



## Upcoming Events

- January 3 - January 28 - Acadience Testing (*formally DIEBELs testing*)
- January 6 - 5th grade Maturation programs 5:00 & 6:00 pm
- January 7 - Spirit Wear Day
- January 7 - Parent Shurley training 2:30-3:15 pm
- January 10 - January 14 - White Ribbon Week
- January 10 - Parent Shurley training 2:30-3:15 pm and 7:00-7:45 pm
- January 11 - Parent Shurley training 2:30-3:15 pm
- January 14 - Jeans day
- January 14 - Super Hero shirt day for White Ribbon week participation
- January 14 - Parent Shurley training 2:30-3:15 pm
- January 18 - January 21 - Classroom Spelling Bees **THIS IS A CHANGE**
- January 19 - Picture retakes 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- January 20 - Early Release - 12:00/12:15/12:30/12:45 **AM kindergarten attends**
- January 24 - Parent Shurley training 7:00 - 7:45 pm
- January 31 - Spelling Bee 4th - 6th grades 1:00-3:00 pm **THIS IS A CHANGE**
- February 2 - Spelling Bee 1st - 3rd grades 12:30-2:00 pm **THIS IS A CHANGE**

### ***I am a builder when I work diligently.***

What does it mean to work diligently?

*adjective. constant in effort to accomplish something; attentive and persistent in doing anything: a diligent student. done or pursued with persevering attention; painstaking: a diligent search of the files.*

Here at APA, we strive to work diligently each and every day in all that we do. How are YOU doing? Is there anything you can do to be more diligent?

### **Spelling Bee Information THIS HAS CHANGED**

*We were informed last week that our scheduled Spelling Bees had to be moved up so our students would qualify for the regional Spelling Bee. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.*

**\*\*Classroom spelling bees will be held January 18 - January 21. The Bees will be in the classroom when the class has the time set aside.**

**\*\*Spelling Bees - 4th - 6th grades: Monday, January 31 - 1:00-3:00 pm**

**\*\*Spelling Bees - 1st - 3rd grades: Tuesday, February 1 - 12:30-2:00 pm**

### **Mr. Bill**

Our AMAZING custodian, Mr. Bill will be leaving APA Friday, January 14th. He is going to New York to be nearer to his family. We want to thank him for ALL his hard work, kindness and loving care that he has shown to all of us. Please help your students to find a way that they can thank Mr. Bill in word or deed.

### **January 3 - January 28 - Acadience Testing**

All of our students will be participating in the Acadience testing - formerly DIEBELs testing - Monday, January 3rd through Friday, January 28th. This reading test will be administered in each classroom by the teacher.

### **January 7, 10, 11, 14 & 24 - Parent Shurley Grammar Training**

Here at APA, our 1st - 6th grade students learn Shurley Grammar. What exactly is Shurley Grammar? "Shurley Grammar is a unique tool, specifically designed to help students master the parts of speech and sentence structure. Students learn definitions for the parts of speech through jingles that incorporate rhythm, rhyme, movement, and fun. Then, they are introduced to our well-defined system of classifying sentences known as the Question and Answer Flow." To help our parents better understand this part of our curriculum, we will be offering a 45-minute workshop to teach parents how to do the "Shurley Question and Answer Flow" and to help you understand what your student is learning during their homeroom grammar time. While this is the same workshop, we will be offering it several times at the school. You will only need to attend ONE of these dates. The dates and times are as follows:

Friday, January 7, 2:30 pm

Monday, January 10, 2:30 & 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 11, 2:30 pm

Friday, January 14, 2:30 pm

Monday, January 24, 7:00pm

This workshop will be taught by our academic coach, Jacquie Chappell. Come join us in the fun!

### **Thursday, January 6 - 5th grade Maturation Programs**

Our 5th grade students along with their parent(s) will be participating in Maturation programs to be held in the multi-purpose room.

