

September 21, 2018

Draper 2



UPCOMING EVENTS

AST (Room Parent) Training - Room 240	Tues. Sept. 25th	8:15-9:15 am
Reading University Deadline	Mon. Oct 1st	
Spirit Day	FRI. OCT. 5TH	
Late Work Deadline	Fri. Oct 5th	
Picture Re-Take Day	Tues. Oct 9th	
Grades 1-3 Field Trips	Wed. Oct. 10th	
Grades 4-6 Field Trips	Thur. Oct. 11th	
End of Term 1	Fri. Oct. 12th	
Fall Break	Oct. 15th-19th	

For updates, additional event information, and athletic events, please visit our campus website at:
<https://draper2.americanprep.org/>

From the Directors' Desks

by Cathie Adamson and Kevin McVicar

September Builder Theme: Building with Enthusiasm!

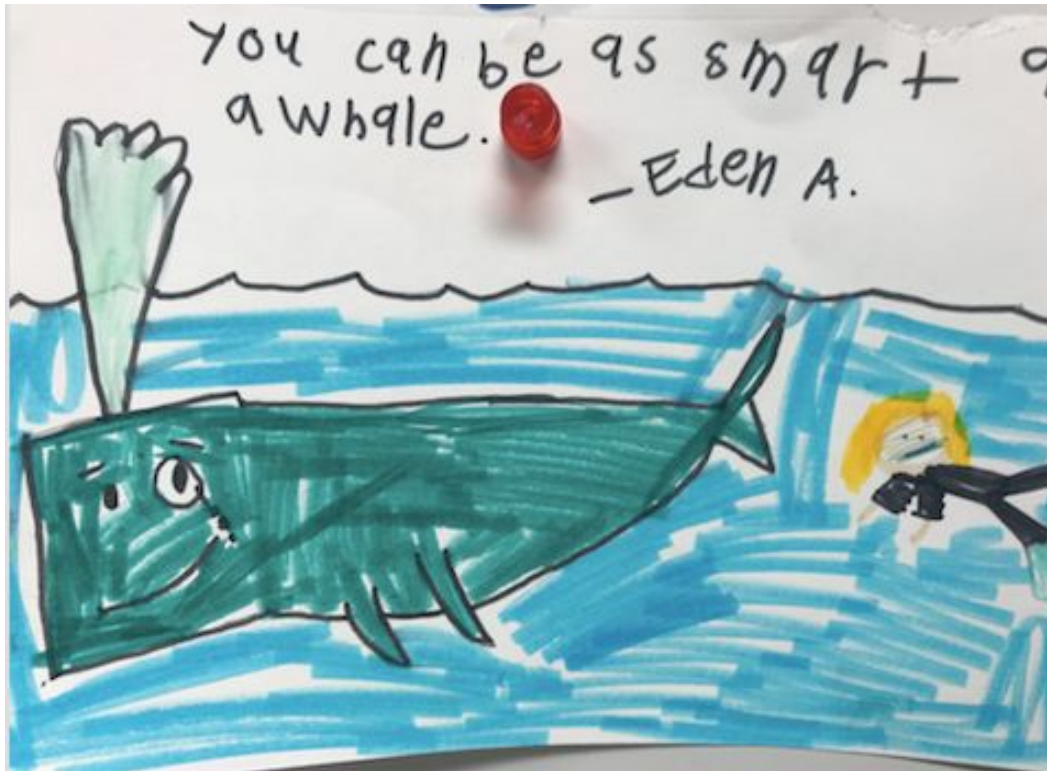
“Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your object. Nothing great was ever achieved without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

While visiting classrooms throughout the school over the past weeks, I have experienced lots of enthusiasm from our students and staff. This enthusiasm has taken many forms and I was especially



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impressed with how one of our students showed her enthusiasm for school. Take a look at one of the encouraging posters she created for her classroom.



***ALMA-Online grading Program-Notifications**

Exciting News: ALMA will be sending out Missing Work Reports every Thursday!

Alma Update: Missing work notifications

Parents! You now have the ability to receive notifications for any missing assignment your child may have. We have enabled this for all parents. By default you will receive a weekly text message sent on Thursdays. Please note, if your account is not set up to receive text messages you will receive an email instead. The text message will come from 801-810-3590 and the emails will come from notifications@getalma.com.

If you wish to edit your notifications settings, log in to Alma. Click on "My Account" from under your name in the upper right corner.

ALMA, the online grading program used in our Elementary school, is now up and running. Thank you for your patience as our staff has been working hard to enter all the information needed to get it started. You should have already received an email directly from ALMA with your username and



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password. Please remember to check your junk mail if you didn't receive an email. If it is not there, please contact your student's homeroom teacher so we can fix any problems.

