



Upcoming Events

- Monday, January 9 WIDA Testing Begins
- Tuesday, January 10 6th Grade Service Project
- Tuesday, January 10 Parent Empowerment Night - Substance Abuse 7pm
- Wednesday, January 11 K-1 Builder Assembly
- Thursday, January 12 4-6 Builders Assembly (upstairs classes)
- Friday, January 13 Jeans Day (for those who earned it) & Spirit Wear Day!
- Monday, January 16 No School - Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Tuesday, January 17 Classroom Spelling Bees Begin
- Tuesday, January 17 5th Grade Maturation Night 6 pm
- Friday, January 20 Early Dismissal (Professional Development)
 - 12:15pm/12:30pm/12:45pm
- Friday, January 20 AM Kindergarten ONLY
- Mon-Fri, January 23-27 National School Choice Week
- Wednesday, January 25 Land Trust Meeting 1pm
- Friday, January 27 Midterm Deadline 3pm
- Friday, January 27 Jeans Day (for those who earned it) & Spirit Wear Day!
- Tuesday, January 31 4th-6th Grade Spelling Bee (School-wide)

Looking Ahead.....

- Friday, February 10 Early Dismissal (Elementary Grading Day)
 - 12:15pm/12:30pm/12:45pm
- Friday, February 10 PM Kindergarten ONLY
- Tuesday, February 14 Parent Empowerment Night - Managing Stress & Anxiety 7pm
- Monday, February 20 No School - President's Day
- Tues-Fri, Feb. 21-24 No School - Mid Winter Break

Hello American Prep Families,

Our Builder Theme for the month of December is "I Am A Builder When I Work Diligently."

One of the biggest deterrents to working diligently is wasting time. When we look back on our day and how time passed –often we realize what could've been accomplished with that time. I know this is something that I experience. There are many ways to waste time, but one of the most common is by allowing ourselves to get distracted or discouraged about our tasks and assignments. The ease of turning on the TV, daydreaming, getting

another drink of water, or texting with a friend often trumps the self-discipline required to do what requires thought and work. So what can we do about it?

When the urge to roam hits, take a deep breath and be still while you refocus yourself by remembering your objective. After several deep breaths, move forward with a small step. For instance, if one of your assignments is to do online research, close all other windows that serve as a distraction and focus only on the task at hand.

Plan a certain time for your distractions and entertainment. Here at APA, we advocate no screens M-TH so that we can use time wisely for academic study, physical exercise, and other enriching pursuits. Plan to reward yourself for a week's worth of hard work, by scheduling that video game or that movie on Friday or Saturday after your homework is complete.

Finally, review your goals. A clear picture of the time required to achieve these goals versus a realization of the amount of time you are tempted to waste will keep you on track for success.

The thing is once you get to work on a project, it is usually no longer drudgery...not if you are truly committed to achieving successful results. The key is to take the first step at exactly the moment when you are tempted to waste time elsewhere. I challenge you to try it this week and see how diligent you can be. You may be surprised and pleased at what you can accomplish.

Carpool News

Welcome back to school! Thank you for bringing your patience with you as we start drop off and pick up for 2023! Due to the high amounts of snow we received, we appreciate your cooperation in being extra careful and aware of possible slippery areas and certain spots now being covered with snow. In order to help speed up the drop off and pick up process we want to remind everyone to give hugs before getting to the curb, have backpacks and instruments ready, and follow the instructions of staff outside giving direction to keep everyone safe and things moving as quickly as possible.

Virtual Parent Empowerment -Substance Abuse and Addiction Tuesday, January 10th

The teenage brain develops rapidly during the school years and is very susceptible to addictions to substances, pornography, energy drinks, and more! Vaping is especially attractive for teens with over 2.1 million users in grades 6-12. We have invited Cheryl Saunders from the Community Health Division of Salt Lake County Health will help us understand the epidemic of vaping and how to help our kids and other family members to prevent the usage and ways to help our youth be resilient.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/85600934342>

Meeting ID: 856 0093 4342 One tap mobile +12532050468,,85600934342# US +12532158782,,85600934342# US (Tacoma)

WE CAN CARE Service Drive

It is AMAZING how we came together as an APA family to gather so many food items... Here at DRAPER 2 we more than tripled our original goal for a grand total of 13,542 food items. THANK YOU!!! The grand totals are from ALL of our campuses (Salem, D1, the ELC, D2, WV1, WV2 and 3): 47,208 items donated to the Utah Food Bank, 6772 items donated to food pantries in Utah County

Grand Total APA Wide: 53,980 food items!

6th Grade Service Opportunity

Our sixth grade students will have one final 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 next week on TUESDAY JANUARY 10th. Parents must sign their students up to participate as the event will go from 3:00 until 3:45 (last dismissal). <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-6thgrade7>

American Mathematics Competition 8 - January 17th

The AMC 8 will be given after school on Tuesday, January 17th to those students who registered and returned the attached form to the D3 office. Participation is voluntary. Students should be prepared to arrive at D3 after school and be prepared to stay 60 to 90 minutes after school. Calculators are not allowed. Contact D3 Math Teacher, Ms. Stewart with any questions at jsteward@apamail.org.

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 Monday, January 9th.

Celebration of Excellence Meetings - Looking Ahead

We look forward to meeting with all of you at this annual event! Mark your calendar today! This is an opportunity to give our stakeholders—you, our amazing APA parents—a report on the academic year, discuss pertinent school topics and to begin the re-enrollment process for the upcoming school year. Please make arrangements to have at least one parent in attendance. Doors will lock promptly at start time and there will be no late admittance. We will have the following opportunities to attend the mandatory meeting and are looking forward to seeing you and having this first re-enrollment step complete.

If your student is currently in 6th grade and planning to attend Draper 3 for the 2023-2024 school year, you will need to attend a meeting at the D3 campus.

Monday, March 6th @ 6:30PM

Monday March 13th @ 8:15AM OR 2PM

Thursday, March 16th @ 4PM OR 6PM

Friday, March 17th @ 8:15AM OR 9:15AM

We are excited for this opportunity to celebrate the excellence of American Prep and our Draper 2 campus.

Yearbook - Price Increase January 31st

Now is a great time to purchase your student a yearbook before they go up in price. Visit www.purchaseyearbook.com and enter code APADraper2YB23.

Current Prices: \$20 soft cover, \$25 hard cover

January 31st Prices: \$30 soft cover, \$35 hardcover

Compliance Items

The UCA Governing Board will review proposed fees for each American Prep school for the 2023-2024 School Year. Parents may review the proposed fees and have an opportunity to share thoughts or concerns for Board members to consider before approving these fees.

Please take some time to review the fees your local school proposed. You can find the related documents on the American Prep School Fee webpage: <https://www.americanprep.org/school-fees/>

There are two opportunities for public comment specific to these proposed fees at their scheduled board meetings held at the American Preparatory Schools District Office located at 12894 S. Pony Express Rd. Unit 600, Draper, UT, on the following dates beginning at 7:00 PM: December 15, 2022 and January 26, 2023.

<https://www.americanprep.org/american-prep/uca-agenda-and-minutes/>