



Calendar

- Friday, September 1 Spirit Wear Day!
- Monday, September 4 Labor Day - No School
- Friday, September 8 5th Grade Friendship Event 12:15pm-3:15pm
- Tuesday, September 12 Parent Empowerment Night - Internet & Cell phone Safety 7pm
- Friday, September 15 Jeans Day for No #2s or #7s from 8/17-9/14
- Friday, September 15 6th Grade Take Flight Event 12:15pm-3:15pm
- Friday, September 15 Midterm Deadline 3:45pm
- Friday, September 15 Fall Festival 5pm-8pm
- Tuesday, September 19 Reading the Constitution 10am

Hello American Prep Families,

We are SO HAPPY to be back in school with all of our wonderful American Prep students, families, and staff! We missed you all over the summer months and we are happy to welcome you back. We are excited to have our new families and hope that you can feel our enthusiasm about having you in our American Prep family.

School Phone Number

801-810-3590

Welcome New Office Staff

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Diana Labrador who will be working with Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Stark in the elementary office. These staff members are all here to assist students, parents, and staff with many needs. They make a great team in our elementary office.

Diana Labrador - dlabrador@apamail.org

Cambree Barrett - cbarrett@apamail.org

Lisa Stark - lstark@apamail.org

Feel free to stop by and/or email and give a warm welcome to any of our office staff!

Builders Theme: Our theme this month is Be A Builder

Many of our wonderful parents and staff have been great examples of this theme over the past month as we have all worked together to get our school up and running. We are now hoping to inspire our students to enjoy being a builder! We also ask during the month of August & September that our families memorize the Builders Poem. All students are memorizing this poem in school.

Builders

I saw them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town.

With a yo heave ho and a lusty yell,
They swung a beam and the sidewall fell.

I asked the foreman if these men were as skilled
As those he would hire if he were to build.

He laughed and said, "Oh, no indeed,
Common labor is all I need,

For they can wreck in a day or two,
What builders have taken years to do."

So I asked myself, as I went my way,
Which of these roles am I to play?

Am I the builder, who works with care,
Measuring life by the rule and square;

Or am I the wrecker who walks the town,
Content in the role of tearing down?

I've made my decision; I'll start today,
I'll be a builder in every way.

Academic Support Team - Volunteers Needed

Teachers are responsible to organize the parents of students in their classrooms into Academic Support Teams (AST) Team Leaders for each need to be identified by the teacher. These volunteers will work with the teacher, in and out of the classroom.

AST members will provide support to the teacher in the following ways:

- Communication – phone tree, organizing parents to volunteer for classroom events
- Transportation – for field trips
- Events – classroom activities, culminating activities
- Academic support – correcting papers, creating visual aids

The Family School Organization (FSO) has an AST Coordinator who will assist in training AST Leaders. AST members who correct student work need to be instructed verbally and in writing that the work is confidential and should not be discussed with anyone but the teacher.

Please reach out to your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer to be an AST for your child's classroom this year and copy Ms. Cindy Lawrence on the communication at clawrence@apamail.org.

Families with students attending D2 & D3

We love that so many families are choosing to continue receiving their education at the D3 campus. A reminder for carpool pick up...families need to first pick up JH and HS students at Draper 3 and then make a second stop at the Draper 2 campus for elementary students. Please do not send your JH or HS Draper 3 student to the Draper 2 campus to pick up their sibling. We also ask that you do not instruct your Draper 2 elementary student to walk over to Draper 3 to hang out or get picked up. This is for the safety of the students.

Uniform Reminders

Casual Friday continues for another year! Students in grades K-6 may wear khaki pants with solid navy polo-style shirts on Fridays. Shoes remain the same style as Monday-Thursday.

Additional Clarifications: Following are some uniform notes that we feel need clarification:

- Shoes must be solid black in color with no embellishments or visible patterns. Students may wear black athletic or dress shoes.

A bow tie is an option for boys in grades 4-6 in the APA plaid or stripe.

- White polo shirts are only part of the K-3 uniform. 4th-6th grade students must wear the uniform appropriate blouse or shirt, not a white polo.
- In K-3, girls may wear either a white polo or blouse under their jumpers. K-3 boys may wear a white polo with a navy sweater/vest or a navy blue polo.
- Skirts & jumpers must come to the knee or longer.
- Khaki pants/shorts must be uniform style dress pants/shorts. They should be loose (able to pinch an inch of loose fabric.) Peg leg, skinny, or tight-fitting pants, cargo, or jean style pants are not uniform appropriate. No outside pockets.

If a student is out of uniform they may be sent to the office to call home. Students will not be allowed in class without the proper uniform.

Spirit Wear Friday - Friday, September 1

Students and staff can show their American Prep spirit the first Friday of every month by wearing Spirit Wear items on top, and regular Friday dress on bottom. Items can be from previous fundraising events or can be purchased through our Spirit Store. <https://www.americanprep.org/product-category/spirit-wear/>

Drop Off/Pick Up (aka Carpool)

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as families and staff are learning the drop off and pick up procedures. This time of day is a perfect opportunity to demonstrate to your children and APA neighbors on how to be a builder. A few reminders:

1. Display your carpool tag on the rearview mirror. If it is on the dash or seat next to you it is difficult for our staff to see and allow your vehicle on the property.
2. Instruct your child(ren) to enter and exit the vehicle on the side nearest the curb. This is for your child's safety as well as keeping the flow of traffic moving.
3. Please do not walk your child inside the building when dropping them off. There are plenty of staff members ready to greet your child and help them to the correct spot, if needed.
4. If you have business to conduct inside the school, park in a visitor parking space. If you park in a numbered stall, you are taking a spot that belongs to a staff member and delaying them from entering the building and beginning their job (helping your student have a successful day)!
5. If you do not live in the neighborhood directly North of APA, this is NOT a place for APA traffic. Please be courteous and do not use the neighborhood to turn around and/or use as a staging area until your pick up time.

