



Upcoming Events

- Friday, December 2 **Spirit Wear Day**
- Friday, December 2 5th Grade Celebrate/Event (Character Development/Ambassadors)
 - 12:50 pm-3pm
- Friday, December 9 Jeans Day (for those who earned it)
- Friday, December 9 Spirit Wear Day
- Friday, December 9 6th Grade Celebrate Event (Character Development/Ambassadors)
 - 12:50 pm-3pm
- Monday, December 12 6th Grade Band/Orchestra concert 6pm
- Tuesday, December 13 5th Grade Choir Concert 6pm
- Friday, December 16 Canned Food Drive Ends
- Monday, December 19 Crazy Sock & Tie Day for meeting Food Drive Goal (3,000 cans)
- Monday, December 19 Spelling Bee words sent home
- Tuesday, December 20 Term 2 Ends
- Wed. Dec. 21 - Tue., Jan 3 Winter Break - No School
- Wednesday, January 4 School Resumes 8:05am

Hello American Prep Families,

Our Builder Theme for the month of November is “I Am A Builder When I Express Gratitude in word and deed.”

We are seeing many students who are following our builders theme for November, **“Showing Gratitude through Word and Deed”**, by thanking their teachers for the lessons and showing they are grateful by following directions and working hard. Gratitude is a virtue that will make those who possess it really happy. When we are being grateful for the good things in our lives, we easily forget the bad. When we find ourselves complaining, we should challenge ourselves to look at the good side of things and remember to thank others for the contributions they make to our happiness. That will make them happy, too!

Enrollment for Siblings of Current APA Students & Transfer Requests

It's that time of year when the application process for siblings of current students for the 2023-2024 school year opens and requests to transfer from another APA campus are available. If you have a child not currently enrolled at APA D2 and would like them enrolled for the 23-24 school year, now is the time to submit your application online utilizing sibling priority. Go to: <https://www.americanprep.org/enrollment/> and follow the instructions provided.

A reminder that all kindergarten applicants must turn 5 years of age by September 1st in order to enroll in a Utah public school.

Siblings of a current APA student enter code: sibling2023

Student(s) that plan to transfer from another APA campus enter code: transfer2023

These codes are specifically for siblings of current students as well as current students wishing to transfer campuses. We hope to complete all sibling and transfer applications by January 5th.

Upcoming Service Drive

We CAN Care! Did you know that 9% of Utahns are worried about where their next meal will come from? The good news is—we can help! Our donation drive is now in full swing! We accept CANS, boxes, or plastic-packaged food items. Your students can bring donations to their elementary classroom starting this THURSDAY. Our campus goal is to collect 4000 items... we CAN do it!

The food we collect will go to the Utah Food Bank, who will then pass it along to 230 partner agencies across the state, including food pantries, meals on wheels programs, backpack programs for schools, and walk-in cafeterias for those in need.

To find out more about where our donations will go visit www.utahfoodbank.org

The donation drive kicks off December 1st and continues through December 16th. Students should bring donations to their classrooms to be counted. We accept CANS, boxes, or plastic-packaged food items. ***Please no glass, expired food, or perishable items.***

5th Grade Ambassador/Character Development Event

Our fifth grade students will be CELEBRATING at our upcoming event on FRIDAY, December 2nd from 12:50 until 3:15. We will be learning by doing with some table manners (cutting with a knife and fork, passing bread and having good conversation, and how to set a table); we will also learn about how to use a phone (including how to leave a message on voicemail) and finally will cover the idea of using our voices for good... the choice is up to each one of us!

If you'd like to help out parents and be a part of this great character development event, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-celebrate4>

6th Grade Service Opportunity

Our sixth grade students will have the opportunity to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul in Salt Lake City for the homeless. We will be assembling the sandwiches on MONDAY DECEMBER 19th. Parents must sign their students up to participate as the event will go from 3:00 until 3:45 (last dismissal). Watch for upcoming information in the next newsletter and from your teachers. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-6thgrade6>

6th Grade Ambassador Event

Our SIXTH grade students will be CELEBRATING at our upcoming event on FRIDAY December 9th from 12:50 until 3:15. We will be learning by doing with some table manners (cutting with a knife and fork, passing bread and having good conversation, and how to set a table); we will also learn about how to use a phone (including how to leave a message on voicemail) and finally will cover the idea of using our voices for good... the choice is up to each one of us!

If you'd like to help out parents and be a part of this great character development event, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-celebrate5>

School Closures and Delays - Weather Related (from the Parent Student Handbook)

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 Make-up Days The Utah State Board of Education requires a minimum of 180 instructional days of school. Days lost because of inclement weather will be made up as per policy.

Community News

4th-6th Grade Ski Utah Passport

Ski Utah is now offering 4th, 5th and 6th grade students a special ski pass at a discounted price! Click on the link for additional information. <https://www.skiutah.com/passes/passports>