



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

September 6, 2019

Draper 2



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 10th	School Land Trust Meeting, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Thursday, September 12th	6th grade Take Flight Ambassador Event, 12:30-3:00 pm All 6th grade students are required to attend.
Friday, September 13th	Mid-term missing work deadline
Friday, September 13th	Fall Festival, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Mon., Sept. 23rd - Fri., Sept. 27th	College Week
Wednesday, September 25th	Picture Day -Classes will be assigned later
Thursday, September 26th	Picture Day - Classes will be assigned later
Friday, September 27th	College Fair, 10:45 am - 3:15 pm
Monday, September 30th	Reading University Deadline
Friday, October 4th	Spirit Wear Day
Friday, October 4th	Term 1 Missing Work Deadline
Friday, October 11th	Field Trips, 1st - 3rd grade

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

<https://draper2.americanprep.org/>

**Do you have volunteer hours to report? Go to [volunteerdraper2@apamail.org](mailto:volunteerdraper2@apamail.org) and report them. Thank you for ALL of your help.**

### **September Builders Theme - I am a Builder when I build with enthusiasm.**

Creating a dynamic, energetic and positive school experience requires enthusiasm. Our positive energy and engagement in the tasks we encounter promotes the learning culture we want in our classrooms and families. Isn't it great when our children respond positively to one of our many parental requests? Remember that positive feeling and try to reciprocate it with one of their requests! It is amazing when we all cooperate with ENTHUSIASM! How good it makes us feel! And our world becomes a better place.



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## **From the Academic Office**

### **Academic Update – Cursive**

This year our students have already learned a lot of great skills and concepts! One skill that ALL students learn at American Prep is penmanship and cursive.

American Prep is a cursive only school for all elementary grades (K-6). Please encourage your students to practice writing cursive at home and to be using their best penmanship skills. Starting in November, all American Prep upper elementary students (grades 4-6) will be required to complete their school work using their new cursive skills, no work done in printed writing will be accepted. Students in grades K-3 will learn cursive in their homeroom classes and will need to write in cursive as they learn the new letters. Students will continue to learn and practice these skills for the entire year.

## **From the Administrative Office**

### **Do you need to talk to an Administrator?**

If you find that you need to talk to one of the Academic Directors or one of our Administrative Directors, please do not just walk in. Each one of us has many differing responsibilities on our plates and we usually do not have extra time at Drop Off or Pick Up time to meet with parents. Below is a list along with email addresses of the Draper 2 Administrators. Any one of us will gladly make an appointment to meet with you. Thank you so much for your help and kind consideration.

Lindsay Campbell - School Director - [lindsay.campbell@apamail.org](mailto:lindsay.campbell@apamail.org)

Angie Lawrence - 4th-6th grade Academic Director - [alawrence@apamail.org](mailto:alawrence@apamail.org)

Noel Gray - K-3rd grade Academic Director - [ngray@apamail.org](mailto:ngray@apamail.org)

Kevin McVicar - Administrative Director - [kmcvicar@apamail.org](mailto:kmcvicar@apamail.org)

Emily Peery - Administrative Director - [epeery@apamail.org](mailto:epeery@apamail.org)

Cathie Adamson - Administrative Director - [cadamson@apamail.org](mailto:cadamson@apamail.org)

## **Student Pick up Changes**

If you decide during the day that you need to change pick up arrangements for your student, please email your teacher and copy our AMAZING Secretary, Mrs. Carman [mcarman@apamail.org](mailto:mcarman@apamail.org). That way, if the teacher cannot look at their email during the day, Mrs. Carmen will be able to get a message to both the teacher and the student about the changes.

## **From our Family School Organization (FSO)**

We are getting excited for this year's Fall Festival. It's such a fun event! We will have bounce houses, a rock wall, a video game truck, a photo booth and much more. This Festival is a fundraiser for the FSO's at D2 and D3, as well as a fundraiser for many of the clubs and sports teams at D3.