Visiting American Prep

Please remember that anytime you need to come to school; even if it is to deliver a lunch or a docket; you must stop by the office to sign in and get a visitor's badge. You will be asked to return to the office if you are not wearing a visitor badge. We have quite a few new staff members who would not know if you are a parent to one of our students or someone dangerous. Please help us keep all of our students and staff safe.

Parent Empowerment Meetings

Our 1st parent empowerment meeting of the year will be held via zoom on September 12th. The topic is Internet and Cell Phone Safety. Join us at the following link: <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/89267303321>

Character Development Corner

FIFTH GRADE students have their first ambassador event on FRIDAY, September 8th during the school day. We LOVE our parent volunteers: Sign up here
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444afae29abfc1-5thgrade8#/>

SIXTH GRADE students have their first ambassador event on FRIDAY, September 15th during the school day. (Watch for the sign-up genius if you'd like to volunteer!)

*CALLING ALL PARENTS!: Our annual College Fair has become a wonderful tradition which is only possible due to our AMAZING PARENT VOLUNTEERS that day! Did you love your college experience? Do you have a career you are passionate about? Then you would be PERFECT to join us this year!

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27th is the date! Watch for the sign up genius, but save the date for now!
Watch this two minute video from a past college fair!

<https://vimeo.com/739049195/813158f533>

You will be doing a 7 minute presentation/interactive experience up to 5 times in one hour (for up to 5 different classes who rotate in) So for example, a pediatrician who graduated from the U might bring a Utah flag, a Utah t-shirt, and have a stethoscope, a blood pressure cuff, and a roll of stickers to give away. **it is not required that you give something away at your presentation! At your presentation, you could have a demonstration, a game, or anything else to show a group of approximately 20 kids (one class) in our large upstairs multipurpose room. Searching "pinterest" or "google" you can find a lot of great ideas. (one hour of your time will be up to 150 kids that you are presenting to, 30 at a time)

More ideas on presentations here: <https://www.sparksinslp.com/college-and-career-exploration.html>

Clubs

We have a few clubs available to start out the year!

Eagles Basketball club tryouts will be held on August 28th & 29th. Tryouts are open to boys and girls 1st-12th grade. See attached flyer for details.

The **Utah Eagles Wrestling Club** will also begin soon. The attached flyer has additional information.

Simply Super Science will begin after Fall Break. Email Tori Andersen at simplysuperscience@gmail.com to sign up and see attached flyer for additional details.

Yoga - Grades K thru 3...Sariah Crafts will be offering a kids yoga class this year. She is a certified yoga teacher and excited to help your student(s) practice yoga and learn new techniques. Session A will be held on Wednesdays from 3pm-4pm beginning September 6th with the last class on October 11. The cost for session A will be \$48 (\$8 per class and a yoga mat will be provided). Minimum 10 students and maximum 20 students. Reach out to Mrs. Crafts at sariahcrafts@yahoo.com for additional information.

Wolfpack Running Club...Registration will remain open until September 10th for the Wolfpack Running Club. The team needs a Head and an Assistant Coach. Your kid(s) are free if you coach. No experience is needed and we'll train you. The Head Coach gets a modest stipend.

Your athletes will learn the basics of cross country, trail running, and endurance running—through game-based workouts, fun lessons, and a primary focus on individual improvement. Practices will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Draper City Park. The season includes 6 weeks of fun and challenging practices + 2 meets per season + Racing jersey + Tons of new friends for just \$100. Here's the link for more information and to register. <https://wolfpackrunning.org/services/elementary/>

Registration has been extended until September 10. The season starts September 5 and ends October 27. If you have questions, please text or call Tom Sharkey, Wolfpack Director of Elementary at 443-939-7133.

Dockets & Name Badges

All new students will be provided a nametag and docket. If you need to order a new docket (\$10) or a new nametag (\$5.25) for your student, you may do so here:

<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wseuamerprepacaut/fwemnu01.w>

Directions for how to add a fee to your skyward account can be found here:

https://draper2.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/09/Directions_Fees-OPTIONAL.pdf

Compliance Items

Professional Qualifications

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. In accordance with state regulation, all APA teachers are licensed through one of three licensing paths: Professional, Associates and LEA specific. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

District Parent and Family Engagement Policy

American Prep recognizes that parent and family engagement is key to student achievement. We provide many opportunities for parents and family members to participate in, and stay informed of, their student's academic achievement.

American Preparatory Academy trains staff annually during pre-service and teacher academy on how to communicate, build meaningful connections, and otherwise involve parents/families and the school. These topics are reinforced during professional development opportunities throughout the year as needed.

Additional details regarding Parent and Family Engagement are available in the annual Parent-Student Handbooks (PSHB) which are distributed annually, posted on the school websites, and available in Spanish at our West Valley campuses.

For the full District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, please refer to this [link](#) on the Policy page of the americanprep.org website.

School Parent and Family Engagement Policies

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are now accessible on the APA website under the Parent Library drop-down tab. West Valley Parent-Student Handbooks will be available in Spanish.

Mandated Assessments and Opt-Outs

American Preparatory recognizes that Standardized Testing is an essential tool for measuring student learning and teacher success. The data obtained from these assessments may be utilized by teachers and administrators to review student academic progress, plan instruction, and share with students and parents. Summative assessments allow for data to be used in public reporting about school quality. Parent's may opt-out of most state standardized tests by submitting a Parental Exclusion form to the Academic Director. You can learn more about the state assessments administered at American Prep and find the testing schedules for your student's campus by following this link: <https://www.americanprep.org/state-assessments/>.