



AMERICAN PREPARATORY
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Draper 1 - School Calendar

September 2, 2016

Monday, September 5	NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY
Wednesday, September 7	Chick-fil-A Spirit Night at the Draper location, 357 E 12300 S, Draper, UT 84020
Thursday, September 8	Show What You Know Assembly – 8:15 am Builder Award Assembly – 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.
Thursday, September 15	Show What You Know Assembly – 8:15 am Reading University Award Assembly 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.
Thursday, September 15	6th Grade FriendSHIP Ambassador Event, 1:10-3:45 pm ALL 6th grade students must attend.
Monday, September 19	Fall Festival 4:30 – 7:30 pm - Save the Date (Time Incorrect in printed newsletter.)
Friday, September 30	4th – 6th grade Field Trips – Drivers needed!!
Friday, October 7	1st – 3rd grade Field Trips – Drivers needed!!

Dear American Prep Families –

August’s Builder Theme – “Be a Builder”

There are lots of ways to be a builder at school. You can help a friend with their classwork, play with someone at recess who may not have anyone else to play with, be honest with your teacher and friends, work hard in all your classes, follow directions, find ways to help, be enthusiastic about learning and so much more. Here at APA, our classrooms are full of builders and we can’t wait to see what we can accomplish together this year!

Friday Casual Dress

The Builder T-shirt from last year is no longer acceptable to wear on Fridays. Please wear your new APA polo shirts or your regular navy blue polo shirt, and khaki pants or skirts for the girls. Make sure to wear your regular school shoes.



AMBASSADOR EVENT: Welcome Aboard the APA FriendSHIP

6th grade students! On Thursday, September 15th, we will have our first Ambassador Event of the year. During this event, students will travel from station to station learning important skills about being a true friend. Activities will include a challenging obstacle course, food, friends, and so much more! This event will go from 1:10 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. so mark your calendar because you don't want to miss this! *We are always looking for parent volunteers! If you are willing and available, please contact Leigh Herrera at lherrera@apamail.org or call the front office at (801) 553-8500. (Younger siblings of 5th graders may not stay while 5th graders are attending this Ambassador event. Please make other arrangements for them.)

5th Grade Ambassador Event: Welcome Aboard the APA FriendSHIP

Climb Aboard the APA FriendSHIP was a success! Students were able to practice and master very important skills about being a true friend. How to write a thank you note, meet and greet, navigate a reception line and ask intelligent questions were some of the lessons taught during this event. Thank you to all parents for your support by making sure your student could attend this event. A big thanks to all of our amazing parent volunteers! These events would not be possible without you or your students!

Parent Student Handbooks

Our Parent Student Handbooks are still at the printer and scheduled to arrive sometime next week. We will include the paper copy of the PSHB in your Communication Envelopes next week. In the meantime, we will work on putting together a link for you to access an electronic copy, sometime by the beginning of next week. Thank you for your patience.

New Grading System – Alma

Our Elementary students will have a new grading system this year. It is very user-friendly for our teachers and parents. We have been able to add all groups and homeroom subjects that your student(s) have.

One of our favorite pieces of the Alma (pronounced Ahl-mah) grading system will be that you, as parents, will be able to go into the system as often as you would like to check on your student's grades. We will no longer be stapling bi-monthly reports and missing work reports to the Learning Plans. You will be able to access this information online!! We are hoping this will help make the communication between you, your student and your student's teachers easier and more convenient. You should be receiving your access code and password to Alma by September 12th. In the beginning you will be able to see your student's group grades (Math, Reading and Spelling). After a week or so, you will be able to start seeing Homeroom grades, such as Science, Grammar, etc.. Keep watching for more information as we get closer to the September 12th roll out date.



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We will be informing you by newsletter, as we get closer to rollout to help you learn what you will need to know.

Please do not email your teacher about this program yet; they are just getting familiar with it as well. Thank you so much for your patience as we work through a couple of small kinks so we can get Alma to you in a seamless manner.

We are so excited to share all of this new information with you, so stay “tuned” for more information to come!!

FSO Information

Volunteer Help Needed

Mrs. Ford is in need of help with the English Language testing this fall. There is a sign up sheet at the office or you can email the FSO hotline draper1fso@apamail.org, please put “Testing Help” in the subject line.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

We will be having our first ever Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A in Draper, 357 E 12300 S, Draper, UT 84020, Wednesday, September 7th, 5:00 -7:00 pm. You won't want to miss it, more info to come.

SAVE THE DATE – Monday, September 19th, Fall Community Building Festival 6:00-8:00 pm. More information to come.

Kindergarten Center Families

If you have a student at the Kindergarten Center, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, to minimize your wait time, please come and pick up your Draper 1 students on or after 2:40 pm. You will be allowed to pass through the carpool line as long as your red, dual campus card, (regardless of your dismissal assignment), is displayed in your windshield. Head over to the Kindergarten Center after you have picked up your Draper 1 student(s). When you come to our campus, please pay close attention to where the carpool staff directs you to go. We think that we have a wonderful solution for you. 😊

If you are interested in having your 1st dismissal student(s) stay inside for Academic Extended Day, (AED), please email the carpool hotline draper1carpool@apamail.org.

Carpool-Week Two

One more week down, and many more red cards issued. Thank you so much for your patience and kindness as we worked through some kinks with adding the Kindergarten Center into our carpool system. It has been exciting to see that we can still get the students out to their cars and all of you off in a timely fashion.



Beginning Tuesday, September 6th, we will be dismissing from the gym where your student(s) will be watching the screen for their number to light up. They MUST learn their number. Please help them this weekend to practice their numbers so it comes very natural to them.

