



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

October 31, 2019

## Draper 2

### Upcoming Events



Friday, November 1st	<b>No School - Professional Development</b>
Friday, November 8th	Spirit Wear Day
Friday, November 8th	Fox 13 Cool School Event, 7:00-9:00 am
Wednesday, November 13th	Veterans Day Assemblies, 9:00 am & 12:00 pm
Thursday, November 14th	Watch for Jeans day sticker on your students LP
Thursday, November 14th	Parent Empowerment Night, 7 pm, <b>D3 Choir Room</b>
Friday, November 15th	Jeans Day
Monday, November 18th	Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night, 5:00-7:00 pm
Friday, November 22nd	Mid-term missing work deadline
Friday, November 22nd	Chick-Fil-A Student Birthday-Oct., Nov., & Dec.
Wed., Nov. 27th-Fri., Nov. 29th	<b>No School - Thanksgiving Break</b>

*For updates and additional information, please visit our campus website:*

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

Report volunteer hours via email: [volunteerdraper2@apamail.org](mailto:volunteerdraper2@apamail.org)



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## **October Builders Theme - I am a Builder when I am Perfectly Honest**

Our theme for October is “I am a builder when I am perfectly honest”. If you asked our students “what does it mean to be perfectly honest?” some of their suggestions may include telling the truth, being trustworthy, not cheating, and not stealing.

Honesty includes telling the truth, but it’s more than that. It’s about not taking things that don’t belong to you, not hiding information, and not being afraid of the truth.

It can sometimes be hard to tell the truth because we are afraid of the consequences. But, there is also a consequence for not telling the truth. It could be described as a burden. When we are honest, we can feel good about ourselves.

Cheating is also not being perfectly honest. Looking at your neighbor’s paper during a test, whispering the answers to a test, correcting a student’s work dishonestly or even reporting another student’s scores dishonestly is cheating.

When we are not perfectly honest we feel bad and it feels heavy. Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders performed the poem “Myself” by Edgar A. Guest. If you have a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, please ask him or her to share this wonderful poem with you. It perfectly describes why it is always best to be perfectly honest, ending with:

I never can fool myself, and so,  
Whatever happens, I want to be  
Self-respecting and conscience free.

## **From the Academic Office**

### ***Academic Update : Homework***

Homework is an integral part of the education program at American Preparatory Academy. It is an extension of classroom lessons and should directly relate to class work. It reinforces skills and concepts that are taught and helps develop good study skills and habits. It also informs parents of what is being taught in the classroom. It is the hope of American Preparatory Academy that our students will come to love learning, and desire to spend free time studying and reading. To assist our families in developing life-long learners, American Preparatory Academy has adopted the following policies based upon these principles.

Homework is assigned with coordination between teachers and consideration of the importance of child participation in family activities and responsibilities. Parents should anticipate that their students will have homework every night in at least one of the subjects being studied. It is our intention that homework given will be appropriate, relevant, interesting, and at times, challenging. Homework assigned should not be new



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material for students, but should be a review, extra practice, or an extension of material already taught in school.

Students should be able to complete their homework within the time frames below, with the exception of special projects or in cases where the student fails to complete classwork in a timely manner, or if a student falls behind due to tardy arrivals, absences, or failure to attend to learning or use time effectively during the school day. These times do not include music practice or free reading time. Students in grades 1-4 should read an additional period of time each evening, (at least 15 minutes). In grades 5-8 this time may, but will not always, include free reading time. Students in advanced math and reading courses may need additional time for homework completion each evening.

Kindergarten – 10 minutes

Fifth Grade - 60 Minutes

First Grade - 20 Minutes

Sixth Grade - 60 Minutes

Second Grade - 30 Minutes

Seventh Grade - 70 Minutes

Third Grade - 40 Minutes

Eighth Grade-90 Minutes

Fourth Grade - 50 Minutes

Ninth-Twelfth Grade - 90-120 Minutes

**An American Preparatory Academy student should spend time each day studying, whether or not homework is assigned.** If no homework is assigned, students are encouraged to review math facts, work on MathScore, read, practice writing, study spelling words, or read a book with their parents. We believe it is in the best interest of our students to spend their free time reading, studying, and playing games that are mentally stimulating.

If a parent believes the homework assigned is excessive or if their child is not receiving regular homework, they may fill out a “Homework Response Form”, (available at the school office), and return it to the teacher. Administration will review all response forms.

## ***E-Books Available!!***

Need a book quick? Want easy access to RU books? Try checking out e-books. No trip to find one! No late fees ever! Find 4th-6th grade RU books available through the Salt Lake County Library by using the e-book downloadable lists found on the APA RU website, [aparu.weebly.com](http://aparu.weebly.com), under the More tab. Many thanks to the Reading University Committee for providing these lists.



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## **Upcoming Event Details**

### ***Spirit Wear - November 8***

Our next Spirit Day is Friday, November 8th. Check out our Spirit Store and the new styles - <https://www.americanprep.org/product-category/spirit-wear/>

Don't forget that we also carry the uniform pants now. We have the girls new blue pants and the boys/girls Friday uniform khaki pants. :-)

If you have any additional questions, please email [apparel@apamail.org](mailto:apparel@apamail.org).

### ***Fox 13 Cool School Event - November 8***

Fox 13 News will be highlighting our school and there will be a live broadcast in the Draper 2 gym that morning. The ballroom dance and cheer teams will be performing. If your student would like to attend as an audience member, please arrive by 7 am.