Shelter in Place Drill

As part of our emergency drills we routinely do here at the school, we practiced a "Shelter-in-Place" drill with our staff and students this week. A "Shelter-in-Place" situation involves a threat outside the school where we continue teaching but lock our doors so no outside visitors are allowed in the school. If you were coming to check out your student during this time, you would have to call the front office and, depending upon the situation, might not be allowed in the building. Please understand that these drills are an important safety procedure and we are sorry for any inconvenience that you might experience.

Healthy Home, Healthy Students, Healthy School

The cold, flu, and stomach bug season is upon us. Usually these illnesses, however uncomfortable they make us, are minor illnesses. The good news is that many of these common illnesses can be prevented with the right precautions. Please help us keep your students healthy by encouraging them to wash their hands frequently, not touch their face, and to not share drinks or food from their dishes with anyone. Here at the school, we are doing our best to keep surfaces disinfected and encourage you to do the same. If your student has a fever, has thrown up, or is constantly coughing, we ask that you keep them home from school. We ask that a student be fever free & vomit free for at least 24 hours before coming back to school. By following these guidelines, we hope to decrease the spread of these easily transmittable illnesses.

Holiday Boutique Planning Meeting

Plans are underway for this year's Holiday Boutique and we need your help. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please come to the meeting scheduled for this coming Wednesday, September 26 at 8:15 am. This year's boutique will be bigger and better than ever! And we'd love any suggestions that you have. Please contact Michelle Goudge at mgoudge@gmail.com or 218.556.2484 with any questions.



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***Field Trip Donations**

FIELD TRIPS!!! Our elementary students in grades 1-6 take two field trips per year. Kindergarten students will go to the zoo for their end-of-year field trip. Field trips are important learning experiences for our students!!

The transportation to the field trips is quite expensive. In past years we have had parent volunteer drivers because the cost of buses is about \$11.00 per student per trip. This year, we are hoping to use buses for all our field trips and we are asking parents to help us to provide this great opportunity to your child. We need your kind donation of \$11.00 per field trip (\$22.00 total for grades 1-6).

The school's foundation - American Preparatory Education Foundation - is graciously heading up the field trip donation effort this year. Please go to <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/programs> to make your online donation. When you hit the page, scroll down to "Program Enhancement" and from the drop-down menu choose "Draper 2 Field Trips".

You may also send a check made out to APEF if you prefer.

Although we hope to receive donations of \$22.00 from every parent, we welcome donations of a greater amount to help cover where we may fall short. THANK YOU!!

From the Front Office

Hello, Families! We are grateful to the VOLUNTEERS who have helped us in our front office! So far, we have about 4 out of the 20 weekly volunteer slots filled. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IN THE FRONT OFFICE TO SERVE YOUR WONDERFUL STUDENTS! Please sign up and come help us! Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544adac2ba1f58-american>

***Parking**

If you need to come into the school during the school day, please park in the VISITOR parking spots. They are painted with white paint. Please do not park in any of the numbered spots, as those are reserved for staff parking. Thank you!

***Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem**

If you are entering our building, or in the building somewhere, and we are underway with either the Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem, please stop and respectfully participate! The front office takes this very seriously and we will stop what we are doing to participate in both. We think this is a FANTASTIC way to start the day.

***Parent Messages to Students**



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Thank you to those parents who have been diligent in getting messages to their students via the student's teacher -- it has been very helpful to not have to track them down during groups!

Although we would love to be able to get personal messages from parents to students during the school day, it is not possible for us to consistently do this. As you know, our students are on the move all day long! Students are going from the classroom to groups classes to specials (music, art, PE) and recess. Did you know our students have at least 10-15 transitions every day? Finding a student to pass along a message is quite a feat! So with only 2 secretaries in the office to serve our parents and guests and students who are ill, we really are not in a position to leave the office to run messages to students. Please communicate any message that needs to get to your student with the homeroom teacher via email the night before (preferably) or first thing in the morning.

***Attendance**

The email for absent students is d2attendance@apamail.org. Reporting your student absent is a TWO step process:

1. Email d2attendance@apamail.org and include your child's name, grade and teacher's name, OR call the front office at 801-810-3590, select the attendance option and leave a message with the same information (student name, grade and teacher's name) by 9:30 am each day your child is absent, AND
2. Email your student's homeroom teacher.

Thank you so much for your patience as we get things going here at APA! We are learning so much and our processes are improving each day. We hope to see lots of volunteers helping us in the office very soon! We look forward to meeting you.

***Afternoon Pick-Up**

THANK YOU to all the families who switched their curb assignment to help balance the traffic flow! As traffic is flowing well now, we don't plan any further curb adjustments for our purposes. If you need or want a pickup change, please contact us at the school office.

