

Draper 1 - School Calendar

April 28, 2017

Mon., Apr. 17 – Fri., May 5 DIBELS testing in homeroom classes

Tuesday, May 2 School Speech Festivals
12:30-1:45 pm Kindergarten – 3rd grade
1:50 – 3:15 pm 4th – 6th grade

Thursday, May 4 Builder Awards Assembly – 8:15 am
K-3rd grade in the MP room
4th – 6th grade in the Gym
Park in the west parking lot to come in and join us. The southwest and southeast doors are open until 8:20 am.

Friday, May 5 1st – 3rd grade Field Trips

Monday, May 8

Early Release, PROFESSIONAL DEV. DAY

1st dismissal will be released to the curb at 12:15 pm
AED, (2nd dismissal) will be released to the curb at 12:30 pm
NO LUNCH SERVED-please bring a nutritious snack

Thursday, May 11 Reading University Awards Assembly – 8:15 am
K-3rd grade in the MP room
4th – 6th grade in the Gym
Park in the west parking lot to come in and join us. The southwest and southeast doors are open until 8:20 am.

Friday, May 12 Draper 1 Kindergarten Field Trip

Friday, May 12 APA District Art Show 5:00-8:00 pm WV-2 Campus
3636 W. 3100 So. WVC, UT 84120
Awards announced at 6:30 pm

Friday, May 12 Ballroom Dance Company Performance 7:00 pm Draper 2 Campus

Saturday, May 13 APA District Art Show 9:00 am – 12:00 pm WV-2 Campus
3636 W. 3100 So. WVC, UT 84120

Saturday, May 13 Ballroom Dance company Performance 7:00 pm Draper 2 Campus

Tuesday, May 16 Orchestra Concert at the Draper 2 campus 6:00-7:00 pm

Friday, May 19 Fun Run!! 4:00-6:00 pm See below for more details.
Wheadon Farm Park 13965 S. Bangerter Parkway, Draper 84020

Thursday, May 18 Volunteer Appreciation – 8:00 – 9:00 am More info to come.

Thursday, May 18 Show What You Know Assembly Combined in the Gym
Park in the west parking lot to come in and join us. The southwest and southeast doors are open until 8:20 am.

April's Builder Theme – “I am a builder when I face obstacles with determination and positivity”

Spring is a wonderful time of year to be able to focus on new things. This fits perfectly with our April Builder's theme: I am a builder when I face obstacles with determination and positivity. This theme involves thinking of new ideas and not worrying about making mistakes. Think about some things you use every day that bring you pleasure, or make things easier like your musical instruments, your video games, your dishwasher, or your car. What if those things didn't exist because the people who created them gave up when they faced an obstacle? What is the creator of your favorite things decided not to focus on the positive things that were happening while inventing those things?

- Henry Ford failed and went completely broke five times before he finally came up with a car that would work.
- Beethoven handled the violin awkwardly and preferred playing his own compositions instead of improving his technique. His teacher called him hopeless as a composer. Beethoven went on to compose 9 symphonies, 32 piano sonatas, one opera and many more beautiful pieces of music.
- Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor for lack of ideas. He also went bankrupt several times before he built Disneyland.
- Louis Pasteur was only a mediocre pupil in undergraduate studies and ranked 15 out of 22 in chemistry before he came up with pasteurization as well as many helpful vaccines.
- When NFL running back Herschel Walker was in Junior high school, he wanted to play football, but the coach told him that he was too small. He advised young Herschel to go out for track instead. Never one to give up, he ignored the coach's advice and began an intensive training program to build himself up. Only a few years later, Herschel Walker won the Heisman trophy.

I challenge you to not to get discouraged, face your obstacles with determination and positivity. Who knows what YOU may accomplish in the years to come.

Speech Festival

All of our classroom Speech Festivals have been completed. The top two from each class have been chosen. Now is the time for all of us to enjoy!!

Our school-wide Speech Festivals will be held Tuesday, May 2nd

Kindergarten – 3rd grade 12:30-1:45 pm

4th – 6th grade 1:50-3:15 pm

Olympics

What a fun week this has been, all of our classrooms working so hard to earn as many tokens and tickets as they can. We are excited to see what classes will train the hardest to be the very best that they can be in the following categories -

Uniforms – Complete!!

