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## Draper 1 - School Calendar

February 05, 2021

Feb. 8-12 <sup>th</sup>	Classroom Spelling BEES ( <i>see classroom specific details below</i> )
Friday, Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Valentines Exchange; Spirit Wear Friday for all; Jeans day for students who ended term 4 with no missing work (indicated by a sticker on their learning plan); Term 3 Report Cards sent home
Friday, Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 Off Campus Materials Pick-up 8:30-3:30 in the MPR
Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-Winter Break

## **NEW: Volunteers Needed**

### **READING UNIVERSITY**

FSO is looking for help with Reading University. We will have our prize store, Friday February 12th. I'm looking for two volunteers to help students choose their prize for reading accomplishment. Please sign up on the link below

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F48AAAC2DA7FA7-readin>

### **STAFF APPRECIATION**

Staff appreciation is right around the corner. I'm looking for parent volunteers who would like to be the lead or one who oversees door decorations, breakfast, lunches, lunch room decorations, and staff gifts. This would be willing to come in and help organized volunteers along with organizing what needs to be accomplished. You would be helping me show the staff how much we appreciate them. If you have questions before you sign up, that is fabulous. Otherwise we will have a meeting the week after our break, the last week in February at school and it would be either in the morning or afternoon--time is flexible.

Also with the theme of the week--Destination Travel Around the World. I am looking for people to help lead the food days. We are looking for days tentatively that would have food themed around: Indian food, Mexican food, Italian food, Greek food, an American food. The staff loved, loved the food and we want to make it special for them. Please if you can help either sign up or reach out to me. [draper1fso@apamail.org](mailto:draper1fso@apamail.org) or [erindq@gmail.com](mailto:erindq@gmail.com)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F48AAAC2DA7FA7-staff3>

**Sign up for Donations and Volunteering will be coming soon.** This will be something that will offer all families a way to get involved. Please consider helping us.

## **NEW: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Notecard Contest**

The Foundation's 2nd Annual Notecard Art Contest has begun. It is a great way for students to showcase their creativity. This year there will be two winners, one in each of the following categories: Thank a Teacher/Staff Member AND General Thank You. The artwork will be used on notecards and thank you cards for The Foundation and for thank you cards for teachers and staff during Staff Appreciation Week at each of our campuses.

Submissions should be emailed to Michelle Goudge at [mgoudge@americanprepfoundation.org](mailto:mgoudge@americanprepfoundation.org) in a .png or .jpg file or dropped off with a campus secretary. The theme for the contest is "THANK YOU" and the deadline is February 22. The winners will be announced after the break and will receive a \$25 gift certificate for the APA Apparel Store.



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### **CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES:**

1. The contest is open to all APA students in Utah.
2. Artwork should not include copyrighted images.
3. Students may submit entries in either the THANK YOU TEACHER/STAFF or GENERAL THANK YOU category or both. A student can only win in one category, however.
4. Students are encouraged, but not required, to use 8.5" x 11" paper (either landscape or portrait orientation).
5. Artwork must be properly labeled. Write the name of the student, the student's grade, campus, and the teacher's name on the BACK of the artwork. Please make sure this information is legible.
6. Students may use as many colors as they wish in their artwork, and may use watercolors, colored paper, markers, crayons, pencils, or any combination. Students are encouraged to completely fill the page.
7. Entry into this contest constitutes (1) a waiver of all copyrights students have in their entries, and (2) permission to republish entries without compensation.
8. Artwork will not be returned.

### **NEW: Girls On the Run 2021 Season**

Girls on the Run Utah is a positive youth developed program for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. This after-school program combines training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem lessons and uplifting workouts. The goal of the program is to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development. It will be held **Virtually** Wednesday's 4-6pm. The program runs 8 weeks from March 24 - June 5. The cost is \$150. The team will fill up fast so register soon! ***We encourage all girls to participate regardless of their family's ability to pay. Financial assistance is available***

Register at [www.girlsontherunutah.org](http://www.girlsontherunutah.org)

### **APA Accreditation**

Every 5 years, we are required to undergo an Accreditation Review. Cognia is the approved Accrediting agency for public schools across multiple states. The Review Team from Cognia that conducted American Prep's recent review represented decades of education experience in public schools districts and charters across multiple states. As part of their extensive review, Cognia conducted observations in multiple APA classrooms, examined over 400 documents, and interviewed 117 stakeholders, including board members, admin, teachers, parents, community members, students, and support staff.

We are excited to announce that American Prep received an **exceptional** recommendation of Accreditation from its recent review. The Index of Education Quality (IEQ) is the numeric score given an institution at the conclusion of the Accreditation Review process. The 5-year average COGNIA IEQ score for institutions is 280. American Prep received an IEQ rating of 350 out of 400—**far above** average and indicating that APA "Demonstrates noteworthy practices producing clear results that positively impact the institution."

