



Upcoming Events

- November 17 - K-3 grade Picture Day
- November 18 - 4-6 grade Picture Day
- November 18 - Jeans Day
- November 18 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4pm-7pm
- November 19 - *No School - Parent Teacher Conferences*
- November 23 - Kindergarten Pilgrim Play
- November 24-28 - *No School - Thanksgiving Break*

I am A Builder When I Express Gratitude in Word and Deed

Do you know that grateful people are healthier, happier, and more optimistic? Studies show that individuals who adopt an “attitude of gratitude” get more exercise, eat a healthier diet, have less depression, cope better with stress, and have less physical ailments.

Gratitude is a valuable virtue to teach and practice in our homes. We can begin by engaging our brains in grateful thoughts. If we think about it, our brains and hearts can really only focus on one thing at a time. It is almost impossible to be truly unhappy and grateful, or selfish and grateful, or even angry and grateful. Besides, once we start feeling grateful, our brains look for more things to be grateful for!

Picture Days - Wednesday, November 17 & 18

Bell Photography will be taking individual student pictures Wednesday and Thursday this week. K-3 classes are scheduled on Wednesday and 4-6 classes are scheduled for Thursday. Any 4th-6th grade students who earn jeans on Thursday, November 18th, will need to wear their full Monday through Thursday uniform from the waist up for pictures. If you wish to purchase pictures we recommend you pay online by going to www.bellphoto.com and enter the school code: ApaDraper2Fall2021 and follow the prompts to complete the order. Once complete, enter the provided code in the Paid Online box on the envelope that was sent home with your student.

Jeans Day - Thursday, November 18

Watch for a sticker coming home on **WEDNESDAY, November 17th** so you know if your student qualifies to wear jeans! Here are the guidelines - <https://draper2.americanprep.org/jeans-day/>

Parent Teacher Conferences - Thursday, November 18th & Friday, November 19

Please be sure to sign up for your Parent Teacher Conferences. These are required and a wonderful time to touch bases with your student’s teachers.

Kindergarten Pilgrim Plays - Tuesday, November 23

Our amazing kindergarten student will be presenting their Pilgrim plays on Tuesday, November 23rd at the following times -

Mrs. Young AM-K - 10:00 am

Ms. McKenzie AM-K - 10:30 am

Mrs. Young PM-K - 2:15 pm

Ms. McKenzie PM - K - 2:45 pm

Ms. Bergman Full Day Kindergarten - 12:30 pm

Mrs. Openshaw Full Day Kindergarten - 1:00 pm

5th Grade Beach Bash - Friday, December 3

5th Grade Students will be participating in our "Beach Bash" event on Friday December 3rd during regular school hours. We will be learning about how to have a good conversation, how to navigate social media safely, good manners at a sit down restaurant, how a positive attitude can make life better, and how to keep from "drowning" in life!

We would LOVE to have parent volunteers help us at our food station, or in other capacities as needs often arise the day of the event. If you'd like to help, please sign up at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-5thgrade2>

6th Grade Beach Bash - Friday, December 10

6th Grade Students will be participating in our "Beach Bash" event on Friday December 10th during regular school hours. We will be learning about how to have a good conversation, how to navigate social media safely, good manners at a sit down restaurant, how a positive attitude can make life better, and how to keep from "drowning" in life!

We would LOVE to have parent volunteers help us at our food station, or in other capacities as needs often arise the day of the event. If you'd like to help, please sign up at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-6thgrade2>

ROCK THE SOCKS! - Friday, December 3 - Thursday, December 16

Get ready for APA's annual community donation drive. This year we'll be gathering socks to benefit the Road Home. The Road Home is a place where families can find temporary shelter, food, clothing, and assistance in finding permanent homes. We want to use this time of year to show our gratitude for the things we have, by giving to others. Let's show them we care by warming their feet and hearts this season. The donation drive runs from December 3rd through December 16th.

Highly Qualified Teachers

At American Prep we hire the most capable people to do the best job for our students. The USBE (Utah State Board of Education) sets standards for teachers in the state of Utah to be highly qualified. All of the teachers at American Preparatory Academy are licensed and considered highly qualified to teach by the state of Utah (USBE qualified).

PBS Kids Utah 29th Annual Reading Marathon

PBS Utah is excited to announce their 29th Annual Reading Marathon. Kids who complete the Reading Marathon and submit their minutes will receive a PBS KIDS Utah Adventure Pass, with tickets to their favorite museums, zoos, and activities around town, as well as prizes from partnering community organizations. Reading logs must be submitted to PBS Utah by December 15, 2021. Print your reading log at www.pbsutah.org/reading and get more information. Email questions to afrazier@pbsutah.org