Transitions

Preparedness

Classroom Cleanliness

Participation

Assembly Behavior



Classroom Leaders this week K-3rd grade

1st Place – Ms. Bodily
2nd Place – Ms. Oveson
3rd Place – Ms. A. Peterson

Classroom Leaders this week 4th-6th grade

1st Place – Ms. O'Donoghue
2nd Place – Ms. Dahlin
3rd Place – Ms. Morris

School Lunch Update

We now have the menu up for the rest of the year. Please order as soon as possible from now until our last lunch day of the year Tuesday, June 6th. (Go to the “today” tab on the right top corner and press “>” to get to the new month.) We need to give our new vendor the lunch order **2 school days** in advance – that means if you want lunch on Monday, you will need to order by Thursday at noon.

If you do not order by the deadline – please send a home lunch! We only receive the lunches that were ordered online.

Remember to go to the new APA link to order. <http://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net>

Your email and password are the same! If you need to change them, DO NOT OPEN A NEW ACCOUNT.

To change email or password, contact Kristine Stevens kstevens@apamail.org or 801-839-3613 ext. 142

2017 APA District Art Show

This year's District Art Show will be held on Friday 12th May, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm and Saturday 13th May, 9:00 am-12:00 pm at our West Valley 2 location, 3636 W. 3100 So. West Valley City, UT 84120 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

It will feature carefully selected artwork from Grades 1-12. We have three members of the art community coming to judge the works. The winners will be announced from each age group at 6:30 pm on Friday, May 12th.

Please come along and support the students' efforts and talents.

The show will have light refreshments and brand new display boards! It will be an outstanding show!

Dear American Prep Families,

Thank you to the many families who have honored teachers and staff on our “Wall of Thanks”. We have hung 475 stars in the campuses so far and the number is growing! It is exciting to see our students checking the wall to find the stars they have given to our teachers. We would like to reach a **goal of 1000 stars** over the next few weeks.

Recognize our SUPER STAR STAFF on American Preparatory Education Foundation's
“Wall of Thanks”

With a \$5 donation to the Staff Appreciation Fund, honor a teacher/staff member with a star from your family.

Donate as many times as you'd like. Each \$5 donation honors another teacher/staff member.

Many families expand their support of our SUPER STAR STAFF by joining the Builders Club as a RECURRING donor. Recurring monthly donors will receive 5 stars for the “Wall of Thanks”!

Please visit the website or donate at the front office.

www.americanprepfoundation.org/staff-appreciation

All proceeds go directly to the Staff Appreciation Fund.

Thank you!

Parent Advisory Committee Elections

We are in the process of creating our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for the 2017-18 school year. PAC participates with the administration in developing the Annual School Plan, in deciding how the Land Trust monies will be spent, and other matters important to our students at American Preparatory Academy.

We have 4 parent PAC position to fill at APA-Draper 1. Parents of students who are employed 6 or more hours per week at the school are disqualified from participating as an elected parent. The PAC generally meets 3-4 times per year. Members of the PAC will be expected to participate in all of these meetings so that a quorum may be present to conduct business. There are no term limits, so long as an elected parent has students enrolled in the school, is actively participating, and wishes to continue to do so.

These are the anticipated meeting dates, times, and places for the 2017-18 school year. **It is vital that you attend all three meetings if you are a member of the PAC. We must have a quorum in order to hold a meeting.** Failure to do so may result in the loss of your seat on the Committee.

- 1st Meeting at Draper 1 will be on Thursday, September 21 at 1:00pm.
- 2nd Meeting at Draper 1 will be on Thursday, January 18 at 1:00pm.
- 3rd Meeting (Annual School Planning Meeting) This meeting will most likely be held in late July, after we get State Testing results back.

If you are interested, please contact Kim Dudley, landtrust@apamail.org no later than Friday, May 12, 2017 at 4pm. *Please include your name, the campus you are running for, your students name and grade, your phone number and email address.*

- We are holding elections at more than one campus, so it will be very important that you note in your email for which campus' PAC you are running. The ballot will go home as the last page of the May 19th newsletter. Each family may vote for 4 candidates, since we have 4 openings. Ballots must be returned to the school by 4pm on May 24. The candidate who receives the most votes will be posted in the June 2nd newsletter. Candidates will be notified by email on May 25th.

APA and Mission Math

Mission Math is an organization of high school students who are writing and conducting math contests for charitable cause with a belief and experience that such contests help students perform

well on college entrance examinations math section. One of the original founders, Josh Speckman, is a former APA student.

On Saturday morning April 5th, (first day of our Spring break), Mission Math held its first Salt Lake Valley contest. APA Draper 2 had fourteen representatives.