Boys - 5:00 pm

Girls - 6:00 pm

### **Monday, January 10 - Friday, January 14 - White Ribbon Week:**

White Ribbon Week is NEXT week, January 10th through the 14th. Watch for the White Ribbon Week tracker attached to your learning plans next Monday. These should be filled out nightly and we will celebrate that participation on FRIDAY, January 14th with "favorite super hero t-shirt day!". (\*Kids can wear a favorite color t-shirt to represent a superhero, such as a red shirt for "Mr. Incredible" or a blue shirt for "Supergirl" etc.)

White Ribbon Week is our Media Safety week where we have daily lessons and three fun activities on Monday, Tuesday and Friday that week. "I've Got the Power" over my media choices! It's going to be a GREAT week!

### **Rock the Socks**

Thank you for your generosity in donating socks to our service drive last month. Our Draper 2 campus QUADRUPLED our original goal, and all campuses together donated 41,406 pairs of socks to the Road Home in Salt Lake City. That's mind blowing!

### **Thursday, January 20 - Early Dismissal - Professional Development**

AM Kindergarten students will attend this day

- Kindergarten students with no other D2 or D3 siblings will be released at 12:00 pm
- Yellow 12:15 pm
- Blue 12:30 pm
- Red 12:45 pm
- Buses will leave at 12:25 pm and arrive 3 hours earlier than usual. Bus schedules are posted here - <https://www.americanprep.org/bus-program/>

- Day Care Buses - please contact your provider to confirm arrangement

### **Wednesday, January 19 - Picture Retake Day**

Picture retake day has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 19th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

If your student needs to have their picture retaken, please have them bring back the pictures you are not satisfied with.

### **Friday, January 14 - Jeans Day**

Watch for a sticker coming home on Thursday, January 13th, so you know if your student qualifies to wear jeans! Here are the guidelines - <https://draper2.americanprep.org/jeans-day/>

### **School Closures and Delays Policy**

American Prep schools will remain open, when possible, even if weather conditions are severe, as we know that for some of our families it is very important that school is open on scheduled school days. American Prep is concerned about the safety of all students, staff, and patrons. We encourage everyone to use caution traveling safely to and from our schools and buildings.

American Prep recognizes that the decision to keep children home when weather conditions are severe is always at the parents' discretion.

Students who are kept home by a parent or guardian will not be penalized for their absence or tardiness. Make-up schoolwork may be necessary, but schools will accommodate students on the timely completion of required assignments or tests.

On occasion, the weather may be so extreme that American Prep will close schools or implement a late start or early dismissal. In the past, we followed the district where our schools reside for these decisions. Beginning with the 20-21 school year, this will no longer be the case.

American Prep will make decisions for each campus on a case-by-case basis. The following information outlines the communication procedures that will be followed if such school closures or delays become necessary.

**School Website and Social Media:** The school will post on its website at [www.americanprep.org](http://www.americanprep.org) the status of each campus as early as possible in the morning, but by 6:30 a.m. This is the FIRST place that parents should go to find the closure information. No announcement means normal operation. Closures or late starts are for one day only.

**Text Messages from the School Families** who can receive text messages from the school will receive a text with any weather-related changes to the school schedule.

**Media Announcements** There may be announcements on radio or television related to school closure information. These usually take place between 6-8 a.m.

#### Types of School Closure

1. "Schools Will Be Closed"
2. "Schools Will Start Late" (this means school will begin 2 hours after its normal start time)
3. "Schools Will Dismiss Early" and parents will be notified via text message when the dismissal is in effect

**Bus Stops** On severe weather days, understand that buses may be running late due to road conditions and/or traffic delays. Please watch for email, phone, or text messages regarding delayed bus routes. Parents are asked to wait with and/or meet their students at bus stops when buses are running on delayed or emergency schedules.



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## APA TEACHING EXCELLENCE FUND

It's the beginning of a new year and it's the perfect time to start contributing to the APA Teaching Excellence Fund, a private reserve that will help to attract and retain a top-notch committed teaching staff, enabling our children to continue to flourish at APA. For more information and to make your recurring or one-time donation please go to <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/excellence>. We have amazing educators at APA and this is a great opportunity for our parents and community to show appreciation for the amazing job that they do!

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