



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

March 15, 2019

Draper 2



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 18th

Tuesday, March 19th

Wednesday, March 20th

Thursday, March 21st

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Wednesday, March 20th

Tuesday, March 26th

Thursday, March 28th

Mon., Apr. 1 - Fri., Apr. 5th

Reading University Deadline

Re-Enrollment Meeting, 8:30 am and 6:30 pm

Re-Enrollment Meeting, 6:30 pm

5th grade Ambassador event Western Hoe-down

12:30-3:15 pm

Re-Enrollment Meeting 8:45 am and 6:30 pm

Late Work Deadline This is a change.

Cafe Zupas Reward Night, 5:00-9:00 pm. See Flyer

6th grade Ambassador event Western Hoe-down

12:30-3:15 pm

Spring Break!! No School

For updates, additional event information, and athletic events, please visit our campus website below.

From the Directors' Desks

by Cathie Adamson and Kevin McVicar

March Builder Theme: I am a Builder When I Quickly Acknowledge Mistakes and Humbly Make Amends

When we recognize we have made a mistake, our first response is often FEAR and SHAME. Fear that others will find out, and that embarrassment will follow. Fear of others being angry or disappointed with us. Fear of consequences. Shame because we have acted beneath our understanding of how we should

have acted. Or shame even if we acted innocently, but realize the mistake was still made. This fear and shame sometimes leads us to think it would be best to HIDE our mistake, or cover it up. Covering or hiding leads to more problems and bad feelings.



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It is best to quickly acknowledge our mistake and our feelings.

Grades K-6: Academic Update – Promotion Policy:

It has been a great 4th term at American Prep! Thank you for sharing your wonderful students with us. We appreciate having you as part of our American Prep family.

At this time each year, as we begin re-enrollment, we carefully look at all the progress being made by **EACH** student. During PTC you were able to make plans and set goals with your students' teachers to ensure that each student is on grade level before the end of the year.

Benchmarks and promotional guidelines for each grade are set in place to help us determine the success of a student from year to year.

Students must meet minimum criteria for promotion each year. Teachers may automatically recommend a student for promotion only if the student meets the following criteria:

1. Student passed all subjects three terms of the year with at least a C grade.
2. Student attended school a minimum of 160 days (less than 21 absences).
3. Student passed at least the lowest level of the skills classes - reading and mathematics - for their grade level, and scored proficient for their grade level on the state end-of-level assessment.
4. Student has not been suspended during the school year.

**Teachers may not recommend for promotion any student who does not meet the above criteria.*

The Student Promotion Advisory board, comprised of the student's teacher(s) and school administration, will review all relevant documentation (for each student not recommended for promotion) regarding the student's performance, including but not limited to: grades, attendance, academic achievement records including assessments, work product, and Learning Plans. The Student Promotion Advisory Board will make a determination if the student qualifies for promotion to the next grade.

If your student does not meet the promotion policy, you will be contacted by administration after completing your student's online registration to meet and discuss your student's progress and determine a plan to most help your student find academic success.

Re-Enrollment Meetings!!! Only 5 more meetings left to attend.

We will hold our returning family Re-Enrollment meetings on the following dates and times. If you plan on returning to Draper 2, you **MUST** attend one of these meetings to pick up your registration information.

Please be on time, the doors will close promptly at meeting time. If the doors are closed, you will need to come to different meeting.

If you have any questions, you may email Kevin McVicar kmcvicar@apamail.org and/or Cathie Adamson cadamson@apamail.org.

Please plan on attending one of these meetings!! Your paperwork will NOT be able to be picked up by anyone else. You MUST be in attendance to receive your students re-enrollment information.

Tuesday, March 19th, 8:30 am or 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 20th, 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 21st, 8:45 am or 6:30 pm



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Thank you!!

We would like to give a hearty shout-out to those families who have already attended a Re-enrollment Meeting AND completed their online registration for next year. We will be holding a new lottery after we return from Spring Break, so please be sure to complete the online registration before we leave to go on Spring Break. We would LOVE to have ALL of you return to enjoy next year with us. :-)

Read-A-Thon

Our school is unique in that we do not have a central library. Instead we have classroom libraries that require us to have many more copies of all of our books. So, this month we will be encouraging our students to read more and help us raise money for our classroom libraries by providing 10 email addresses that can be used for our fundraising campaign. **All emails will be kept confidential and will not be sold or shared.** We are partnering with Snap, a social media platform, to spread the message about our campaign and effort to raise money for our classroom libraries. The Read-A-Thon campaign will be 4 weeks long and students will be asked to keep track of the minutes spent reading. This campaign will be a great opportunity to have everyone in your family spend more time reading! Each classroom will have their Academic Support Team leader keep track of the minutes spent reading and get all the emails uploaded into the distribution list for the fundraising part of the campaign.

Family School Organization Help Needed!!