Cognia specifically noted these powerful practices at APA:

1. The American Preparatory Academy (APA), directed by the chief executive officer (CEO) and the leadership team, tirelessly commit to the institution's purpose and direction.
2. APA's governing board established a comprehensive set of policies and procedures, including a strong code of ethics, allowing them to fulfill their roles and responsibilities for the institution and schools' direction.



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3. APA schools provide a structured and positive culture that exemplifies the system’s mission statement “...to ensure that each student achieves maximum academic proficiency and develops virtuous character and motivation for a productive citizenry.”
4. APA exemplifies a data-driven system where teachers record, collect, analyze, and use both formative and summative assessments to update the curriculum and assess student learning.
5. APA provides staff members with professional learning activities based on data-driven needs assessments with a focus on collaboration and collegiality.
6. The system provides access to information resources and materials to support the curriculum and allocates human, material, and fiscal resources in alignment with the organizational purpose and improvement of student performance.

We are grateful to the staff, parents, students, and community members who contribute in meaningful ways to the culture and mission of excellence at American Prep!

### Test Data and School Report Cards Available

The 2019-2020 School Report Cards are available on the American Prep website’s Parent Library under “Plans and Reports” (<http://www.americanprep.org/plans-and-reports/>). School Improvement Plans for our Title I Campuses will also be located at this site. If you have any questions regarding this data, feel free to contact your school administrators.

### 2021 Spelling BEE

It's almost time for our 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee competition! Participation in the spelling bee is completely optional for off campus students, it is not mandatory. All students in class will participate in the grade level **classroom bees on the week of Feb. 8-12**, and the top 2 spellers from each classroom will advance to the **1st-3rd grade School Bee on Thursday, February 25th at 1pm** or the **4th-6th grade School Bee on Friday, February 26th at 1:15pm**.

If you have an off-campus student who would like to compete in the spelling bee, they must be able/willing to come into school in full uniform and participate in the classroom bee. If they are one of the top 2 spellers in the classroom bee, then they will also need to be able/willing to participate in the school wide bees in full school uniform on the 25th or 26th of February. Here is the classroom bee schedule. Please be sure to come to your students assigned On Campus Teacher date/time. If you do not know who that is, contact your Off-Campus teacher to help you.

Grade	Homeroom Teacher	Date	Time	Grade	Homeroom Teacher	Date	Time
1	Mrs. Davis	Thursday, 2/11	1:10 PM	4	Mrs. Christiansen	Friday, 2/12	2:45 PM
1	Ms. Morrell	Thursday, 2/11	1:05 PM	4	Mrs. Swaner	Thursday, 2/11	1:00 PM
1	Ms. Oveson	Thursday, 2/11	1:20 PM	4	Ms. Orton	Tuesday, 02/09	2:40 PM
2	Ms. Cripps	Thursday, 2/11	1:45 PM	5	Ms. O'Donoghue	Tuesday, 02/09	2:30 PM
2	Mrs. Dumont	Thursday, 2/11	10:15 AM	5	Mrs. Williams	Tuesday, 02/09	2:30 PM
2	Mrs. Evans	Friday, 2/12	1:45 PM	5	Ms. Foy	Wednesday, 2/10	1:00 PM
2	Mrs. Sims	Friday, 2/12	2:10 PM	6	Mrs. Peery	Thursday, 2/11	8:15 AM
3	Mrs. Amalaraj	Thursday, 2/11	10:15 AM	6	Ms. Morris	Thursday, 2/11	8:15 AM



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3	Mrs. Arabyan	Thursday, 2/11	1:20 PM				
3	Mrs. Burton	Tuesday, 02/09	1:40 PM				
3	Mrs. Pineda	Thursday, 2/11	1:30 PM				

Classroom bees will be limited to teachers and students only, no parents will be permitted in the rooms. School bee's audience will consist of parents of the school bee contestants only, no school assembly this year.

## **2021-22 Sibling/Kinder Enrollment and Transfers**

If you have a sibling to a current APA student at home who would like be enrolled for the 2021-22 school year, now is the time to act for priority enrollment! Our first lottery will be pulled January 4<sup>th</sup> and spots (especially Kindergarten) will fill fast. This is also your opportunity to let us know if you want a transfer to another APA campus for the 2021-22 school year. (Please note: Sixth graders do not need to request a transfer for next year to D3 at this time.) Use to following link to access the application <https://www.americanprep.org/enrollment/utah-enrollment/>

### **Enrollment Codes for sibling or transfer:**

transfer2021  
sibling2021

**Please contact the front office for help or questions concerning enrollment.**