

Draper 2 - School Calendar

September 15, 2017

Tuesday, September 19	Land Trust Meeting 2:00-3:00 pm in Conference Room
Monday, October 3	Picture Re-take day
Friday, October 6	Reading University (RU) Deadline
Monday, October 9	Late Homeroom work due
Wednesday, October 11	Grading Day – Early release day FOR ALL STUDENTS!! 12:15 – 2 nd dismissal 12:30 - 3 rd dismissal 12:45 – 4 th dismissal
Friday, October 15	Last day of 1 st term
Mon., Oct. 16 – Fri., Oct. 20	No School – Fall Break
Monday, October 23	Back to school 8:15 am sharp

***For further information about activities and events, please visit our website
<http://draper2.americanprep.org/>***

Builder Theme for September – “I am a Builder when I Build with Enthusiasm”

There are those certain people that when you see them, no matter what is happening in life, you break out in a smile. We have lots of staff that exhibit this quality on a regular basis. Hopefully many of you have had a chance to come through carpool and experience staff that make the best of their time with their responsibilities and with such enthusiasm that it makes you smile. As a parent and staff member, Mr. Perazzo’s enthusiastic dancing during carpool always elicits a smile from me. When we are enthusiastic, passionate and have an understanding of the bigger vision of our own responsibilities, then we can truly make a difference. Together we can “change the world for the better!”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXD58zLOz3w>

Air Quality

There have been some questions regarding air quality and recess time. The policy at APA follows the Utah Asthma Program as well as the EPA’s recommendations. Air quality levels are listed as Green, Yellow, Orange, Red and Purple. We use the Utah Department of Environmental Air Quality website to track air quality. <http://air.utah.gov/currentconditions.php?id=slc>

When air quality levels are in the Green or Yellow range we allow all children outside for recess and PE. When air quality levels are in the Orange range we keep those kids who have asthma or a request from a parent, on the blue Health Alert form, inside. When air quality levels are in the Red or Purple range everyone is kept inside. If your child has a cold or other respiratory infection, please email their teacher and we will keep them inside on Orange days. We follow CURRENT conditions, not forecasts. Often a forecast of Orange or Red will be on the news. If at recess time the air quality is still in the Green or Yellow range, we allow the kids outside. You may contact our District Nurse, Heather Mason, if you have any questions regarding this policy. hmason@apamail.org

Ambassador Program

We are happy to introduce the Ambassador Program for APA’s Elementary school! At APA, we teach various Ambassador skills including how to meet and greet others using a proper hand shake with eye

contact. We also teach the students how to be a P.R.O. at lunch time! **Positive – Respectful – Observant** and what to do with their paper napkin! During lunch time we work on manners so students learn to be respectful. We want them to transfer the skills to their homes. It might take some time, but practice makes perfect, right? It's going to be a great, fun year for these kids!

If you would like to donate napkins for our students to use at lunchtime, please feel free to send them in with your student(s). We appreciate the time and effort it will take you to pick these up. Your kind donation will aid in teaching your student(s) how to use their best manners at lunchtime.

2017-18 School Land Trust Program

"The School LAND Trust program brings tens of millions of dollars annually to academic programs in public schools across Utah. The funds are generated from school trust lands... Each public school in Utah elects a school community council consisting of parents, teachers, and the principal. Charter Schools have Trust Lands Councils... Each council carefully reviews student assessments and progress to decide which academic areas they want to focus on. Plans are developed to improve student academic performance in the identified academic areas with the annual School LAND Trust funds. The plans are approved by the council, submitted on this website, and approved by the local school board or chartering entity." www.schoollandtrust.org. Our Draper 2 campus will receive approximately \$50,000 in Land Trust funds this school year.

Your ***Land Trust Committee Members for the 2017-18 SY*** are:

Huh Hubert

Britney Mendel

Crystal Painter

Elizabeth Papenfuss

Ann Gubler

Open Position – Please contact Kim Dudley kdudley@apamail.org, if you are interested in participating.

Belinda Durling – Elementary Director

Kevin McVicar – Administrative Director

Our next Draper 2 Land Trust Committee Member Meeting will be held at the school building on **September 19, 2017, at 2pm**. Parents and the public are welcome to attend. Our 2nd Meeting will be **held January 19, 2018 at 2pm**. Our final Land Trust Committee/Stake holder meeting will be held over the summer, after State Testing results are received. See our website <https://draper2.americanprep.org> for reports and other information.

FSO Happenings

What Is An AST???

AST stands for Academic Support Team and is similar to a Room Mother. Each elementary teacher selects an AST to assist them in coordinating the classroom volunteers, gathering materials needed in the classroom or for culminating activities, coordinating chaperones for field trips, and acting as the parent representative informing parents of school activities sponsored by the FSO.

