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**Draper 1 - School Calendar**

**September 23, 2016**

Tuesday, September 27	Robotics Club 3:45-4:45 pm For those students who have registered and paid.
Thursday, September 29	Show What You Know Assembly – 8:15 am Everyone together in the gym. Park in the west parking lot to come in and join us.
Friday, September 30	4th – 6th grade Field Trips – Drivers needed!!
Tuesday, October 4	Robotics Club 3:45-4:45 pm For those students who have registered and paid.
Tuesday, October 4	Zupas Night 5:00-9:00 pm Proceeds to benefit Emergency kits. 75 E. 12300 So. Draper UT 84020
Thursday, October 6	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, October 6	New Parent Meeting 8:45–9:45 am <b>OR</b> 6:30–7:30 pm
Friday, October 7	1st – 3rd grade Field Trips – Drivers needed!!
Tuesday, October 11	Draper 1 Picture Day – These are in uniform, everyone gets their picture taken for the yearbook.
Tuesday, October 11	Robotics Club 3:45-4:45 pm For those students who have registered and paid.
Wednesday, October 12	Grading Day – Early Release 12:15 pm dismissal for ALL Students.
Friday, October 14	End of 1st Term Reading University Store
Mon., Oct. 17 – Fri., Oct. 21	<b>No School – Fall Break</b>
Monday, October 24	Back to school 8:15 am

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



**Dear American Prep Families –**

**September’s Builder Theme – “I am a builder when I build with enthusiasm”**

**“Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your object.”**

**-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

APA is such a great place to be! Our students are A-W-E-S-O-M-E! Our teachers and staff are A-MA-ZING! Our parents are OUT-STAND-ING! Perhaps as you just read the previous sentences, the cheers we do here at school came to your mind. If they didn’t, ask your children if they know these school cheers so they can teach them to you. Our Builders Motto this month is “I am a Builder when I show enthusiasm!” This enthusiastic building attitude is just one of our school’s building foundations (see Parent-Student Handbook, p. 8/34). Enthusiasm is a talent that grows and develops with practice. Enthusiasm is contagious. It can elevate us and encourage us, even help us accomplish our goals. Let’s continue to show and share our enthusiasm as we learn and grow.

**Teacher Qualifications**

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. 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.

**New Family Orientation Meeting for Parents**

If you are new to APA this year, (started after school began), and did not attend our first new parent meeting in during the summer, you are invited to attend this meeting scheduled to answer all your questions. We will hold this meeting at two different times on Thursday, October 6, 8:45-9:45 AM or 6:30-7:30 PM. If you want to feel more informed about the APA way, we welcome you.

**Lagoon FUNdraiser!**

Please participate in the 2016 Lagoon Education Foundation Fundraiser. The more tickets sold using the promo code, the more money donated to American Preparatory Academy. Attached is a coupon that can be used at a Lagoon ticket window, and a flyer to hang up in schools. The promo

code can be used to purchase up to 8 tickets per transaction online, at the link provided below. Please feel free to use any resources at your disposal (i.e. email, PeachJar, website and so on) to distribute this promo code.

<https://www.lagoonpark.com/buy-tickets/>

**American Prep promo code: APA16**

*The discount/fundraiser is only valid September 16- October 30, 2016.*

### **New Grading System – Alma**

Have you been able to access your student(s) grades in Alma yet? It is exciting to see all of the spaces fill up with assignments and grades. I think that it will actually empower our students to step up and take more ownership of their grades. When they see that an assignment is missing, they know what it is and then are able to complete it. If they don't understand what the assignment is, they can easily ask their teacher for clarification. What an amazing accomplishment this has been.

By now, you should be able to see at least your student(s) group's grades, (Math, Reading and Spelling). Homeroom grading will follow in about a week, (Science, Grammar, and History)

This has been an exciting project to be able to bring to you. Stay "tuned" for more interesting things to come!!

### **Field Trip Drivers NEEDED for the next two weeks!!**

Field trips are a FUN way to take a break from your routine, get to know teachers and students, spend time with your child, and fulfill some of your volunteer hours! We need YOU! Please get certified to drive.

