunteerdraper2@apamail.org. Secondary parents please email your time to heatherlabarreallen@gmail.com. If you have students in both elementary and secondary choose one email to send all your volunteer hours. Thanks again for all you do!

From the Family School Organization (FSO)

Academic Update is September 19th at 8 am in the Multi-purpose Room. Feed the kids then come breakfast with us as we enjoy a short course on APA's own **Reading University Program (RU)**.

Fall Festival on September 23rd from 6-9 pm.

We are offering **online ticket** sales. Skip the lines at the door. We will have a will-call booth to pick up your wristbands, tickets, and meal vouchers that night. Presale wristbands are discounted so get them early until noon on Sept. 22 and save: <http://apaevents.blogspot.com/>.

Presale tickets available in person on Sept. 19th from 7:30-8:15 am in the main lobby.

Volunteer for Fall Festival: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f49aea62ea1fc1-fall1>.

The **volunteer spots** for Fall Festival are still available with the most need for help with set up, take down, and carnival games. We are still looking for some pop-up tents, outdoor lights and even any form of stringed clear lights to borrow for the festival. If you (or anyone you know) has access to these please contact Jill Welch at kjillwelch@gmail.com.

Elementary Field Trip Drivers Needed:

1st-3rd Grade: Sept. 27th 8:00 am-3:00 pm.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f49aea62ea1fc1-1st3rd>

4th-6th Grade: Sept. 30th 8:00 am-3:00 pm

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f49aea62ea1fc1-field1>

We cannot thank you enough for all your help! -The FSO

Looking for a Carpool Group?



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Please click this link for the Draper 2 Family Directory: <https://www.zeemaps.com/map?group=1567746>
This map allows you to see which families live near you. When you click on the individual map markers, you will find the name of the family and the contact information to form a carpool. All carpool groups must have the same color and number family (i.e. 700s or 800s). When you form a carpool group, please inform Marietta at apacarpool@gmail.com.

Carpool Corner

This week's Carpool Tip: Please use your turn indicators when merging into different lanes and after loading and unloading your students.

Lagoon FUNdraiser

We are participating in the 2016 Lagoon Education Foundation Fundraiser! Please distribute the promo code to family and friends; the more tickets sold using the promo code, the more money donated to American Preparatory Academy! Attached is a coupon that can be used at a Lagoon ticket window, and a flyer to hang up to advertise. **The promo code can be used to purchase up to 8 tickets per transaction online**, at the link provided below. Please feel free to use any resources at your disposal (i.e. email, PeachJar, website and so on) to distribute this promo code. <https://www.lagoonpark.com/buy-tickets/>

American Prep promo code: APA16

The discount/fundraiser is only valid September 16- October 30, 2016.

Athletics and Activities

Tuesday September 20th: Girls grades 6th - 12th Basketball tryouts-3:45-5:15 pm. All girls wishing to make one of our secondary teams should plan on attending. If you can't make it, please let Coach Webb or Coach LaCombe know. webbmarsh@aol.com llacombe@apamail.org

Fall Festival: Remember to bring your gently used or new shoes to the Fall Festival for a PRIZE and help fund our extracurricular activities!!

K - 12th Grade Wrestlers- We are going to start our youth wrestling team practices! If you are interested in wrestling please contact Coach Hammer at thammer@apamail.org.

Baseball this Fall- We are a few players short for our baseball team. If you or a friend (7th grade or older) love baseball and have some experience and want to play, please contact Mr. Durst at bdurst@apamail.org.

We have a lot of clubs, music and athletics all getting underway! For more details and schedules please check our website: <http://draper2.americanprep.org/>

Character Development Activities

Last week our 8th Graders participated in the W.O.R.K. Party Ambassador Event where they had **Wonderful Opportunities to Render Kindness**. Our students worked on several neighborhood beautification projects located throughout Sandy and Draper city. They weeded, spread bark, planted trees, picked up trash and cleaned up the Sandy City Cemetery.

At APA, we are citizens who take pride in our community. Each of our students are wonderful representatives of our school. Thank you for all of your hard work students!



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Many thanks to Daisy Duncan, Stephanie McVicar, Mandy Brown, Julia Fairbourn, Diana Anteljevic, Rachel Monson, Kiri Reeves and Rebecca Dailey for supporting this event! We couldn't have kept so many students organized without your help!

Last Thursday our 11th and 12th graders had the opportunity to hike Desolation Trail, which led to an amazing overlook of the Salt Lake Valley. The trail was intense at times, but our students hiked with enthusiasm and helped one another along the way and did not give up. The night ended with a fireside hotdog and s'more roast and discussion on perseverance, camaraderie and perspective. It was a night to remember!