We are still looking for willing parents to step up and take charge of our FSO, (Family School Organization). Our wonderful leader this year, Nicole Harman, needs to take time to spend with her family so she will not be able to carry on for one more year. This year Nicole has done a fantastic job running things and keeping our school going, and we understand her need to go back to being a Mom and a regular volunteer. :)

That being said, we need YOU!! Please email either Kevin McVicar kmcvicar@apamail.org and/or Cathie Adamson cadamson@apamail.org if this is something you are willing to help us out with. Our school is able to do many things because of YOU and YOUR help. Please come and join our team!!

This year's school wide Speech Festival will be held on April 22nd for grades 4-6 and April 23rd for grades K-3 starting at 1:00 pm on both days. To help make the speech festival a success, we are in need of a Chairperson and general volunteers to help as well. Please follow the link below to sign-up to be involved with this great school event.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4EA8AB2FA4FE3-speech>

Thank you to everyone who helped last week with the PTC dinner and lunch by donating food items and your time. It was a great success and greatly appreciated by our staff.

Save the date! Please join us for a spirit night on Tuesday, March 26th from 5:00-9:00 pm at the Cafe Zupas in Draper.

Looking ahead, the end of school will be here before we know it and we will need help gathering and cleaning up curriculum. This is usually done in the last few weeks of school and more information will be sent out as it gets closer. If this is something you know you would be able/like to help with, please send me an email. nharman@gmail.com



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Carpool Corner

Limiting the amount of pedestrian traffic in our parking lots during pick up time is important to the safety of our pick-up process. Lately, many parents have been parking and then walking across the parking lot to pick up their students. Although this seems like it would be easier than just going through the regular pick up process, it actually makes it more dangerous and does not save a lot of time. So, if you have legitimate business when coming to pick up your student and need to come into the school to talk with a teacher or an administrator, please park and come in. If you are just trying to avoid a couple of extra minutes in our pick-up queue, please go through the pick up system in your car and pick your student up at the curb. Thank you for your cooperation.

Character Development

by Mandy Brown

As you know, Builders are set apart from Wreckers not because they don't ever make mistakes--of course Builders make mistakes! What makes a Builder different is that they take responsibility and own their mistakes, learn from them, and then make amends. This month we've been visiting classes during lunch to read from some of our favorite books on this topic. Ask your child about Pickle Chiffon Pie!

5th and 6th grade students have their last ambassador events (Western Round Up) coming up soon!

5th Grade: Thursday, March 21st from 12:30 until 3:00

6th Grade: Thursday, March 28th from 12:30 until 3:00

Students may bring "western" gear to put on at the time of the party (bandana, cowboy hat) if they desire.

Parents, thank you for volunteering. We have just two slots left helping at the food station if you'd like to join us that day! Just go to the sign up genius below:

5th Grade:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-western>

6th Grade:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-western1>

Art Haven Spring Classes

Please see the attached flyer to get information about the Spring Art Haven class that will be starting April 10th, the week after we return from Spring Break. Online registration is now open.

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ArtHaven#/selectSessions/2620706/filter/session=42526406>.

This fun Wednesday after school activity is available to students kindergarten through 6th grade.

Love & Logic

"Helping Kids Learn Serendipitous Joy"

The act of chasing joy is like chasing a frightened cat. The more we run after it, the more elusive it becomes. In contrast, the happiest times often pop up at the least expected times, often when we aren't pursuing them.

According to most definitions, the term "serendipitous" refers to something positive discovered or experienced by chance.



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How important is it that our children learn that true happiness and contentment are not found in the accumulation of material goods or exciting activities, but are often found in *seemingly* chance experiences when they struggle with boredom and experience fulfilling relationships?

I wasn't thinking this through too deeply when I thought about how nice it would be to have some quiet time with my son, Cody. "This will be great. Let's have a technology-free weekend!"

He was less than impressed. "Aw, Dad. No...this is going to be the worst."

At first his forecast seemed spot on. Clouds and high winds swirled around as he moped about the house. "Oh, man....this is so boring."

Searching for something to fill the time, I sat at the table reenacting an activity I'd learned from my grandmother: making a cabin out of wooden matchsticks, toothpicks and school glue.

Bored stiff and still huffing and puffing, Cody sat by my side and began *his* construction project. Using a hot glue gun instead of my slow-drying variety, he created an entire village, complete with livestock, before I'd finished the fourth wall of my first cabin.

His upset turned to elation as he shared his creation with his mother and then posed for a photo.

While joy does seem serendipitous, we can up the odds of it by creating more times where we relate to each other without the distractions of technology or highly stimulating activities. What's the tough part? It's weathering the boredom storms so we can experience the rainbows.

Thanks for reading. Our goal is to help as many families as possible.

To receive the Love and Logic newsletter and tips, go to their website: <https://www.loveandlogic.com/>

Don't forget to order your yearbook! You have through Friday, April 12th

PAYMENT FOR YEARBOOKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL.

1 - Go to bellphoto.com

2 - Click on Prepay

3 - Enter school code: apadraper2yb2018

4 - Click on Start and the gallery will open.