



# D1 Newsletter



## November Builders of the Month

Congratulations to the builders below for expressing their gratitude through word and deed.

- 1st Grade    Mrs. Coe            *Tarak Yadlapati*  
                  Mrs. Conklin        *Kaia Brohm*  
                  Ms. Oveson            *Daphne Stephensen*
- 2nd Grade    Ms. Cripps            *Bernardo Lagemann*  
                  Mrs. Dumont           *Nora Cardoso*  
                  Mr. Mazzini            *Isabella Larson*
- 3rd Grade    Mrs. Jhaveri           *Sauvin Magleby*  
                  Mrs. Pineda            *Shaylie Adams*  
                  Mrs. Wanner           *Harper Ramos*
- 4th Grade    Mrs. Arabyan          *Madeline Merrell*  
                  Mrs. Cooke            *Lois Johnson*  
                  Mrs. Thornock          *Olivia Sanford*
- 5th Grade    Mrs. Anderson        *Rylee Woodward*  
                  Mr. Brakey            *Camila Peralta Vejar*  
                  Mrs. Williams         *Miles Rwaramba*
- 6th Grade    Ms. Diamond          *Nicolas Laguna*  
                  Ms. Morris            *Adalyn Cottam*  
                  Mrs. Peery             *Taylor Housely*

### Upcoming Events

- Dec. 4-18            **APA Sock Drive**
- Wed., Dec. 11      **5th Grade Winter Choir Concert**  
*8:30 am in the gym*
- Friday, Dec. 13    **Term 2 Missing Work Deadline**  
*All missing work due*
- Thurs., Dec. 19    **6th Grade Band/Orchestra Concert**  
*6:00 pm in the gym*
- Friday, Dec. 20    **Jeans Day for Students**  
*Earned for no #7s*
- Friday, Dec. 20    **Early Dismissal**  
*12:15 dismissal time*
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3     **Winter Break**  
*No School*
- Monday, Jan. 6    **Welcome Back!**  
*School starts at 8:15*
- Friday, Jan. 10    **5th Grade Celebration Event**  
*Volunteers needed*
- January 13-17     **Classroom Spelling Bees**  
*Spelling List coming soon!*
- Friday, Jan. 17    **6th Grade Celebration Event**  
*Volunteers needed*

[Click Here](#)  
to log volunteer hours

**Spirit Wear**  
**Every 1st & 3rd Friday!**

# Kindergarten Builders & RU Winners

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen as the November Builders for expressing gratitude through word and deed. And to the November Reading University winners,

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## Builder of the Month

Mrs. Buell *Daniel Jensen*  
Mrs. Lucas *Archer Avila*  
Ms. Saguilan *Grayson Lever*

## Reading University

Mrs. Buell *Eshika Rudra*  
Mrs. Lucas *Shriya Gudipati*  
Ms. Saguilan *Melina Scott*

We heard it in the halls...

Teacher: I'm turning 28 years old this year.

Student: Oh wow, that's old, really old!

## Draper 1 is Ready to Rock the SOCKS!

Our donation drive is in full swing. We are so impressed with the amazing enthusiasm and generosity of our students. We will be able to help so many individuals, families and children in need by donating this week. Our donation drive goes until Wednesday, December 18th, so keep the donations coming! Classes are having a competition to see who can donate the most pairs! Will your child's class be the winner?



**ROCK THE SOCKS!**

December 4th-18th

**D1 (1st-6th) Goal:**  
4000 pairs of socks



**ROCK THE SOCKS!**

December 4th-18th

**ELC Goal:**  
1000 pairs of socks



# Let's Rock the Socks!

## Teacher & Student Success Act

The 2023-24 Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Plans are available on [americanprep.org](http://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 clicking below.

*TSSA*

## School Improvement Plan

The 2023-24 School Improvement Plan is available on [americanprep.org](http://americanprep.org) under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports, “School Improvement Plan.” Or you may find our campus SIP by clicking below.

*SIP*

*Hey 5th  
Grade  
Parents!*

### Save the Date!

Our 5th graders have their next Character Development event coming up on January 10th. We LOVE having parent volunteers join us!



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Attend whichever session works best for you and get entered to win a gift card:

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 7 PM

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6 PM



# Holiday & Birthday Celebrations at American Prep

At American Prep, we celebrate holidays differently than many schools traditionally do. Some holidays are explored and taught in our Core Knowledge curriculum. At times, holiday traditions may be incorporated into the fun, culminating activities that go along with our units of study in History and Science. Other holidays are celebrated as a school with special recognition assemblies. Holiday music may be included in our music classes. Academic time is never sacrificed for class “holiday” parties.

Some holidays to note:

**Constitution Day (September)** - APA has a special Constitution Day program every year that is live-streamed on Facebook and parents can watch/hear the reading of the entire Constitution and Bill of Rights on Constitution Day (September 17th).

**Halloween (October)**— We do not celebrate Halloween at school.

**Veterans Day (November)** – We celebrate Veterans Day with a school-wide assembly where we honor our invited veteran guests. The students also participate in writing activities that express their respect and appreciation to our nation’s veterans.

**Thanksgiving (November)** – The Builder theme for the month of November focuses on being grateful and expressing that gratitude through word and deed. Classes may have related activities. Kindergarten holds a Thanksgiving feast.

**Religious Holidays (Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Ramadan etc.)** – These holidays may be discussed as part of the curriculum and to help students understand what others in our school are doing and experiencing. We may sing songs from these or other similar holidays as part of the curriculum in our music classes.

**Valentine’s Day (February)** – We encourage students to show they care by doing good deeds for others all during the month. Often, the school participates in a school-wide service project during February. If students wish to exchange valentine cards or treats (completely optional) they may within the following guidelines:

- All classmates must be included in the giving.
- Treats must be wrapped as they will be placed in backpacks to be enjoyed at home.

**Memorial Day (May)** - Students perform and participate in a school-wide assembly and learn about the meaning and history of this holiday. Students, parents and staff have the opportunity to participate in a “poppy fundraising drive” to benefit veterans.

## **Birthday Celebrations at School -**

Teachers will generally celebrate a student’s birthday during the school day closest to their birthday and have a special way of acknowledging that student. Due to food sensitivities, we have adjusted our birthday recognition policy. In place of cupcakes or other birthday treats, parents who wish to recognize a child’s birthday may do so by providing pencils, erasers, or other small items for classmates. Latex items are prohibited. This is not something that needs to be done, but if parents choose to, it is acceptable. Parents, please do NOT bring any birthday treats, balloon bouquets, flowers or other birthday items to school. This becomes a distraction in the school day, and we are sensitive to the feelings of the students whose parents cannot or do not do something similar for them. If you have questions on what is acceptable please contact your child’s homeroom teacher.