



Calendar

Looking Ahead....

- Friday, August 16
 - Meet & Greet (Meet the Teacher)
 - 9am New Students
 - 10am-12pm: A-L students
 - 1pm-3pm: M-Z Students
- Wednesday, August 21
 - First Day of School 8:05 am
- Wednesday, August 28
 - Parent Orientation 5pm-7pm
- Monday, September 2
 - Labor Day - No School
- Friday, September 6
 - Spirit Wear Day!!
- October 14-18
 - Fall Break - no student attendance
- Tuesday, October 22
 - Early Dismissal 12:15pm/12:30PM/12:45PM

Hello APA Families,

June's Builder Theme is **"I Am A Builder When I Respect My Body and Mind."**

"Respect your body when it's asking you for a break. Respect your mind when it's seeking rest. Honor yourself when you need a moment" - Anna Grace Taylor

Summer "Stay Sharp" Packets

Each student has received a "Summer Stay-Sharp" packet with work to be completed over the summer break. Check your student's backpack if you haven't seen this emerge yet! This is **REQUIRED** work that will be turned in on the first day back to school in August. Directions and materials are included in each packet.

Why we do it:

We all love having a long summer break – students, teachers and parents alike. The reality is that, left unexercised, students' academic skills begin to skip and they lose the gains that they made during the school year. We have learned that with a minimal 1 hour of academic focus each weekday during the summer, students not only maintain their pre-summer levels, but come back to school having made steady gains! These students are ready to hit the ground running – with no wasted "catch-up" month at the beginning of the school year.

To Make This Fun and Successful, Keep These Things in Mind:

- A little bit of work goes a long way. About one hour of academic focus during the summer is a big break from the school rigor, but still offers huge returns in students maintaining and progressing in their skill levels.
- Set a schedule. Get them in the habit of doing it at the same time each day. First thing in the morning may be the least distracting time. Be available to monitor and help them.
- Have set tasks. Help them organize their hour to include practice from all areas in the packet – reading, math facts, test practice – whatever is included for that grade level.
- Meaningful motivation. At the beginning of the new school year, we will be celebrating with those students who complete their entire summer packet. Extra motivation from you during the summer may be needed as well – you know your students best!

Contact Mrs. Davis (megan.davis@apamail.org) for K-3 and Mrs. Lawrence (alawrence@apamail.org) with any summer packet questions.

Summer Office Hours

June: Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays 8AM-2PM

July: Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays 10AM-1PM

August: Closed through August 15th for staff training.

Please contact Mrs. Labrador @dllabrador@apamail.org or Mrs. Barrett @cbarrett@apamail.org.

Summer Withdrawal

We know that there may be some families or students who find they will not be able to return to American Prep Academy next year. Please remember to let us know as soon as your decision becomes official. There is an online withdrawal form available at <https://forms.gle/cWuM4TjjiB5BufZc9>

Dockets for 2024-2025 Reminder

Please remember to keep your dockets in a safe place this summer. You will not receive another one at the beginning of the next school year. If you happen to need another docket, they will be available in the office or online through Skyward for \$10.

Friends & Family...apply now for 24-25 school year!

Openings available in almost all grades! Tell your family and friends to sign up for a tour and assessment in the month of June! <https://www.americanprep.org/applynow/> We also have Enrollment Open House opportunities most Thursdays at 6pm to share information about APA and learn about the enrollment process. Invite your friends and family!

2024-2025 School Calendar

We've had several calls regarding the school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. It is included as an attachment with the newsletter. You may also find important dates on the school website.

Curriculum News

Students going into 4th grade, the summer book is "Robin Hood". These books are for sale in the front office for \$10.00. Students going into 5th grade, the summer book is "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe". We have used copies for sale at the front office for \$6.00.

Name Tags

We are in the process of adding replacement fines for name tags that were not collected at the end of the school year. If your student did not turn in their name tag, a new one will be ordered for them and a replacement fine of \$5 will be added to your Skyward account.

Sixth grade students returning to seventh grade will be responsible for keeping their name tag and wearing it on the 1st day of school.

Did you know name tags are part of our character development program? Name tags help us maintain a professional culture of friendliness and respect. Name tags remind us to always represent ourselves (first name), our family (last name), and our school community (APA logo) with the highest standards of conduct. Thanks for ensuring your student is in full uniform by wearing their name tag daily.

Groundbreaking Time Change

Come celebrate the groundbreaking of our Draper 3 Auditorium on Friday June 7th at 3:00 p.m. (Please note this is a time change.). We will have performers from D3 from 3:00 until 3:15, and then our ceremony promptly at 3:15, with light refreshments served afterwards. We are so excited for this incredible addition to our D3 campus.