



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

January 10, 2020

Draper 2

Upcoming Events



Monday, January 13	Wellness Policy Meeting
Thursday, January 16	Look for Jeans sticker on your student's Learning Plan
Friday, January 17	Mid-term Missing work deadline
Friday, January 17	Jeans Day for no #7's (unprepared)
Monday, January 20	No School - Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday, January 21	Early Release - Professional Development for Staff
Mon. Jan. 27 - Fri. Jan. 31	Classroom Spelling Bees
Friday, February 7	Missing Work Deadline
Friday, February 7	Spirit Wear Day
Mon. Feb. 10 - Fri. Feb. 14	Staff Appreciation Week
Tuesday, February 11	4th-6th grade School Spelling Bee 1:00-2:00 pm
Wednesday, February 12	1st-3rd grade School Spelling Bee 1:00-2:00 pm
Wednesday, February 12	5th Grade Maturation Evening

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

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

Report volunteer hours via email: volunteerdraper2@apamail.org



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January Builders Theme - I am a builder when I work diligently.

“Diligently is defined as something done with great persistence, care or dedication.” At American Prep, we believe in the value of hard work. Consistent and persistent effort builds both personal and academic skills. Reading a classic novel requires more work and effort than a comic book or a Captain Underpants story and is worth so much more to our students. This month we are emphasizing the joy and excitement that can come from exerting effort when engaged in work. Even as adults this joy and excitement can be challenging to feel as we engage in all the different work within our lives, so we need to try to shift our own perspective on work so our children hear us speak **positively** about engaging in work. Feel free to reference our Builder’s theme throughout the month.

Upcoming Event Details

2020-21 School Calendar Available

The school calendar for next year is now available at this link:

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

District Wellness Policy Meeting

Hello American Prep parents, staff, and students! You are invited to review and update our district Wellness Policy!

- Monday, January 13, 3:30 pm
- Draper 2 Campus 11938 S Lone Peak Parkway, Draper UT 84020
- Multipurpose room

Jeans day Friday, January 17th

Your student(s) will receive a jeans day on Friday, January 17th if they have no #7, (unprepared), card moves January 6th through January 16th.

Please look at their learning plans, Thursday, January 16th to see if they have earned this reward.



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Early release/Professional Development - Tuesday, January 21st

Tuesday, January 21st will be an early dismissal day. Pick-up times for this day are 12:15 pm, 12:30 pm, and 12:45 pm. The buses will leave at 12:25 pm. No clubs meet on this day. Please make arrangements for your students to be picked up early on this day. All of our staff will be participating in professional development and will not be available to supervise students.

Classroom Spelling Bees - Monday, January 27th - Friday, January 31st

Each classroom will hold their own spelling bees according to where it will best fit into their individual schedules.

From the Administrative Office

Morning Drop Off

Just a reminder about our updated procedures:

- Walking students to class - we encourage all students to be dropped off at the curb and walk into school independently. However, we know some of your little ones still need your support. If you arrive after 7:45 am and want to walk your student to the classroom you will need to sign in and get a visitor sticker.
- Assemblies - if you are attending an assembly, you do not need to sign in, but you will receive an assembly visitor sticker.
- If you arrive after 8:15 am, please walk your student into the lobby and check them in at the reception desk.

Checking Students Out Early

We have been making many efforts to improve security at our campus. We are now extending this effort to early check outs. If you plan to check your student out before their normal dismissal time, **please allow at least 10-15 minutes**. Instead of sending parents to find their students, our staff will page or retrieve them from their classroom. Depending on how busy our front lobby is and how many early check outs we have, this may take more time than it has in the past. As a reminder, to check out a student early the adult must be listed as a parent, guardian, or emergency contact and present a photo ID.



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Visitor Parking Update

We have created more visitor parking on the eastern side of campus next to the sheep field. The 10 stalls on the right and 10 stalls on the left are reserved for visitors and parents. This will be especially convenient for parents who follow the C/D drop off route. The entire front row of parking closest to the school is also dedicated to visitor parking. **PLEASE PARK IN VISITOR STALLS ONLY.** All the other parking stalls are assigned to staff, and when parents park in those spots our amazing staff members have no place to park.



From the School Nurse - Head Lice

The school nurse has made this information available to our families about head lice. <https://draper2.americanprep.org/headlice/>

We encourage all our families to be familiar with the signs, check their students regularly, and treat as needed.



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Student Running Programs - Molly Jorgensen

We need you as a coach! We are looking for 2-3 men and 2-3 women to mentor student runners (boys - letmerun.org, girls - girlsontherunutah.org). Trainings begin soon, so please email Molly Jorgensen (mollymjorgensen@gmail.com) right away!

Bookkeeper Needed

The American Prep Education Foundation is looking for a bookkeeper to work 15 hours per week, preferably 3 hours each day school is in session. Quickbooks experience is required. If you are interested in this position, please go to americanprep.org and fill out an application on the careers section.