The Fall Festival is also a great way to get some of your volunteer hours completed at the beginning of the year. To find out about volunteer opportunities, please follow the two links below. If you like to bake or if you like to buy yummy treats, please consider signing up to donate to the bake sale which is a fundraiser for the student government at D3.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844A8AC22A7FD0-draper>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844A8AC22A7FD0-fall>



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There are several different ways to buy wristbands for the Festival. You can follow the link below and purchase them online or, each family should have received an envelope with information on it regarding wristbands. This envelope can be returned by or before September 9th with cash or checks. Please make checks out to APEF. All pre-sale wristbands will come home with your selected student the week of the festival.

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

The presale price of \$14.00 is good until September 9th. After that, the price will increase to \$18.00.

If you have questions, please contact us at [draper2fso@apamail.org](mailto:draper2fso@apamail.org) or [nharman@apamail.org](mailto:nharman@apamail.org)

## **Character Development Corner**

by Mandy Brown

There is nothing quite like enthusiasm that can help us get the wheels turning, and then KEEP them turning! Enthusiasm helps create and maintain the momentum needed to put a good idea into action. Here are some ways you can help increase the enthusiasm in your home!

- Step 1: Watch our video! Here is a link to the video we created about enthusiasm this month. [Lunch Time Chat-Enthusiasm](#)
- Step 2: Ask your child if they have seen it in their classrooms, and if so, what they learned from it! (Hint: EVERY class should have viewed it by next Friday!)
- Step 3: Acknowledge and praise your child's enthusiasm and call it by name. (ie: "Wow! You got ready for soccer with such enthusiasm! I know you're going to have a great game!" or "The way you are concentrating on your homework shows me you are enthusiastic about getting good grades! Keep up the good work! I'm proud of you!")
- Step 4: Model enthusiasm! What child will want to help with the dishes when mom or dad complains about having to do them all the time? Go about your work with enthusiasm and your child will catch on! After all, enthusiasm is contagious!!

**\*\*NEXT THURSDAY** September 12th is our 6th grade event, "Take Flight". It goes from 12:30 until 3:00. *If you have other children at our school along with your 6th grader, those students may also stay until 3:00 and they will all be dismissed at the end of the event to help with carpool.*

**\*\*WE DESPERATELY NEED VOLUNTEERS** for our amazing COLLEGE FAIR on September 27th! If you can come, it would be *fantastic*. (Or ask a grandparent, aunt/uncle, best friend, etc. to come share!) Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444afae29abfc1-college3>

Contact me with any questions. Mandy Brown [mandy.brown@apamail.org](mailto:mandy.brown@apamail.org)

## **School Lunch**

We are currently hiring substitute lunch workers for our Draper campuses. If you are interested, please apply here: <https://www.americanprep.org/careers/>

If you have not already done so, please complete the Free/Reduced Lunch application found here:



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<https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/>

## **Meal Charge Policy**

It is the responsibility of the parent to provide a lunch or pre-order a lunch online for their student(s). If a student arrives at school without a lunch, they will first be directed to call home and ask the parent to bring them a lunch. If a school lunch is available, the school lunch staff will take a payment over the phone and provide the student with a school lunch.

If the student is unable to get in touch with the parent, the lunch staff member will serve the student a lunch, and charge the student's account for the lunch (\$3.00 K-5, \$3.30 6-12). The lunch staff will notify the parents of the meal charge and request payment.

If your student has dietary or other restrictions that you would prefer we NOT serve them a school lunch, please notify [lunch@apamail.org](mailto:lunch@apamail.org).

## **Unpaid Meal Policy**

If a student has unpaid meal charges in excess of \$10, the lunch staff will offer them something to eat, but will not serve them a full meal until the meal charges are paid.