There could be some small delays as we help your students exit the gym in a timely fashion. Thank you in advance for your patience. Each day will get better and better.

Here are some pointers to help our carpool run smoother –

- ***No left turns off of the APA property. Left turns really slow everything down so please get used to making right turns only.***
- If you use the back south parking lot for pick-up and drop off, make sure that you go through the west parking lot. ***If you do not go through the west parking lot, your student's number will not be called into the school and they won't be outside ready for you to pick them up.***
- Please be courteous to the carpool staff that is out in the hot afternoon weather and the cool mornings. They are there to keep you and your student's safe and moving quickly.
- If you are an orange or a blue carpool number, please do not come onto APA property until 20 minutes before the hour. We need to take care of the green and yellow carpools first.
- If you would like to see the videos again, here are the links -
 - **ORANGE** and **GREEN** North carpool directions -
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkiSEZ98XZA&feature=em-share_video_user
 - **YELLOW** and **BLUE** South carpool directions -
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgUVdx5NL7Y&feature=em-share_video_user
- **PLEASE!!! NO CELL PHONES IN THE CARPOOL AREA!!! OUR STUDENTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO US!!!**
- Smile and wave at the Staff members out doing carpool, it would be a great pick-me-up. ☺

Carpool Map

Please click on the link 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 more quickly and much smoother. Students may be dropped off each morning beginning at 7:45 am. There will be a new link and a new map next week, we will email you that information just as soon as we get all of our brand new families entered in.

<https://zeemaps.com/map?group=1566513>



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If you have not received a carpool number, please email Mrs. Ford at draper1carpool@apamail.org with the following information:

1-Name of student (first and last)

2-Preference of : 1st Dismissal (M, Tu, Fri)- 3:25 and (Wed, Thurs) 2:25 **OR**
2nd Dismissal (M, Tu, Fri)- 3:45 and (Wed, Thurs) 2:45

3-Whether you need to get to I-15, Bangerter Highway or west of the Freeway (local streets)

If you are a returning APA family, please use the carpool number you were issued last year. If you are interested in changing your carpool number (due to dismissal choices), please send an email to the above address and we will be able to accommodate your request within a week.

Uniforms

We realize that we have a lot of brand new students this year, we want to make you aware that we will be having another used uniform sale during Parent Teacher Conferences, October 27th and 28th. In the meantime, if you need uniform pieces, you can go to True Value 4860 S Redwood Rd, Taylorsville, UT 84123 801-964-1600 Hours 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

You may also place online orders at Dennis Uniform dennissuniform.com. They also have a box store at 3560 Main Street SLC, UT 89415 801-287-9200. They do have different hours so please look at their website or give them a call before you head up there.

School Lunch

Our school lunch system is up and running and ready for you to order if you wish. Please fill out the “Utah Application for Free and Reduced Meals” if you haven’t already done so (available in the office). EVERY family must fill out an application – EVEN IF YOU DON’T QUALIFY. If you do NOT qualify, fill out only steps 1 and 4.

If you would like to order lunches on a day-to-day basis, please make sure you order it before 10:00 pm the night before you would like your student to have the lunch delivered.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 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 Daily School Schedule –

Please post this where it is available for your reference

Monday – 8:15 am – 3:25 pm (Dismissal #1) & 3:45 (Dismissal #2)

Tuesday - 8:15 am – 3:25 pm (Dismissal #1) & 3:45 (Dismissal #2)

Wednesday – 8:15 am – **2:25** pm (Dismissal #1) & **2:45** (Dismissal #2)

Thursday – 8:15 am – **2:25** pm (Dismissal #1) & **2:45** (Dismissal #2)



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Friday - 8:15 am – 3:25 pm (Dismissal #1) & 3:45 (Dismissal #2)

GROUPS –

K-3rd grade Reading	8:30 – 9:30 am	4th – 6th grade Math	9:35 - 10:35 am
K-3rd grade Math	10:40 – 11:40 am	4th – 6th grade Reading	11:45 am–12:45 pm
K – 3rd grade Spelling	1:00 - 1:40 pm	4th – 6th grade Spelling	1:40 - 2:20 pm

Lunch Schedules

4th – 6th Grade 11:00 am
1st– 3rd Grade 11:40 am

Upcoming Sports Activities (in conjunction with Draper 2)

There are lots of lower grade opportunities!! –

Improve your basketball game!

Marty Haws is coming back to APA do his basketball skills classes. If interested, check out the flyer!

For the lower grades;

Cross Country (K-5th grades)- We will have a Draper APA team so check out the RaceCats flyer attached.

Wrestling (K-12th grades)- We will start wrestling soon so email Coach Hammer for more details. thammer@apamail.org

Swimming (K-12th grades)- We encourage you to check out the flyer below before signing your swimmer up for a team. We are working on growing our numbers to form our own team.

For Secondary Students;

Volleyball (Jr. high and high school) Tryouts were earlier this week, but contact Coach Katsos, nkatsos@apamail.org if you were unable to attend. Practices start the first day of school.

Golf (7th -12th grades)- If interested in being on the golf team, please email Mr. Durst for dates and times. bdurst@apamail.org

Wrestling (K-12th grades)- please email Coach Hammer if you are interested in wrestling. thammer@apamail.org

Baseball (7th -12th grades)- we are starting baseball, so email Mr. Durst if you are interested in trying out. bdurst@apamail.org

Basketball (6th -12th grades)- We will be forming our teams early and look at doing some competitive tournaments before the season starts.

Mountain Biking (7th -12th grades)- This has already started, but if you have some experience and are interested, contact Coach Evancich at tevancich@apamail.org



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Thanks again!

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