



Calendar

- **Wed.-Fri., Nov. 22-24** *No School - Thanksgiving Break*
- Mon-Fri., Nov. 27-Dec 1 White Ribbon Week
- Thursday, November 30 Hygiene Kick Off!
- Friday, December 1 Spirit Wear Day!
- Fri-Sat., December 1-2 Holiday Boutique @Draper 3
- Friday, December 8 Term 2 Missing Work Due 3:45pm
- Monday, December 11 Science Fair
- Monday, December 11 Band & Orchestra Concert 6pm
- Wednesday, December 13 5th Grade Choir Concert 6pm
- Friday, December 15 Jeans Day for those who earned it (no #2s, #7s)
- **Friday, December 15** *Early Dismissal 12:15pm/12:30pm/12:45pm*
- **December 20 - January 2** *No School - Winter Break*

Hello American Prep Families,

November's Builder Theme is "I Am A Builder When I Express Gratitude in Word and Deed"

Saying "thank you" is a powerful positive force for good when we get in the habit of saying it to our family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers! We can write a quick thank you note and it can make an amazing difference in someone's life. We met with our elementary students and challenged them to express gratitude during the month of November. We hope our parents will find some things to thank your children for this month!

We sometimes make the mistake in thinking that if we say "thank you" for something "normal", our kids will conclude the wrong thing – but really we are just modeling healthy personal interactions when we say thanks to others for even the small things they do for us. Some examples could be "thank you for coming to breakfast on time" – or "thank you for putting your backpack in your room" – or "thank you for bringing me your learning plan"!

We all like to be thanked – it is contagious! We hope you hear many thanks in your homes this month.

White Ribbon Week

Hello families! It is White Ribbon Week! During White Ribbon Week, our aim is to build confident and resilient children who make conscious, positive choices in media and technology. You will see a tracker this week on your child's learning plan. Please read the daily discussion question and then sign your initials. ALL STUDENTS MAY WEAR FREE SHOE CHOICE ON FRIDAY to celebrate! We will also serve a small serving of pie on Friday to wrap up our week. Please let your teacher know if you have any allergy concerns.

If you'd like to volunteer on Friday, here is the sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-46219132-white>

Sixth Grade Service Opportunity: Thursday, December 7th

Our sixth grade students have the opportunity to VOLUNTEER to assemble PEANUT BUTTER and jelly sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul (in Salt Lake City) where that organization can then distribute our sandwiches to the homeless in our community. This will be our only day this year and is THURSDAY DECEMBER 7th.

**This service time runs from 2:00 until 2:45.. which is our final dismissal. Your student will head out to the curb at FINAL dismissal if you choose to sign them up that day. They will NOT be out at the curb until 2:45.

**This service opportunity puts students in contact with peanut butter. If you sign your child up, you are affirming that there are NO peanut allergies.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-45782951-6thgrade#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-45782951-6thgrade#/)

Heroes of Hygiene

Greetings to all of our Heroes of Hygiene. Did you know that Oct. 15th is Global Handwashing Day? That's because handwashing is like a 'do-it-yourself' vaccine. It is the simplest and best way to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of disease. So, every time someone soaps up their hands—hygiene wins, and the germs lose. And that's good news for everyone.

In the Ambassador program we talk about the importance of being an advocate. An advocate is someone who finds people in need and then works to meet those needs. There are many people here in Utah and around the world that don't have access to basic hygiene items like soap. They need our help!

The donation drive kicks off November 30th and continues through Dec. 15th. We accept shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, soap (either body wash or solid bar soap), lotion, Kleenex packages, deodorant and dental floss, and standard sized toothbrushes and packaged combs/brushes.

Donation Guidelines: Items must be unopened and unused. We prefer that items have at least 6 months before the expiration date to accommodate worldwide shipping. Thank you!

We hope you will accept the invitation to become their advocates—their Heroes of Hygiene as you work generously to meet their needs. Go APA!

Science Fair Judges Needed

Would you consider volunteering as a judge for the school science fair? All of our 6th grade students will be participating in the science fair, however you do not need to have a 6th grader to judge the fair. Finalists will move to the district fair. It's super fun and science fairs are not possible without many people generously donating their time!

Qualifications: Judges should have some understanding of the scientific method or the engineering process.

Dates: Thursday, December 7th @10am to 12pm

Contact: Home Teacher or the science specialist, Jennifer Elliott jelliott@apamail.org if you would like to judge or have any questions.

See attached flier for additional details.

Uniform Reminder

Now that we have entered the Fall/Winter months, shorts are not allowed again until springtime. Boots are now allowed to be worn to school, if desired.

Ballroom Workshops for 4th-6th Grade

BALLROOM BLAST ELEMENTARY WORKSHOP: Come explore the world of Ballroom Dance and jive with us to an awesome Swing! Here are all the details:

Who: All 4th-6th graders are invited

What: \$25 Workshop Fee Includes

- * Two 90 minute lessons--that's 3 hours of instruction!
- * APA Ballroom T-shirt
- * Opportunity to perform with the D3 Ballroom Team in the Winter Showcase

When: Lesson 1: Wed. Nov. 29th 3:00-4:30 pm

Lesson 2: Wed. Dec. 6th 3:00-4:30 pm

(Lessons start at 3, but the team dancers and coaches will take good care of the students in the D3 MPR until that time. So, D2 students can walk over and D1 students can be dropped off after school and we'll meet them at the D3 front entrance.)

Showcase Rehearsal: Sat. Dec. 9th 12:45 pm

Winter Showcase Performance: Sat. Dec. 9th 2:00-4:00 pm. Free and open to all friends and family so they can celebrate your hard work!

Instructors: In addition to coaching our APA team for the last 7 years, Joy Price has 19 years of coaching experience working at a competitive dance studio, and as a professor at BYU-Idaho. She is also an accomplished performer with titles from a wide variety of national/international competitions and has been a featured artist at Walt Disney World. Assisting her will be members of the current D3 team who will mentor, encourage, and model for the younger dancers.

Fundraising Element: These workshops will help raise money for D3 Ballroom Team members. If you want to support a specific member of the team you will be able to list their name on your registration and they will receive \$15. Remaining profits will go toward the team as a whole.

Registration: Registration will be open until November 13th. <https://forms.gle/qYYprB5qhA3AG3aR8>

Questions: contact Kiri Reeves at kreeves@apamail.org

Compliance Items

Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Plans

The 2023-24 Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Plans are available on [americanprep.org](https://www.americanprep.org) under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports titled “Teacher and Student Success Act Plan (TSSA)” Or you may find our campus TSSA Plans by going directly to this link:
<https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/D2-TSSA-FY24.pdf>

Utah School Accountability Report Cards

The 2023 School Report Cards are available on [americanprep.org](https://www.americanprep.org) under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports, “Utah School Accountability Report Card” Or you may find our campus Report Card by going directly to this link:
<https://reportcard.schools.utah.gov/School/OverallPerformance?SchoolID=186317&DistrictID=110573&SchoolNbr=130&SchoolLevel=K8&IsSplitSchool=0&schoolyearendyear=2023>

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

The 2023-24 School Improvement Plan is available on [americanprep.org](https://www.americanprep.org) under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports, “School Improvement Plan.” Or you may find our campus SIP by going directly to this link:
<https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/SY24-D2-Stakeholder-SIP.pdf>