## **After School Activities**

### **Monday, September 9th**

Chess Club, 3:45-4:30 pm, Break-out Room 3

Grades 1-6

Please Register here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbEarj7X2XaJfnVTPf5vXvzxTm8e1CXcMbzM TcqW-D zCsw/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbEarj7X2XaJfnVTPf5vXvzxTm8e1CXcMbzM TcqW-D zCsw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Tuesday, September 10th**

Lego Club, 3:45-4:30 pm

Grades K-6

Please Register here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEJkCXeZVJ9R742dwvD EuVUj3NS fbW4fdZPqymBioNuSYw/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEJkCXeZVJ9R742dwvD EuVUj3NS fbW4fdZPqymBioNuSYw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Tuesday, September 10th**

Debate Club, 3:45-4:30 pm

Grades 5-6

Please contact Sarah Erickson [serickson@apamail.org](mailto:serickson@apamail.org) if interested

### **Thursday, September 12th**

Drama Club-Want to Act, 2:45- 4:00 pm

<https://draper2.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/08/Want-to-ACT -1.pdf>



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## **Monday, September 16th**

Math Club

Grades 1-6

Please register here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyjKqgIVKSTFbYUBShMbmhdTCtU2FzhGqdzeRgE9gpUzLzog/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyjKqgIVKSTFbYUBShMbmhdTCtU2FzhGqdzeRgE9gpUzLzog/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## **Tuesday, September 17th**

Lego Club, 3:45-4:30 pm

Grades K-6

## **Tuesday, September 17th**

Debate Club, 3:45-4:30 pm

Grades 5-6

Please contact Sarah Erickson [serickson@apamail.org](mailto:serickson@apamail.org) if interested

## **Wednesday, September 18th**

Art Haven, 2:45-4:00 pm

Please register here:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ArtHaven#/selectSessions/2679816/filter/session=44210703>

## **Thursday, September 19th**

Learning through Robotics

Grades 3-6

Please register here:

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

## **American Preparatory Education Foundation**

Michelle Goudge, Executive Director

e: [mgoudge@americanprepfoundation.org](mailto:mgoudge@americanprepfoundation.org) | p: 801.661.1928

APA's 4th Annual Holiday boutique plans are underway! Priority registration is now open for APA parents who would like to be signed up to be vendors for the boutique. The application is attached to the electronic copy of this newsletter. Priority registration is available through Thursday, September 12th and will open to the general public Friday, September 13th. Please join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/apaboutiquevendors/> if you are an interested vendor.

We have added space for APA students to have booths this year as well. If you have a student entrepreneur who is interested, please let me know. They can sell anything from homemade dog treats to jewelry to paintings to artwork and everything in between and beyond! The cost for a student booth is \$10.00.

Are you great with graphic design? How about decorating or advertising? Maybe you love doing research online. We are still in need of MANY volunteers for the Holiday Boutique. And many of these





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volunteer opportunities can be done from the comfort of your own home. Please let me know if you can commit a few of your 20 hours of volunteer time to the Holiday Boutique. This year's boutique is going to be bigger and better than ever!

Do you have an old instrument lying around and collecting dust? APA is looking for band and orchestra instrument donations. We have many students in need of instruments. If you would like to donate an instrument, please contact me at the email address or phone number above. This is a great way to help some of our APA students and it is a tax write off for you!

## **\*NEW Communication Tool**

1) **Studentstories@apamail.org - Parents!** Do you have a great story to tell about your student? Did they help their community, participate in a special event, or win an award? We would love to hear about your child. Our goal is to inspire others through your student's personal experience.

Please send the following information to [studentstories@apamail.org](mailto:studentstories@apamail.org). Please include:

- Student name
- Campus location
- Pictures of the event or achievement
- Description of the activity or achievement

2) **Staffstories@apamail.org -APA families!** Have you or your student had a positive interaction with an APA teacher or staff member recently? Has someone inspired your student to work harder and achieve more? We value your feedback and would love to share these great stories with our team.