Many thanks to Mike Spainhower, our photographer and trail help!

Last Saturday, Miguel Jahen, Taylor Packer, Jashan Sandhu, Beth VanderVeur, Tanner Adamson, Shelly Baltazar, Allie Osmond and Olivia Harline volunteered their time to help at the Down Syndrome Society's annual Buddy Walk. Our students happily ran carnival game stations, danced and cheered on families as they walked in support of Down Syndrome. It was a rewarding experience!

Many thanks to Claudia Jahen and Holly Packer for transportation support!

7th Grade Leaders for Life

Attention parents and students! We are so excited to kick off this year with our 7th grade Leaders for Life Event! At the event students will learn how to demonstrate positive character traits, strong leadership by thinking out of the box, and respectful behavior. The event will be on Wednesday, September 21st from 1:10-3:45 pm.

Driver Certification News

There have been changes to the driver certification process and drivers will currently be no longer required to complete the state on-line video and test.

Substitute Training

Want to learn more about American Prep, our curriculum and methods? Want to be involved at the school and get paid at the same time? Come be a substitute for us! We will be having Substitute Training on Monday, September 19th at 8:15 - 10:00 am **at the Draper 2 campus**, to do a crash course on what we are about and what it takes to be a substitute. We will then schedule an individual hands-on training at the Draper 1 or Draper 2 campus with one of our excellent Administrators for each interested person. If you are interested in coming to our Substitute Training, please email Kevin McVicar kmcvicar@apamail.org or Cathie Adamson cadamson@apamail.org.

Brandon Mull Visit!

Brandon Mull, author of the popular "Fablehaven", "Candy Shop War", "Five Kingdoms" Series, and *Wild Born* books, is coming to visit the 4th-7th grade students the afternoon of September 28th. We are so excited! He will be available to sign pre-ordered books that will be delivered to students at that time. Please use the order form to request these books. Please note: All checks should be made out to Barnes and Noble. Cash should be sealed in envelopes and addressed to Barnes and Noble. Pre-order forms will be due by September 21st.

Reading University

Reading University (RU) is an academic program that introduces students to value-based literature and informational texts and increases vocabulary through independent reading. The goal of the Reading University



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program is to instill a love for independent reading in each of our students. Reading University is our independent reading program. Students should have a gray folder in their dockets. Inside of that gray folder should be an RU reading log. Students keep track of the books they read and parents sign that the students have read the books. Each grade has a certain number of books to be read each term. Check the learning plan for number of books and due dates. Students may read books one grade level below and any on or above. Each term, students may read one book that is not on the RU list. The Reading University Book lists are located on the website, under the Resources tab. <http://draper2.americanprep.org>.

Secondary News

ACT TEST

Attention parents of 10th – 12th grade students: The ACT is an important college entrance test. For any student that needs to take or wants to re-take the ACT, the next ACT test is scheduled for October 22. The deadline to register is Friday, September 16. Please visit www.actstudent.org to register.

There are ACT prep materials available by the secondary office on our ACT bulletin board. We encourage your student to prepare for this important test!

Yearbook Committee

We are looking for 5-6 committed, talented students that are willing to serve on the Yearbook Committee for this year. Students will be working with Mrs. Patterson to write copy, take photos, edit the design, and create the final yearbook. Please stop by and talk with Mr. Baker or email him at dbaker@apamail.org if you are interested.

Spirit Week September 19th-23rd

Next week is Spirit Week for our secondary students. Have your students join in on the fun and "be a super hero! Have a MARVELous spirit week!" Here are some fun tweaks to our dress code next week. (Please Note: uniform must be worn, no flashing lights, colorful hair or makeup. All fun accessories should not be a distraction, and the administration can ask students to remove items that go over the guidelines.)

Monday September 19th: The 7th Grade and Spider Man presents: Spidey has some awesome footwear... go for Crazy Sock Day!

Tuesday September 20th: The 8th Grade and Captain America presents: the Captain wants you to wear your favorite shield... or rather, your Favorite Buttons and Pins Day!

Wednesday September 21st: The 9th Grade and Thor presents: Shine like Thor! Go for Silver and Gold accents!

Thursday September 22nd: The 10th Grade and Iron Man presents: Tony Stark knows how to dress up... go for a Crazy Tie today!

Friday September 23rd: The 11th and 12th Grade, Widow and Hawkeye present: Keep your eye on the mark... show your spirit wearing any APA t-shirt (team jerseys, polo shirts, fun run shirts, pep band shirt, etc. If you have a tank top jersey, you must wear a t-shirt underneath)

Hope to see our students in the "spirit" next week and ready to rock some awesome daily lunchtime activities with our ambassador councils. See you then.