News crews may be taking footage around the school. If you do not want your student to participate and possibly be on camera, email Mr. McVicar [kmcvicar@apamail.org](mailto:kmcvicar@apamail.org), and direct your students to gather in the Multipurpose Room that morning.

### ***Parent Empowerment Night - November 14***

We have our next Parent Empowerment Night coming up on Thursday, November 14th, at 7:00 P.M. It will take place in the Draper 3 Choir Room. Renaissance Ranch will be presenting on mental health and suicide awareness. Parents, make sure to mark your calendars for this important informational night.

### ***Jeans Day - Friday, November 15***

If your student has had no missing work and receives a sticker on their learning plan, they can wear jeans to school!

### ***Veterans Day - Celebration Details - November 13th***

We are very excited for our Veterans Day celebration which will take place on Wednesday, November 13th! We will have two assemblies to honor our Veterans, one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 12:00 p.m. This assembly is an opportunity for students and families to invite a Veteran friend or family member to come and be honored by our student body. We usually have about 80 Veteran guests! It is a wonderful event. Due to space constraints in our gymnasium, only parents who are accompanying Veteran guests



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or parents who are volunteering at the event are able to attend in person. We hope to livestream the assembly so parents can watch it online!

Be thinking about a Veteran you could invite to this wonderful assembly! We will be sending home an invitation you can give to a Veteran in your youngest or only student's docket, next week. Watch future emails from your student's teacher, or look at the list below, to learn which assembly your child will be attending.

## 9:00 am Assembly

First Grade	Durling	Henry	Limbean
Second Grade	Diamond	Mair	Hooley
Third Grade	Tefteller	Palumbos	Strong
Fourth Grade	Hyer	Jaccard	Cain
Fifth Grade	Bodily	McKeever	Ames
Sixth Grade	Henderson	Weiss	Burkholder

## 12:00 pm Assembly

First Grade	Davis	Nath	Botcher
Second Grade	Foster	Herrera	Johanson
Third Grade	Wanner	McKeague	
Fourth Grade	Minnear	Pope	Malan
Fifth Grade	Wilding	Sahagun	Erickson
Sixth Grade	Butler	Beal	Smith

## ***Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night Fundraiser - Monday, November 18***

Take the family to Chick-Fil-A located at 357 E 12300 S, Draper, UT 84020, between 5 and 7 pm for dinner and 10% of your purchase will be donated to our staff appreciation fund.

## **From the Administrative Office**

### ***School Lunch***

PLEASE Order Lunch over the weekend for Monday, November 4, 2019.

<https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>

All orders must be placed 48 hours in advance - if you want your student to have lunch on Monday, please order by this Saturday.

If you need help ordering lunch, our school lunch workers are available each morning and then from 12 pm to 1 pm every day. You can also email [lunch@apamail.org](mailto:lunch@apamail.org) for assistance.



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## ***NEW Communication Tool***

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

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

## ***Adult Fitness Class***

There will be a Fitness Class (PUSH) on Saturday mornings at the Draper 3 campus. PUSH fitness classes will be taught by our Track and XC coach Donald Brown for all adults and older students (16-18 with permission from parents). If you are interested, please check out the flyer on the following link. [PUSH Fitness](#)



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## **Character Development Corner - Mandy Brown**

Snuggle up with your student for a few minutes and watch our Perfectly Honest Reading University Hero Charlie Bucket together! <https://youtu.be/RiFsv-vESkw>

5th and 6th Grade students have events coming up in December, so save the date! Watch for the sign up genius link next week.

BEACH BASH

Thursday, December 5th, 12:30 to 3:00 - FIFTH GRADE

Thursday, December 12th, 12:30 to 3:00 - SIXTH GRADE

## **From our Family School Organization (FSO) - Nicole Harman**

As an FSO we would really like everyone to download the BoxTop App and start using it instead of cutting out box-tops. It is so much easier and it earns money for our school. However, do not throw away physical BoxTops as we will continue to turn those in for as long as we can! Boxtops can be turned in to your teachers.

Our goal for BoxTops is \$3500 for this school year. This is roughly each family earning the school \$5.00 in Boxtops. You can watch us meet this goal in the App. :) If we meet this goal, the students will earn a free shoe day. Go Check out Box Top information here:

[https://draper2.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/10/BTFE\\_Overview.pdf](https://draper2.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/10/BTFE_Overview.pdf)

Thank you to everyone who donated food items and their time to help the FSO feed our wonderful staff during Parent Teacher Conferences. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



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## American Preparatory Education Foundation



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### ***4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Boutique***

APA's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Boutique is NEXT WEEK! A flyer will be going out next week. It will be held on Friday, November 8, 2pm – 8pm and on Saturday, November 9, 9am – 2pm. [Click for flyer](#)

We are so excited to have so many school groups and students participating this year! We are still taking applications for student entrepreneurs and vendors. Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/apaboutiquevendors/> for details. The cost for a student booth is \$10.

We need MANY more volunteers to help at the boutique. Your volunteer time will go towards the 20 hours of volunteer time that are required for each APA family each year. For those of you who have a hard time volunteering during the week, this is the perfect opportunity to volunteer outside of the normal work week. Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050548A5AB2EA7F49-4thannual> to sign up to volunteer to help with the boutique. We can't run a successful fundraising campaign without the help of our wonderful parents!

### ***Is your child performing at the Holiday Boutique?***

Please invite your family and friends to come and watch your child perform and support this fundraiser! The groups that are performing include:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Ballroom Dance

Some of the Draper 2 art students will have artwork on display as well. Please come out and support the local vendors, student entrepreneurs, and student performers!