If you would like to be an AST in your child's classroom, please contact your student's teacher. If you have already been appointed as an AST, you are invited to attend a training and information meeting on **Thursday, Sept 28th at 8:15 am in the gym**. There will be a light breakfast provided. Please plan to attend!

Got Hours??

Many of you have already starting accumulating volunteer hours...this is great! Please send a quick email to volunteerdraper2@apamail.org with your hours each time you volunteer!

A Huge Success!

Thank you to the many families who came out to support the FALL FESTIVAL last Friday! We were thrilled at the number of families that came and participated and for your generous contributions. All proceeds go to the HS clubs (Band, Drama, Dance, and Ambassadors) and the D1, D2, and D3 FSO (Family School Organization) that sponsors many activities throughout the year.

Alma News

We are excited to launch our grade book, Alma, for the 2017/18 school year. Thank you for your patience as we put together and finalize adding all of the classes and students into Alma. There are a few things that will happen:

- 1- The program will go live Friday afternoon around 4 PM- which means emails will be sent out to parents with a password link. You will be able to set up your password through this link. Your username will be included in the email and it is usually firstname.lastname.
- 2- Once you are able to log in you will see your student(s) listed. Over the course of the next several school days all of their classes will be loaded, so if you see they are missing a math class, it is because it just has not been added yet.
- 3- If you have any questions, or problems, please follow the APA communication policy and make sure you email your student's homeroom teacher.

Things to email about would be:

- * I cannot log into Alma
- * My student(s) is not listed
- * I do not see all of my student(s) classes listed- please wait until after Wednesday, September 20th before you email about this

You will also be receiving a cheat sheet to help you find your way around the Alma system. This will be included in your student's communication envelope.

Group Assignments

Until about October 1st, all of our groups (reading, math, and spelling) are considered "Maybe Groups." They are very fluid with students moving as needed. We want to make sure all of our students have plenty of time to wake up their brains after the long summer break. Remember that at the beginning of the year there is a lot of review in all subjects to help them to be successful. If you have any questions about your student's placement, please email our Elementary Directors, Mrs. Durling bdurling@apamail.org for Kindergarten through 3rd grade, Mrs. Chappell, at jchappell@apamail.org and Mrs. Lloyd dlloyd@apamail.org for 4th through 6th grade students.

Reading University (RU) Lists - From our Parent Student Handbook

Reading University, often referred to as "RU", is a program of student independent reading. The purpose of the program is to encourage students to read regularly, outside of school hours, and to expose them to good literature. When students become enthusiastic readers, not only do they build their vocabulary and imaginations and understanding of the world, they most often see increased academic success in every subject. Time spent in independent reading has been shown to be a defining indicator in a student's academic success. Reading University is a graded subject in elementary and will be part of your student's report card. The grade is based upon the number of books that your student

reads each term. It is reported to the teacher by turning in the list of books (Title, Author and Parent Signature) each term. This is called the RU Log. Each grade requires a different number of books to be completed for each term:

- Kindergarten—8 books per term
- 1st Grade—8 books per term
- 2nd Grade—6 books per term
- 3rd Grade—5 books per term
- 4th Grade—3 books per term
- 5th Grade—3 books per term
- 6th Grade—3 books per term

Books are selected from the Reading University book list. The RU book list is most easily accessed from the school website: www.americanprep.org. Click on our campus—Draper 2 -- at the bottom of the page. Click on the “resources” tab at the top, then “Reading University”. The book lists can be viewed by grade, or books can be searched by title or author. Other Reading University guidelines:

- Students can read books that are at or above their grade level or one grade level below. 3rd graders, for example, can read 2nd grade level books and up.
- Students can have books at or above their grade level read to them. This is always true for our beginning readers in K and 1st, but students in all grades can count 1 ‘read to’ book each term. For example, reading a book from the 6th grade list together as a family could count for each of your students.
- Books on tape may also be used--1 book per term. It is helpful to have a copy of the book as well so that your student may read along with the narrator.
- Books that are not on the RU list can also be enjoyed, but only 1 book per term can count toward the RU reading requirements.
- Books on the RU list can be checked out from the public library and are also available to be checked out from the classroom library.
- At the end of each term, students will have the opportunity to earn small prizes at the “RU store” for completing or exceeding their RU goal.

Reading University Readers Needed

Do you love to read? Are you interested in what’s out there in children’s literature? Are you interested in helping the Reading University program? We need readers to preview possible additions to the RU list. Please contact apareadinguniversity@gmail.com for more information in signing up for this committee.