- Vishwa Murugappan won second place in 5th grade taking home a trophy.
- Tia Kungwani won 5th place in the seventh grade taking home a trophy.
- Henry Zheng won 4th place in the seventh grade taking home a trophy.
- Henry Zheng, Tia Kungwani and Deepak Veeramanohar were the top scoring 7th graders from APA Draper. They also made up the APA Middle School Team that placed third overall out of 11 schools. A trophy was only presented to the top ranked team.
- Additional 7th grade participants were Camden Stewart, Luna Hamon, Ananya Lyengar, Ajash Xavier, Sanjana Sujeet, Chinamayi Phansalker, and Sneha Abinavam.
- Eighth grade was represented by Rushmeen Tariq, Tanner Hullinger, and Lincoln Pham.

Draper 1 also had one representative, Niva Annigeri who won 4th place in the 4th grade taking home a trophy.

Mission Math is anticipating three contests in the upcoming 2017-18 school year. Parents are welcome to register their child for one or more of the contests in the appropriate grade. Please also let your Academic Directors know of the registration and encourage your children in 3rd to 8th to become members in the appropriate Math clubs. More information will be forthcoming as to participation requirements in the various math competitions in the upcoming year.

Year End Culminating events. Please save these dates and times -

Tuesday, May 16th	Orchestra	Held at Draper 2	6:00-7:00 pm Program
Tuesday, May 23rd	3rd grade	2:15-3:15 pm dress rehearsal	6:00-7:00 pm Program
Wednesday, May 24th	4th grade	8:30-9:30 am dress rehearsal	7:00-8:00 pm Program
Wednesday, May 24th	1st grade	1:15-2:15 pm dress rehearsal	6:00-7:00 pm Program
Tuesday, May 30th	5th grade	2:15-3:15 pm dress rehearsal	6:00-7:00 pm Program
Wednesday, May 31st	2nd grade	1:15-2:15 pm dress rehearsal	6:00-7:00 pm Program
Thursday, June 1st	6th grade	8:30-9:30 pm dress rehearsal	6:00-7:00 pm Program
Friday, June 2nd	Kindergarten	10:00-11:15 am dress rehearsal	2:30-3:15 pm Program
Wednesday, June 7th	Band	Held at Draper 2	7:00-8:00 pm Program

The Be Your Best Program is coming to APA!

Special Anti-Bullying & Character Program

This is great program that will benefit your students in our school! Master Hong has been a great asset to our school and students so check out the flyer. If you have questions please contact Master Hong at Family Tae Kwon Do.(1098 W South Jordan Pkwy #107. SJ Phone: 801-849-0822 www.utahlovesmartialarts.com.

Ballroom Dance

Don't miss our Draper 2 Ballroom Dance Company's spring concert, Better When I'm Dancin'.

When: Fri. May 12th and Sat. May 13th at 7:00 pm in the D2 Gym

Who: High School Ballroom Company, 8th Grade Ballroom Company, 5th/6th Grade and Winterim Ballroom Blast Classes

Who Else: BYU Ballroom Dance company guest performers and some of our very own APA faculty!

What: An evening of showmanship, fancy footwork, and even some dorks and divas--you have to see it to believe it!

Admission: Free admission, but this is the ballroom's company's way of earning money for their costume fund, so we will gratefully accept donations at the door.

HELP NEEDED!

Fun Run

We are excited to announce that D1 and D2 are joining forces for this year's Fun Run!! Planning has begun. We will also be holding a silent auction at the Fun Run to help raise funds for D1 to replace the black tiles on the playground with a nice green turf. We are looking for volunteers and donation items, see the signup genius for details.

D1 & D2 Joint Fun Run

Friday, May 19th from 4:00-6:00pm

Wheadon Farm Park

13965 S. Bangarter Parkway, Draper

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0F48AAAC2DA7FA7-d1andd2

Fun Run T-Shirts!!!

Get your t-shirt for the Fun Run!! They can be worn on race day, Friday, May 19th and on future Spirit days. The order form is in your communication envelope and attached to the emailed version of our newsletter. Here are some items that are Draper 1 specific –

- Checks are to be made out to APEF!!

Be sure to order your t-shirt before Thursday, May 4th!!

THANK YOU!!

Thanks so much for attending our Zupas Night. The turnout for our event was great! We will be receiving a check for \$137.15! Congratulations and thank you again for all those families who came and supported us! These funds will be used to update our classroom emergency kits.

Volunteer Opportunities - Let's finish strong!

Thank you SO much to all those who have already completed their 20-hour volunteer commitment! If you are still working on completing your hours, or if you already have, but just want to go the extra mile :), below are the remaining volunteer opportunities for the year. Please let us know how you would like to help at draper1fso@apamail.org.