If an adjustment needs to be made to your regular pick-up time, please communicate that DIRECTLY to your child's teacher. (For example, if your sister is picking up your kids just this once, and needs them to go to curb B instead of D, email your student's teacher by 9:00 am).

Attendance

- Absences: when your student is absent -- whatever the reason and whenever you find out -- please email the front office (d2attendance@apamail.org) AND your student's teacher (First Letter Of The Teacher's First Name Full Last Name @apamail.org).
- Tardies: when your student is tardy -- whatever the reason and whatever the time of day -- an adult needs to walk him/her into the building. If it is before 9:20 am, your student will not need a pink slip for class, but an adult still must be present to sign off that the student wasn't just sluffing :)



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Lost and Found

Items in the Lost and Found will be donated at the end of every month. If your student is missing a docket or a water bottle or headband or sweater or lunchbox -- please come claim it in the next two weeks.

Air Quality

With the Air Quality as horrid as it has been, feel free to send your student to school with a water bottle (labeled with their name!). On bad-air days, we will keep the students inside and away from the bad air whenever possible!

Friends of APA

We all know that American Prep's greatest assets are our teachers and staff!

Research shows one of the most important factors affecting student learning is the teacher. When students are placed with a high performing teacher three years in a row, gains in student achievement are significant and their chances of attending college are increased.

Friends of APA has created a unique way to say "thank you" by forming the Builders Club. The Builders Club is a program that provides bonuses and staff compensation for our teachers. We invite all our parents to become members of the Builders Club by making monthly donations for each student that attends APA. We want to reward our teachers so we can retain them and provide an excellent education for our students well into the future.

If you love your child's teacher, join the Builders Club!

<https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/apa-builders-club>

You can also donate in person each month at the front office.

School Supply Donations

American Prep takes care of all the school supplies our students need during the year. We provide pencil pouches, pens, pencils, writing paper and a docket to all of our students. Our dockets help keep papers organized and help students acquire the organizational skills needed to become successful in their educational endeavors. Parents need to supply a clean uniform and a nutritional lunch for their student each day.

<https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/programs>

***Family Support Organization**

Dear Parents,



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As your D2 and D3 Family-School Organization (FSO) Directors, we would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's Fall Festival a success! We truly appreciate each and every volunteer and all of those who donated to the student government bake sale. The bake sale was a huge success this year! We also appreciate all of the staff at APA who helped us leading up to the festival and all those who helped us that night. We couldn't have done it without you.

Last but not least, thank you to everyone who came out to the Festival and supported the FSO and different groups from D2 and D3. We hope that everyone who came enjoyed the night's festivities. The administration would like to put some pictures up on the website, so if you took pictures that you are willing to share, please email Nicole Harman at nharman@apamail.org.

Thank you,

Nicole Harman & Kelly Bible

As you know, every family is asked to contribute 20 volunteer hours each school year. Have you considered where you would like to spend those hours? We appreciate those that have signed up to help in their child's classroom! But did you know that there are many needs in the school besides in the classroom? The FSO will have quite a few opportunities in the next few months to serve our staff and students. Opportunities include:

- Front Office Volunteers
- Sorting Box Tops
- Book Fair
- Reading University Store
- Parent-Teacher Conference Dinner

The process for volunteering is simple!! Just watch for sign-ups for the different events in the newsletter or via email. Then follow the link to sign up! It is EASY!!

We also TRACK parent volunteer hours. There are 2 ways you can track your hours:

1. Write them with a permanent marker or pen on your weekly communication envelope OR
2. Email them to volunteerdraper2@apamail.org

When you reach 20 hours of volunteer service, you will receive a Volunteer Pin!

If you have volunteer hours, please record them or email your hours to volunteerdraper2@apamail.org

If you have any questions regarding the FSO and how you can help, please send an email to nharman@apamail.org.

Thanks again!
Nicole Harman



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****Substitutes needed!**

Need for Substitute Teachers!

We are in need of substitute teachers! Please consider becoming a substitute for us! Or, if you have friends, relatives or neighbors who are looking for a WONDERFUL part-time job, this may just be it! Here is more information about our substitutes and their duties:

Elementary Substitutes: Don't worry, you won't be put in charge of a classroom! Our staffing model allows us to have our Instructors step in and substitute for the teachers when they are absent, so our substitutes are really "assistant" teachers, helping out the Instructor as they teach the class. This is a really great opportunity for parents and others to be in the school and to make a BIG difference! Being an elementary substitute is VERY FUN! Please email Cathie Adamson cadamson@apamail.org or call 801-810-3590 and we will answer any questions you may have!

Secondary Substitutes: For grades 7-12, you will be in a classroom with students, following a substitute plan left by the classroom teacher. Our students are respectful and fun to be around! You will love it!! Please email Carole Hollinger carole.hollinger@apamail.org or call 385-434-2000 ext.1008 and we will answer all of your questions!!

