

## D1 Newsletter

Wed, Aug. 28

Mon, Sept. 2



## Open Seats at Draper 1

We still have a few open seats in every grade. If you know any families who are looking for an opportunity to get into APA, now is an excellent time to take advantage!

Interested families can apply directly on our americanprep.org website or reach out to our registrar, Becky Forbes at 801-553-8500.

Thanks for helping us spread the word.

## Now Hiring

We are looking for someone to fill a 4-6 grade instructor position at Draper 1. If you want to join our team or know someone who would be a great fit to teach our students, send them our way. You can apply through our website at american-prep.org/careers/.

# Parent Orientation 6:00pm - Parents only Labor Day

Fri, Sept. 6	6th grade Ambassador Event Take Flight

No School

Tues, Sept. 10	Parent Empowerment Night
	7bm - Internet Safety & Bullying

Fri, Sept. 13	5th grade Ambassador Event Friendshib

Tues, Sept. 17	Constitution Day
	D.I. Reading 10:00am

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#### **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: I) 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 american prep.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. Parent's 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.american-prep.org/state-assessments/.

## 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 "Friend-ship" 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/I0C0444AFAE29AB-FCI-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

## School Lunch Program

Hello, APA Families!

Welcome Back!!

Our Free and Reduced Lunch application for the 2024-25 school year is now active!

- You can find it in English here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LZ4PW\_B0Xv-9GGKh-VY-zr0WTF77O3O22/view
- And, in Spanish here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZOtOm-SA8DiC0WKucn4FvUTT7Ue4xlbaooySyhJs-nO0 kHnA/viewform

Our menu for the year is also set! The deadline to order for the first day of school is Sunday, August 18th - please order ASAP here: https://apa-lunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net

We look forward to serving meals to your kiddos this year.



### Wolf Pack Running

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.