If you have a great story to share about a great teacher or staff member, please send the following information to [staffstories@apamail.org](mailto:staffstories@apamail.org). Please include:

- Your name
- APA staff member's name or role
- Campus location
- Description

## **\*Professional 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 the 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.

## **\*District Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

At the conclusion of each school year, end-of-year assessment data is reported and organized into a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA). The CNA includes demographic, attendance, and assessment data. Also included in the CNA are the results of the annual Parent Survey. This Survey evaluates, among



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other things, the satisfaction of parents with the quality of the academic program and their opportunities to participate in the schools.

American Preparatory administrators annually invite select staff and parents from each school to participate in a District/School Planning Meeting. This Committee reviews the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and analyzes areas for potential improvement. District/School Plans are developed with goals, action steps, and budget relationships. District and School Parent and Family Engagement Policies are evaluated for effectiveness. School, Parent, and Student Compacts are also examined by this Committee for recommended changes.

## **\*School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

School Parent Involvement Policies are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are also accessible on the American Prep website <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>. West Valley Handbooks are provided in both English and Spanish.

## **\*School Land Trust**

"The School LAND Trust program brings tens of millions of dollars annually to academic programs in public schools across Utah. 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](http://www.schoollandtrust.org). Our Draper 2 campus will receive \$151,511.00 in Land Trust funds this school year. Your Land Trust Committee Members for the 2019-20 SY are: Huh Hubert, Shari Harris, Elizabeth Papenfuss, Zoie Farmer, Tammy Shumway, Monica Walter, Verdun Hartin, Alisha Staggs (newly elected), Santhosh Alahari (newly elected), Angie Lawrence (newly elected)– Elementary Director, and Kevin McVicar– Administrative Director. Our next Draper 2 Land Trust Committee Member Meeting will be held at the school building on September 10th, 2019, at 2:00 PM. Parents and the public are welcome to attend. Our second meeting will be held March 3, 2020, at 2:00 PM. Our final Land Trust Committee/Stakeholder 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.

## **Extra Curricular Events!!**

### **\*Drama Club**

Meeting on Thursdays, the Drama Club is for students that are interested in acting and drama performance. Please see the attached flyer for details.

<https://draper2.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/08/Want-to-ACT-1.pdf>

### **\*Spirit Wear**

On the first Friday of every month and other selected days during the year, students and staff can show their American Prep Spirit by wearing any of our logo items. Students must have the regular Friday uniform on the bottom and can wear their Spirit Wear on the top. Spirit Wear can be logo items from



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any of our previous events or can be purchased in our Spirit Store and from our front office (some items and sizes might not be available)

<https://www.americanprep.org/product-category/spirit-wear/>

## **\*Draper Philharmonic & Choral Society**

Our school is proud to be part of the Draper community and The Draper Philharmonic and Choral Society uses our building to practice every week. They are excited to offer some opportunities for our students to gain experience and participate with their group. Please check out the following information that is posted on our web-site.

<https://draper2.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/08/per-Philharmonic-and-Choral-Society.pdf>

## **\*Special Seminar-Jordan Family Education Center**

*Youth Protection: A seminar for parents addressing bullying, internet safety, child sexual abuse, substance use and abuse, and suicide prevention*

Attend from 7-9pm on either date:

Tuesday, Oct. 29th, 2019

Wednesday, Nov. 13th, 2019

CALL 801-565-7442 to register

APA parents have been invited by the Jordan School District to attend classes and participate in support services, including the seminar mentioned above, offered by the Jordan Family Education Center. These services are provided by the District's school psychologists, counselors and school psychology interns. Click on the links below to find interesting classes and support groups covering a variety of topics like parenting skills, dealing with adolescence, attention deficit, anger, anxiety, autism, blended families and many more. For information about classes and counseling, call 801-565-7442. These services are available to families at no cost as a service of the District.

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will be offered for any interested parents. Come join us for an enlightening and hope-giving event. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.