



AMERICAN PREPARATORY
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D1 Newsletter

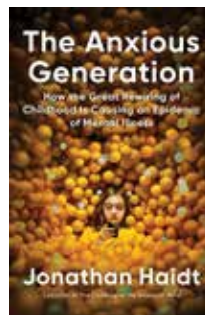


Thank You for Coming!

We appreciate all those parents who came Wednesday night for our Parent Orientation. If you were not able to attend, please make sure to get in touch with your child's teacher for the information you missed!

As part of our Minimize Tech, Maximize Happiness campaign, we'd like to share a great resource to you. We highly recommend this book to all parents!

The Anxious Generation offers a crucial guide for parents seeking to understand and address the rising tide of anxiety among young people. This insightful read delves into the factors contributing to the growing mental health crisis and provides practical strategies to foster resilience and emotional well-being in your child. With expert advice and real-life examples, this book is an essential resource for navigating the complexities of modern parenting. Equip yourself with the tools to support your child and help them thrive—discover how The Anxious Generation can make a difference in your family's life.



Upcoming Events

- Mon, Sept. 2 → Labor Day
No School
- Fri, Sept. 6 → 6th grade Ambassador Event
Take Flight
- Fri, Sept. 6 → Spirit Wear Day
- Tues, Sept. 10 → Parent Empowerment Night
7pm - Internet Safety & Bullying
- Fri, Sept. 13 → 5th grade Ambassador Event
Friendship
- Tues, Sept. 17 → Constitution Day
D1 Reading 10:00am
- Fri, Sept. 20 → Draper | Fall Festival
Parent Volunteers Needed!
- Fri, Sept. 20 → Spirit Wear Day



Every 1st & 3rd Friday!



Join the APA Elementary Cross Country team!

The Wolfpack Elementary Program is open to kids in kindergarten-6th grade. In this 6-week program they will learn the basics of cross country - including running form, how to pace themselves, and racing starts and finishes - through game-based and engaging lessons with a focus on effort, personal improvement, and being part of a team. Click here for info and a list of teams: <https://wolfpackrunning.org/elementary-program/>

Our APA team also needs an assistant coach! No coaching experience is needed, we'll train and provide you with an awesome program, and coach's kids run for free. Please reach out if you or someone you know is interested: elementary@wolfpackrunning.org.

Don't wait anymore!

If you plan to volunteer this year with field trips or after school activities, make sure to get your fingerprinting done soon!

FINGERPRINTING APPOINTMENTS
FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

SIGN UP TO GET YOUR FINGERPRINTING DONE TO VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL. FINGERPRINTING IS VALID WHILE YOUR STUDENT IS ENROLLED AT APA.

FINGERPRINTING IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Volunteers Needed

Character Development

Save the date **SIXTH GRADE!**

We have our first Character Development event "Take Flight" on **FRIDAY** September 6th during our school day (12:30 until 3:15). We LOVE to have parent volunteers that day. Watch for a sign up from your teachers soon!

Save the date **FIFTH GRADE!**

We have our first Character Development event "Friendship" on **FRIDAY** September 13th during our school day (12:30 until 3:15). We LOVE to have parent volunteers that day. Watch for a sign up from your teachers soon!

FALL FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 20th!

Our annual fall festival is coming up and it's JUST for our campus held right here at Draper One. Our parent volunteer meeting will be on **THURSDAY AUGUST 29th** at 8:15 (right after carpool dropoff) and we'd love to have you. If you can't make that meeting, we'd still love your help. Sign up here to see what you can do: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444FAE29AB-FC1-50866462-draper>

CONSTITUTION DAY TRYOUTS!

During lunch on August 28th, your students may try out for a part in our Constitution Day reading held on September 17th. We also love having a few parent readers. Contact Mandy Brown if you'd like to participate! mandy.brown@apamail.org

Safety First

To avoid holding up the carpool lines or risk of causing an accident, please follow all dismissal traffic routes that you received with your dismissal tags.
RIGHT TURNS ONLY.



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ONLY TURNING **RIGHT** WHEN EXITING FOR DISMISSAL.

Announcements

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. Parents 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/>.