



Upcoming Events

- December 20 - December 31 **NO SCHOOL - Holiday Break**
- January 3 - Return to school 8:05 am
- Jan 18-Jan 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
- January 3 - January 28 - Acadience Testing -formerly DIBELs testing
- 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 look for ways to serve others (Kigatsuku)

Thank you to all our students for participating in December's theme by watching for the needs of others! We hope you have been experiencing some of this in your homes. A wonderful Builder's trait is to see things that need to be done without being told or asked – and we have made progress in this value this month! We are creating a wonderful community together as we unite in looking for ways to help. We challenge each of you to change the world for the better.

Spelling Bee Information THIS HAS CHANGED

We were informed yesterday 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

January 10-January 14 - Heads up!! White Ribbon Week Volunteer Opportunities After the Break

Our annual media safety week is coming up January 10th through 14th. This week includes 3 fun activities on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday of that week. We would LOVE to have parent volunteers helping us out those days. Sign up below using the link!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-white3>

January 19 - Picture Re-take 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.

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

Rock The Socks!!!

Our school collected 8,766 pairs of socks!!! Thank you to ALL of our families.

Top classes:

1. Mrs. Young a.m. kindergarten 582 pairs
2. Mrs. J. Wise 2nd grade 343 pairs
3. Mrs. K Wise 1st grade 324 pairs

1. Ms. McCall 6th grade 752 pairs
2. Ms. Eagle 6th grade 593 pairs
3. Ms. Diamond 5th grade 541 pairs

Thank you thank you thank you for your support, enthusiasm and flexibility that all helped make this a huge success.

THANK YOU!!!

A big thank you to all of the families who made our staff's last week of school so amazing!! All of the fruits, vegetables, chips & salsa drinks, salads and treats were greatly appreciated.

A HUGE thank you to CupBop for providing lunch for our whole staff Thursday, December 16th. What a wonderful treat that was.

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 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.

Acadience Testing - January 3 - January 28

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

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. The dates and times are as follows:

Monday, January 3, 2:30 pm

Tuesday, January 4, 2:30 pm

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 17, 7:00 PM

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