Our substitute teacher pay is very competitive!

HS Diploma/GED

\$80 per day

Associates Degree

\$85 per day

Bachelors Degree

\$90 per day

Please email or call Cathie Adamson cadamson@apamail.org if you are interested, or go directly to our website at <https://www.americanprep.org/careers/> and apply!!

***Assembly Etiquette**

At American Prep, we have many different assemblies for various events and weekly student "Show What You Know" assemblies. At these assemblies we ask everyone to observe the following protocols:

- Please always find a seat. We do not want any guests standing during an assembly.
- Please stay for the entire program. It is not good manners to get up and leave in the middle of an assembly. Please just plan on spending the extra time in the assembly if coming to see your student.
- When the Pledge and National Anthem start, please stop and pause where you are and participate by being respectful, reciting the Pledge and singing along with the National Anthem. Please do not try and enter the room during this time, just stay in the lobby or outside the door.



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Character Development

by Mandy Brown

Our 6th Grade "Welcome Aboard the APA FriendSHIP" was a success today! Students were able to practice and master very important skills about being a true friend. Some of the lessons taught in this event included how to write a thank you note, the way to meet and greet, how to navigate a reception line and the keys to asking intelligent questions. A big thanks to all of our amazing parent volunteers. These events would not be possible without you! Please ask your 6th grader to share what they learned with you.

A big shout out to Ashley Rough-Watkins, Kathy Larrabee, G Singh, Shayna Cerny, Kristen Mukhar, Stacie Peterson, Shana Hawes, Cicilee Johnson, Elise Smith, Tori Andersen, Kimberly Higgison, and Mayumi Yamanaka for helping us with our 5th grade event last week. We couldn't have done it without you! We hope you had fun with us.

IMPORTANT REMINDER! ... we want to collect more stories of service! Please let us know about YOUR CHILD serving an elderly neighbor, volunteering with their sports team to clean up a park, going as a family to walk dogs at the Humane Society, etc. Send your stories and photos to mandy.brown@apamail.org to be featured all month long on our Builder Bulletin Board (located in the kindergarten/first grade hall).

***School-to-Parent Communication**

A weekly newsletter from the Administrative Director will be emailed to American Prep families. Additionally, there will be a weekly communication envelope sent home with the youngest student of each family which will contain a paper copy of our newsletter, additional flyers and other paper materials. This envelope will go home with students on Thursdays or Fridays. The newsletter will contain notification of important dates and events, as well as pertinent school news and information.

Please empty the contents and return the Communication Envelope with your student the following Monday, signing that you have received it.

****After-School Activities**

Learning Through Robotics Grades 1-2 Wed., 2:30-3:30 pm, 2nd Floor Art Room #233

Grades 3-6 Thur., 2:30-3:30 pm, 2nd Floor Art Room #233

<http://www.roboticstem.com/sign-up/>



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Art Haven Classes start Sept. 19th-Wed., 2:30-3:45 pm

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ArtHaven#/selectSessions/2494903/filter/session=40003702>

Excel Music-Thursdays Beginning Choir, 2:30-3:20/Audition Choir, 2:30-4:00, Choir Room

excelmusicacademy1@gmail.com

Cyndi Bowen 801-637-2748

Chess Club-Starting Monday, Sept. 24th-2nd floor Art Room #233

LEGO Club needs more parent volunteers before they can get started. Thanks to Tammy Shumway and Jenny Hernandez who have already signed up. If you would like to assist with these clubs so they can get started, please go to the following links!

LEGO Club:<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a45aea828aafc1-lego>

Chess Club

We are finally ready to get our Chess Club started. Interested students can come to our first meeting on Monday, Sept 23rd at 3:30 in the 2nd floor Art Room. We will be going over expectations for the club and passing out permission slips. Any parents interested are also welcome to attend.

****Carpool Corner**

Wanting to carpool with other families? On our website, we have loaded all the addresses of our families. Under the "Resources" section, click on the Carpool section and then scroll down to the bottom where you can find families in your neighborhood to contact about setting up a carpool. The more families who carpool together, the fewer cars in our system and the smoother and faster drop-off and pick-up will be.

<https://www.zeemaps.com/view?group=3139616&x=-111.850077&y=40.500553&z=6>

Thank you to all the parents that have adjusted their arrival times for pick-up in the afternoon. Your cooperation has made a huge difference and our carpool system is flowing much better. As you exit the property, please form a double line in our driveway and then zipper back together before exiting. Forming two lines with a zipper at the end is the best way to exit the property when we have peak traffic volume. Please check out this you-tube video about the benefits of forming two lines on our exit.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cX0I80dK7Tk>