Sibling Enrollment and Transfer Requests

One of the first steps in our enrollment process is identifying siblings of currently enrolled students. Do you have a sibling of a student already enrolled here at APA, and you would like them to attend APA next year? Or, would you like to transfer to another APA campus? Please email Ms. Hickman lhickman@apamail.org to ask for the link. Ms. Hickman will gladly assist as you register siblings or make a transfer.

Substitute Teachers Needed

We are looking for APA parents to become substitute teachers for our schools! We provide all training, and the pay is \$80-90 per day. This is a great time of year to become a substitute teacher - save up for those holiday plans in advance. We provide in-depth, paid training so you will feel comfortable in your duties. **APA is a FUN place to work! We'd love to have you on our team!**

Maybe you can only commit to one day per week - that would be fine with us! Or, work every day - whatever suits your schedule! We need substitute teachers every day and we would really appreciate your help. Also, please tell your family members and friends about this opportunity!

Apply online today! <https://www.americanprep.org/careers/>

Parent Managers Needed for Clubs

We are still seeking Parent Coordinators for our clubs. If you are available and interested in helping, please contact Mr. McVicar (kmcvicar@apamail.org).



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Character Development Corner - Mandy Brown

We CAN Donation Drive - Final Report



We CAN Care! We wanted to follow up and let you know what an outstanding success our food drive was this year. Our campus collected 8917 food items, and between all of our campuses we collected a grand total of 39,531 items that were delivered to the Utah Food Bank and various food pantries in Utah. A special shoutout goes to our top five classes who went above and beyond in donating to our food drive:

- Mrs. Malan's class: 869 items
- Mrs. Erickson's class: 826 items
- Mrs. Wilding's class: 686 items
- Mrs. Strong's class: 653 items
- Mr. Nath's class: 556 items

Besides the awesome amount of food we collected, we had the chance to think of others and make our world a better place. That spirit of giving was palpable in our schools during the drive and we are so proud of our students who are learning NOW how to be great Builders in their communities. Thank you everyone for your support!



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From our Family School Organization (FSO) - Nicole Harman

Seeking FSO Board Volunteers

My name is Stacia Shafovaloff and I have had the privilege of serving as the FSO President elect this year. This means that I have been learning the ropes from the president, Nicole Harman, so that I can take over next year. However for personal, family reasons, I will no longer be able to serve in this capacity. The women on the FSO board are awesome and I have loved working with them and getting to know them. But they need help! We are looking not only to replace me, but also to fill a couple of more roles as well. If you love the teachers at this school and want to get to know other moms, this is the perfect volunteer opportunity for you!

Please don't skip over this opportunity! Participating on the FSO board is an awesome and rewarding experience!

If you are interested please contact Nicole at nharman@apamail.org.

Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week is quickly approaching. This year our theme will be thanking our staff for decades of amazing service. Each day we will visit a decade from the past. It should be a lot of fun!

This week takes many hands to put together! The first volunteer opportunity is helping to decorate our school. Please follow the link below to signup. Other signups will come out after our winter break so please watch for those! If you have any questions please contact Nicole at nharman@apamail.org. Thanks!

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



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Holiday Giving Campaign

Thank you to all of the parents who purchased points for APA staff and teachers for the Holiday Giving Campaign! Notes from your students were placed on their doors, and the points have been distributed for them to “shop” from the store. Our first year was a success, and we are already making plans for next year’s Holiday Giving Campaign.

Builders Club

A lot of parents, both new and those who have been around for a while, have asked me what APEF is. Over the next several weeks I will try to explain some of the things that we do. One of the main focuses of the The Foundation (American Preparatory Education Foundation is a mouthful, so I’m going to save some words!) is Builders Club. For those of you who are not familiar with our Builders Club, I’d like to explain.

Research shows that the most important factor affecting student learning is his or her teacher. As the daughter of a teacher, I have seen, first-hand, the ins and outs of being an educator. It is an extremely rewarding career, but also a challenging and difficult one. Teachers have a very significant, lifelong impact on all of their students. The job of a teacher is not only to educate our children, but also to foster self-esteem and self-confidence in them, to motivate and inspire them, to support and encourage them, and to teach them skills that they will carry into their adult lives. Educators have one of the most important jobs in the world, preparing our children for the future. They shoulder a huge responsibility.

One of APA’s goals is to attract and retain the best teachers and staff. The Builders Club is a subscription-based program that helps to do that by building our compensation fund. It is a great way for our parents and community to show their appreciation. 100% of the funds that are donated to Builders Club are used to pay teacher and staff bonuses. One of my goals is to build this fund so that we can give our teachers and staff larger bonuses, making APA the school that even more great teachers want to come and stay.



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More information on APA's Builders Club can be found at <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/buildersclub>. And please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions that you have.