



### Upcoming Events

- January 28 - Jeans Day
- January 31 - Spelling Bee 4th - 6th grades 1:00-3:00 pm
- February 2 - Spelling Bee 1st - 3rd grades 12:30-2:00 pm
- February 4 - Spirit Wear Day
- February 11 - Early Release - 12:00/12:15/12:30/12:45 **PM Kindergarten attends**
- February 11 - Jeans Day
- February 18 - 5th Grade Ambassador Event
- February 18 - Last Day of Term 3
- February 21 - 25 - Mid Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

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

It was Monday night, August 3, 1992 at the Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. 65,000 fans streamed into the stadium. Derek Redmond lined up, waved to the crowd and drank in the excitement of the moment. Derek had put in his 10,000 hours to become an Olympic Gold Medalist, and he was favored to win the 400 meters. He was running well: he recorded the fastest time of the first round and he won his quarterfinal heat. Derek was ready to realize his lifelong dream of earning a gold medal in the 400-meter dash. He had trained well and his father had also instilled in him the virtues of honor, courage, determination and faith.

The gun fired, and Derek shot out of the starting blocks in an unbelievable start. He broke quickly, accelerated hard, and captured the lead. Heading down the backstretch, only 250 meters from the finish line, Derek seemed certain to win. He was on a world record time as he saw the finish line while rounding the turn into the backstretch. Derek describes,

"Then I heard a popping sound. I kept on running for another two or three strides then I felt the pain. I thought I'd been shot, but then I recognised the agony. I'd pulled my hamstring before and the pain is excruciating: like someone shoving a hot knife into the back of your knee and twisting it...

I couldn't believe this was happening after all the training I'd put in. I looked around to see where the rest of the runners were, and they had only 100m to go. I remember thinking if I got up I could still catch them and qualify. The pain was intense. I hobbled about 50m until I was at the 200m mark. Then I realized it was all over. I looked round and saw that everyone else had crossed the finishing line."

Derek recognized that his Olympic dream was dead; yet Derek knew he still had a choice to make. Was he going to accept his fate and give up or was he going to remain diligent and finish the race? He made a decision - a hard, and very painful decision.

"... I decided I was going to finish that race if it was the last race I ever did. All these doctors and officials were coming onto the track, trying to get me to stop but I was having none of it. Then, with about 100m to go, I became aware of someone else on the track. I didn't realize it was my dad, Jim, at first. He said, "Derek, it's me, you don't need to do this."

'I just said, "Dad, I want to finish, get me back in the semi-final." He said, "OK. We started this thing together and now we'll finish it together." He managed to get me to stop trying to run and just walk and he kept repeating, "You're a champion, you've got nothing to prove."

Together, arm in arm, father and son struggled toward the finish line with 65,000 people cheering, clapping, and crying.

Derek didn't win an Olympic Gold Medal, but he continued to show diligence by finishing his race. He also taught us that sometimes we need a little help from family and friends and that's okay. Derek came away with something more valuable than gold that day and is now an inspiration to the world. Please watch this extraordinary example of working diligently and discuss it in your family.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2G8KVzTfw>

### **Jeans Day - January 28**

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

### **Drop Off Reminder**

When you are dropping students off in the morning, please pull all the way forward, allowing the maximum number of cars to use the curb at once. We encourage students to have learning plans signed, coats on, masks on, and goodbye's said BEFORE you arrive at the curb. Thank you!

### **Classroom Spelling Bee Winners - 4th through 6th grades**

Congratulations to our 4th-6th grade classroom spelling bee winners! They all did a fantastic job and will continue on to the school bee.

<b>4th Grade</b>	<b>4th Grade</b>	<b>4th Grade</b>	<b>4th Grade</b>	<b>4th Grade</b>	<b>4th Grade</b>
Shyamini Sivanarayanan	Nihaan Prasobh	Ved P. Patel	Daksh Nayak	Vyasaraj Singeetham	Raaga Sama
<b>5th Grade</b>	<b>5th Grade</b>	<b>5th Grade</b>	<b>5th Grade</b>	<b>5th Grade</b>	<b>5th Grade</b>
Skylie Ramos	Anush Senthilkumar	Adwita Mandiwal	Rashvi Thaker	Zane Giles	
<b>6th Grade</b>	<b>6th Grade</b>	<b>6th Grade</b>	<b>6th Grade</b>	<b>6th Grade</b>	<b>6th Grade</b>
Varun Agarwal	Hudson Strickland	Shreya Mehta	Maahi Rohila	Lincoln Davis	Mohammad Maaz

### **APA & D2 Hope Squad School Supply Drive for the Utah Youth Village**

In honor of February's Day of HOPE, we have decided to gather new (and like new) school supply donations to give a Gift of HOPE and support Utah Youth Village children in need. Donations will be accepted February 1st until February 28th. Ideas for donations include: pencils, pens, notebooks, crayons, coloring pencils, markers, calculators, erasers, composition notebooks, highlighters, binders, folders, dividers, backpacks and more! Please drop off donations for the Utah Youth Village to the donation box in the D2 lobby anytime between February 1st and February 28th. THANK YOU!

### **Parenting with Love and Logic Classes - FREE to APA Parents**

The Love and Logic approach to parenting is built around the science of caring and respectful relationships. An authentic, loving connection between parents and their children forms the foundation

of good behavior and healthy decision-making. We use these principles at our school every day and are excited to be able to offer FREE classes to our families at APA so they can begin to parent the Love and Logic Way. We will begin our first course at APA on Monday, February 7th in the evening. It will go for 6 weeks. We will also offer it in Spanish at the same time. We are registering now! Please fill out this google form: <https://forms.gle/pm2aQNaChZr9DiZi7>  
Please email [tokelberry@apamail.org](mailto:tokelberry@apamail.org) if you want more information.



### **After School Clubs**

We have a handful of outside groups offering clubs again. Flyers are attached. Brief details are:

#### **Wednesdays from 2:45pm - 3:45pm**

Chess Club - \$256     [www.chesswizards.com](http://www.chesswizards.com)

Art Haven - \$104     [www.arthavenplace.org](http://www.arthavenplace.org)

#### **Thursdays 2:45pm - 3:45pm**

Game On - \$195     [www.arthavenplace.org](http://www.arthavenplace.org)

#### **Tuesdays 4pm - 6pm & Thursdays 3pm - 5pm**

Sing! Utah - \$160/mo     [www.singutah.org](http://www.singutah.org)

### **Yearbook - Order time is almost up!!**

Yearbooks are on sale at the discounted price for just a few more weeks - get yours while you can!

**Website** - <https://www.purchaseyearbook.com>

**Code** - *draper2apa2122*

- Hardcover presale price: \$22
- Softcover presale price: \$17

*Prices will increase to \$35 (HC) and \$30 (SC) on February 1st.*