**All APA field trip drivers must submit the following paperwork in order to drive our students:**

- A current copy of your driver's license
- A current copy of car insurance card - the one you carry in your car (must be updated before each activity)
- A current auto insurance declaration page (\$150,000 per occurrence minimum or 100/300k policy)
- Fill out the Employee/Volunteer Driver Acknowledgement form (available at the front office)
- Review the "Booster Seat Flyer" (available at the front office)

### **All APA Driver Chaperones agree to the following guidelines:**

- Younger siblings may not attend the field trip if you are driving a group of APA students.
- No additional stops may be taken on the way to and from the field trip (drive-thru, gas station, etc.) or spending time in gift shops buying for your child (or other students).
- Driver chaperones must bring their own lunch (rather than purchasing at the destination) so that



they can stay with their group.

- All students must have their own working seatbelt.
- Students under age 8 or less than 57 inches tall are required to have a booster seat per Utah Booster Seat Law.
- Students may not be transported in vans that hold more than 10 passengers.
- Driver chaperones may not be alone with any single student.
- Driver chaperones must be available to stay with their group for the entire field trip.
- A week before each field trip, drivers need to verify that their documentation is still current.

***You no longer need to watch the video or take the test. This process makes it a lot easier to become a certified driver for our Field Trips.***

### **Reading University (RU) Lists**

Reading University is our independent reading program. Students should have a gray folder in their docket. Inside of that gray folder should be a RU reading log. Students keep track of the books they read and parents sign that the students have read the books. Each grade has a certain number of books to be read each term. Check the learning plan for number of books and due dates. Students may read books one grade level below and any on and above. Each term, students may read one book that is not on the RU list. The Reading University Book lists are located on the website. Here is how you should access them –

- [www.americanprep.org](http://www.americanprep.org)
- Click on “Our Schools” in the top dark blue bar—just above the American Prep Builders Club picture
- Scroll down to the Draper 1 campus and click on “View Academy Site”
- Hover over “Resources” in the top dark blue bar
- There will be a drop down right below the dark blue bar. Choose “Reading University”
- Next, scroll down and you can pick the grade for the list you are interested in. You can choose to view books from all grades, or search for a specific book in the search bar.

**LET’S KEEP READING!!**

### **FSO Information**

#### **Fall Community Building Festival**

What a wonderful, fun, family filled time we were able to enjoy last Monday at our annual Fall Festival. Thank you so much for our FSO committee and Volunteers for getting everything arranged and ready to go so we could all enjoy the time together. Hopefully you were able to make some connections with your student(s) friends and their families.

**An extra special thank you to Brittany Daw and Tiffany Ivie for their extra hard work with this smashing event!!**



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### **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](mailto:draper1fso@apamail.org), please put “Testing Help” in the subject line.

### **Kindergarten Center Families**

We have been closely monitoring the Kindergarten carpool, and will continue to make improvements if we see that they are needed.

Thank you for being patient and following the directions of those of us who are out there in carpool to help you. The safety of our students, their families and staff is paramount and one wrong move could be dangerous.

### **Carpool-Week Five**

Thank you for working with your students to memorize their carpool numbers and where you will be waiting to pick them up. Carpool has been going so smoothly this past couple of weeks. Hats off to all of our Builder parents who smile and wave at us as we are working so hard to keep your children safe.

Moms and Dads, we are still having problems with the following issues, your help, along with your Builder attitudes would be GREATLY appreciated –

- We are still having problems with left hand turns coming off of or going onto Pony Express Road. We value YOU!! We do not want anyone to get hurt getting into an accident while making a left hand turn. ***PLEASE STOP!!!***
- There are way too many of our parents on the cell phone while in the carpool area. IF you have an emergency and must use your phone, please let one of our staff members know and they will find you a parking stall to pull into while you are making that very important phone call. We love our students!!
- If you will use your blinker to indicate when you are pulling out of the carpool area and into the traffic lane, the carpool staff will gladly help you.
- Students should ***NEVER!!!*** be dropped off on a side street, Lone Peak Parkway, and then walk into school. This is a safety hazard and will NOT BE TOLERATED!! Morning carpool goes really fast, you are usually not in line longer than a couple of minutes. Please keep the safety of your students in mind.
- Parents- ***PLEASE DO NOT*** park in the spots on the East Side of the campus (along the gym and fence). These are not for Draper 1 parking. They are for the Business office across the parking lot. When you park there, they do not have a place to park, and we love our neighbors!