Spring field trip drivers - 1st-3rd grades, May 5th (approx. 7-8 hours)

Speech Festival - Tuesday, May 2nd

Fun Run - Friday, May 19th

Field Day - Wednesday, June 7th

Cleaning Day – Thursday, June 8th

Office Help - ongoing

Art - ongoing

Volunteer Hour tracking - TBD

Fall Festival Planning Team - TBD

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for parents to help out with the lunch recess. Details are in the link below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f48aaac2da7fa7-lunch>

Field Day – Stay Tuned!!

Planning for Field Day is underway! Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities towards the end of the month.

Shoe Drive

Our shoe drive continues. Check those closets for new or used shoes that you can donate to the bin in the front office. We currently have 748 pairs of shoes; we are halfway there!!

Let's get to our first 1,000. WE CAN DO THIS!

Carpool Map

Please click on the link below and look to see if there are some carpools you can form. **Remember, the more carpools we have, the fewer cars we will have in our carpool lanes.** That makes carpool go quickly and much smoother. Students may be dropped off each morning beginning at 7:45 am and **MUST** be picked up by 4:00 pm Monday, Tuesday and Friday and 3:00 pm Wednesday and Thursday.

<https://www.zeemaps.com/map?group=2106981#>

School Lunch

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our wonderful lunch specialist, Crystal Adamson crystal.adamson@apamail.org or call her at 801-553-8500, leave a message with our amazing office staff, and they will pass on your message.

Draper 1 Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/americanprepD1>

Are you missing information from past newsletters? Please follow the link to find ALL of our past newsletters. <http://draper1.americanprep.org/newsletter/>



Special Education Department

If you believe your child may have a disability that is affecting them academically, and they would benefit from Special Education, please call Ms. Cuddy or Mrs. Beale at 553-8500 ext. 47.

Draper Sports

Basketball Training

Draper APA is partnering with Grind Athletics for the most intense basketball training around! Please contact them directly and the classes will be held at Draper 2.

<http://www.grindathletics.com/draperpreregistration.html>

Cheerleading

Are you interested in cheerleading? Join us for our cheerleading spring clinic, held on May 9th, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This clinic will be open to all APA students currently in grades 6-11. No previous experience is required and there is no cost to attend. If you are interested in participating, you must sign up before May 2nd. You may sign up on the Draper 2 Athletics bulletin board or email Coach LaJeunesse at llajeunesse@apamail.org

Golf!!!

Draper APA Golf at Mulligan's! We are starting our Spring session of golf for grades 5th - 12th so check out the flyer to sign up!



There's Hope for Underachievers

A couple approached me after one of my recent seminars:

We never have any peace. All we do is fight with her about her grades. She can do the work, but she just won't try. The teachers keep calling and telling us that we need to make sure she does her homework. It's starting to feel hopeless.

From the dark circles under their eyes and the frustration in their voices, I could tell they were quickly losing faith that anything could help their thirteen-year-old daughter get motivated to achieve. Have you been there as a parent or as an educator?

I replied:

Would you like to hear an experiment that might help?

It was clear that they did, so I shared the steps below:

- Say to your child, "I've been discovering that people tend to learn best when they mostly focus on what they are doing right, rather than always dwelling on what they do wrong."
- Also say, "I think this might help you, too. When you bring your work home, we'll be looking at what you feel the best about."
- When your child brings home schoolwork or homework, pay no attention to the wrong answers or sloppy work. That's right. Pay no attention to the errors.
- Ask your child to share one or two things they did well. If they can't think of any, pick some. You might have to start small by noticing such things as how they formed a letter, lined numbers up correctly, etc.
- Without gushing praise say, "I noticed that you did this one correctly. How did you do that?"
- If your child wants help with incorrect or incomplete work, help as long as there is no anger, frustration, or arguing. If this starts, say, "This sounds like something you may want to ask your teacher about. I love you! Remember, kids do best when they focus on how they got things right...rather than how they did them wrong."
- Experiment with this for two weeks and see if this makes things better or worse.

Two months later I received an email from the couple. Here's an excerpt:

That experiment you shared with us hasn't solved all of her problems with underachievement. Her grades aren't better yet, but we are now enjoying each other instead of fighting World War III every evening. That part is really better!

There is hope for underachieving kids. For more pieces to the puzzle, applicable at home and in the classroom, view my new video, *Success with Underachievers: Creating Self-Motivated Learners*.

Thanks for reading! Our goal is to help as many families as possible. If this is a benefit, forward to a friend.

Dr. Charles Fay