Carpool Corner

Carpool is always a very busy and dynamic part of the day at American Prep and we appreciate all the cooperation and patience as we work to establish safe routines. As a reminder, during our peak carpool times between 7:30-8:15 am and from 3-4 pm/2-3 pm, please do not turn left into our driveway. It can be frustrating for us when we see cars not following these protocols, but please keep in mind one of the important pillars of our culture at American Prep is that we should “Assume good will”. As we have been out there talking with many of these cars and people turning left and not following the protocols, we come to know the different circumstances for their situation. Some of these people are contractors, delivery persons and others trying to get to our secondary building under construction. Others are visitors or guests coming to an athletic event, some are just very new families or a new person coming into our carpool system for the first time. Please show good will as you see these happen and know that we are continuing to educate and talk with as many of these people as possible.

We have also had increasing reports from our neighbors about our parents using the neighborhood to turn around or wait for their pick-up time. Please be a considerate neighbor and do not use the neighborhood for any reason. Your consideration and cooperation are important in showing our neighbors and community that we want to be builders within our community. Our reputation is established through our actions. Please be considerate, kind and neighborly by not using the neighborhood for any reason.

Open Enrollment

If you have friends or relatives with 5th and/or 6th grade students, the Draper campuses both have openings. Please have them go to our website, find the enrollment tab and apply. These openings will be filled on a first come first served basis. If you would like to know if there is room for siblings, please email Lindsey Rees lrees@apamail.org. We would love to share with them the joyful learning experience your students are receiving.

After School Clubs

MONDAY – Chess Club-Parent Volunteers Needed

Over the years, our amazing secondary math teacher, Ken McLaughlin, had been organizing and running our chess club. Since Mr. McLaughlin is now teaching our 9-12 grades at another campus, we are in need of parent volunteers to continue this tradition. We want to have this club meet on Mondays. Please use the following link to sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a45aea828aafc1-chess>

TUESDAY – Every two weeks, unless we get enough parent volunteers to run the club on the days Mr. Phinney is unavailable.

Who: Elementary students (K to 6)

When: ***EVERY OTHER*** Tuesday from 3:50 to 4:40 PM (If your student has first dismissal, they can come to the multi purpose room and help us set up). Here is a complete list of club meeting for the Fall: 9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/28 and 12/12

Pick-up - At 4:40 pm, all of the students will be taken to the east curb. If you need to pick your student up earlier then the 4:40 pm time please come in and sign them out.

Where: Draper 2 Multi Purpose Room

How: The cost for the whole term is \$15/student (additional children from a family are \$10). Please pay with a check to Mr Phinney (room 106) made out to "Friends of APA" and attach it to the permission slip (Attached to the digital copy of the newsletter.)

PARENTS: If you would like to fulfill some of your parent hours by helping with the club (e.g., set up, adult presence, taking photos of student creations and clean up), please email Mr. Phinney at kphinney@apamail.org and he will send you a link to sign up for help slots.

WEDNESDAY – Art Club – 2:30-4:00 pm

Smart with Art - Art from many hands

Explore and discover a variety of cultural arts as we create a Mexican yarn art piece working with collage materials. Create an Egyptian cat print incorporating printmaking. Look at African fabrics and design an inspired mud cloth creation. Design a Zen book of art pieces inspired by Chinese sumi paintings. Focusing on patterns and color, create an elephant inspired by the culture of India. There so much to discover, join us as we take a trip around the world and discover Art from Many Hands! All supplies included!

If you would still like to sign up your student, registration has been extended and will be open through Tuesday, September 19th.

THURSDAY – Robotics

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SPORTS

Athletics and Activities

GOLF - Our High School Golf coach is holding two (2) golf clinics. This is for ages 4 to 14. Check out the flyer in the Newsletter section on our web-site under the “Resources” tab.

Team Sports

Our High School girl’s soccer team won a tough battle with St Joseph's Catholic School 3 to 1 to take sole possession of third in our region (Region 17). Abigail Hansen (11th grade) scored our 3 goals and now is the leading goal scorer per game in the State for 2A schools!! Their next game is Tuesday the 19th at North Summit High School in Coalville.

Our High School boys golf team secured a spot in the State Tournament and will be heading to Cedar City in a couple of weeks!

Our Middle School boy’s soccer team played their first ever game and defeated Intermountain Christian School in both divisions! Our A team won 4 to 1 and our B team won 9 to 4. Their next game is a home game on the 21st (4pm/5:15pm) against Rowland Hall.

Our High School girl’s volleyball has a big region game this Thursday (9/14) at home vs our sister school APA West Valley 2! Our team is the youngest in the region (maybe State) and they keep making great strides and will be a team to contend with by the time State comes around.