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## 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=1566513#>

## 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 the following stores:

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](http://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

### How to Set-up and Order School Lunches

#### **To set up your smart lunches account:**

1. To set up your account go to: <http://utahsmartlunches.com>.
2. Click the green “create an account” near the bottom of the screen.
3. Enter your email, create a password, confirm password, and enter security questions.
4. Click the blue “Register” button.
5. Click on the “Student” tab at the top of the screen to add each of your students.
6. Click on the “Add a Student” button.
7. Select your school (Draper1)
8. Select the student’s grade and teacher
9. Type the student’s first name
10. Type the student’s last name
11. If you are full pay you can now order lunches. If you qualify for free or reduced you will need to stop here and contact the lunch manager Crystal Adamson ([crystal.adamson@apamail.org](mailto:crystal.adamson@apamail.org)) to set your eligibility status. Once you have been informed that your status is set, you may order lunches.





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***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.***

Make sure that you scroll to the very bottom of the page. You **MUST** follow this process to complete the order. If you do not scroll all the way down to the bottom of the page, your order will stay “pending” and will not be completed and placed. If your order is still highlighted in green, on the ordering calendar, your order is still in pending mode.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our wonderful lunch specialist, Crystal Adamson [crystal.adamson@apamail.org](mailto: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.

### **Upcoming Sports Activities (in conjunction with Draper 2)**

There are lots of lower grade opportunities!! –

**SOCCER-** everyone (K-12) at both Draper 1 and Draper 2 campuses contact me, Coach Shaughnessy ([coachshaughnessy@yahoo.com](mailto:coachshaughnessy@yahoo.com)), if would like to attend soccer practice sessions this Fall.

**BASEBALL PLAYERS!-** (Grades 6th and up) We have a place to practice and hold our home games!!! This Fall session will be really short, but if you want to play, we will meet Monday 9/26 right after second dismissal in the D2 gym. If you can't make it on Monday please email me ([bdurst@apamail.org](mailto:bdurst@apamail.org)) so I can give you the information that you will need.

**WRESTLING-** (K-12) practice will start Monday at Draper 2 in the Multi Purpose room at 4 PM! This is open to all students (boys and girls) at both Draper campuses. Contact Coach Hammer ([thammer@apamail.org](mailto:thammer@apamail.org)) with any questions.

Thank you,

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Love and Logic

*Insider's Club*

We can't *make* young people excited about learning... but we can create homes and classrooms where they are inspired to develop this passion from the inside out. Do we desire kids who always require outside-in motivation or kids who have it from the inside out?

When we slide toward the cliff of trying to *make* kids into highly motivated students, we take on the task of trying to control someone else. Because we can only control our own behavior... and that's quite difficult as well... we find ourselves becoming more and more frustrated with the child and ourselves. It doesn't take long for all of this frustration to push us toward counterproductive behaviors such as threats, lectures, punishment, begging, bribing, and taking more responsibility than the child for learning.

Inspiring high achievement is a puzzle of many pieces. An essential piece involves inspiring by modeling. That is, demonstrating our own excitement and commitment to four key achievement-essential values:

- Curiosity
- Willingness to take healthy risks
- Perseverance
- An awareness that paying dues earlier in life leads to more contentment later on

These values are most effectively transmitted when our children overhear us describing our real-life experiences. Kids are far more likely to listen when we are talking to someone else just within earshot. They are also far more likely to internalize these lessons when they see that we are positive and passionate about the experience. At least once or twice a week, let them overhear a story like the following:

*I've always been so curious about the software that some of the people are using at work. It's actually a bit complicated... I spent most of Monday afternoon trying to get it to work and couldn't. It's taken me a week to figure out how to create the spreadsheets the right way, but it seems like I'm starting to get it. I felt like giving up, but now I see how great it's going to work. That's exciting! I guess it's like everything else... if it's worth doing and makes life better, it's probably going to be a bit tough in the short term.*





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For more help with creating inside-out motivated kids, read my book, *From Bad Grades to a Great Life*.

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

Dr. Charles Fay