



**CALENDAR:**

December 6 <sup>th</sup>	RU logs due				
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	RU store				
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Show What You Know Program	AM Class: 8:30am	PM Class: 12:00pm	FULL DAY: 8:30am	
	End of Term 2				
December 20-31	Winter Break - NO SCHOOL				
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Term 3 Begins				
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL				
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day – PM and Full day K only	Early Dismissal 8:30 – 11:30.	NO AM Session		
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Show What You Know Program	AM Class: 8:30am	PM Class: 12:00pm	FULL DAY: 8:30am	

**DECEMBER BUILDER'S THEME: KIGATSUKU - LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE OTHERS**

For the month of December our Builders Theme is “*Kigatsuku*” which can be interpreted as “An inner spirit to act without being told what to do”. At the Early Learning Center we will be focusing on becoming aware and noticing ways to serve others without being told. Already we have watched students pick up garbage they have found in the hall or classroom, help other students put things into their backpack, or play with a fellow student on the playground that needs a friend. These are just a few examples of how incredible our students are!

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**

APA's 6th Annual Holiday Boutique is this Saturday in the Draper 3 gym from 9am to 4pm. We are really excited about all of the students who are involved in this year's event... student entrepreneurs, student fundraisers, and student performers. We hope that you will come out and support our schools, our students, our teachers and staff, and our Foundation. For all details, including the schedule of events, please go to [www.americanprepfoundation.org/boutique](http://www.americanprepfoundation.org/boutique).

We are still in need of MANY volunteers and donations/contributions. One of the biggest areas we need help with is decorating the tables. We'd love to have them decorated based on holidays celebrated around the world or by different cultures, but a table cloth and any centerpieces/decorations would be great. Your items will be returned to you. Ornaments for the trees can be donated or loaned to us. We'd be happy to return them to you if you prefer.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help. We can't do these events without the help of our gracious families! And lastly, thank you to everyone who contributed to our Teaching Excellence Fund on Giving Tuesday! Your support of our teachers and staff is amazing! Giving Tuesday may be over, but it's not too late to make your contribution at [www.americanprepfoundation.org/excellence](http://www.americanprepfoundation.org/excellence). To see many of our teachers and staff saying THANK YOU through photos, please go to our Instagram page (FriendsofAPA).

**ENROLLMENT 2022-23**

"We have now begun the 2022-2023 NEW STUDENT enrollment process. We are now accepting applications for NEW siblings (including kindergarten students) and transfers. Please remember that new kindergarten students must be 5 on or before September 1st to qualify for enrollment; there are no exceptions to this rule. Lotteries will begin on January 3rd so make sure you have completed the application prior to then to increase the likelihood of receiving your priority enrollment status. Please visit [www.americanprep.org/enrollment](http://www.americanprep.org/enrollment) to complete the application.

The codes for siblings (including kinder), staff, transfer, etc. are as follows: sibling2022, staff2022, transfer2022, and we have added a section for Covid re-enrollment using code covid2022.

**ROCK THE SOCKS!**

Get ready for APA's annual community donation drive. This year we'll be gathering socks to benefit the Road Home. The Road Home is a place where families can find temporary shelter, food, clothing, and assistance in finding permanent homes. Did you know that 30% of Utah's Homeless are children? Let's show them we care! We want to use this time of year to show our gratitude for the things we have, by giving to others. The donation drive runs from December 1st through December 16th.

**Our goal at the ELC is to collect 250 socks!** If we meet our goal, all the students at the ELC will be able to wear CRAZY SOCKS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH. We accept new or gently used and laundered socks of any size, color, or style. Your students can drop off donations to their homeroom teacher between December 1st – 16<sup>th</sup>. Challenge your kids to do some chores to earn socks, as well as get neighbors or extended family involved. We appreciate your support!

**PILGRIM PLAY AND FEAST**

Our students loved performing for their families! The saying is true.... “practice makes perfect.” We think our kindergarteners were pretty perfect!! Thank you to all our parents volunteers for helping make this event such a successful.



**NOVEMBER BUILDER OF THE MONTH:**

We are so pleased that our students have learned and applied great things from our November's Builders Theme! We are proud to announce the following Builder of the Month recipients for November:

**Ms. Buell's AM Class:** **AYANNA JAIN:** Ayanna expresses gratitude through word and deed every day. She's always quick to say thank you to her teachers and her friends when a kind action is done for her. I know Ayanna is grateful to be in school when she uses her enthusiastic voice to encourage her friends to participate in choral responses. She also shows gratitude and respect for her teachers by always following directions and for her friends by using kind, builder words.

**Ms. Buell's PM Class:** **ALI ALNAWATHLEH:** Ali is grateful to be in school and he expresses it every day by being quick to please his teachers with good direction following and listening skills. He loves to share fun stories with his teachers and his friends about other things he is thankful for such as his family and the fun things they do together. I love to teach Ali because he doesn't learn with just his brain; he learns with his whole heart.

**Ms. Saguilan's FULL Day Class:** **SAWYER ANDREWS:** "Always have an attitude of gratitude." Sterling K. Brown. Sawyer has shown gratitude through word and deed since the very start of kindergarten! Every day she shows her gratitude with her kind words, thoughtful pictures, and loving hugs. These simple kind acts show her teacher and classmates how much she loves and appreciates them. We love hearing her say many thank you throughout the day such as "thank you for playing, thank you for helping me and thank you for being my teacher". Sawyer you simply blow us away!

**READING UNIVERSITY WINNERS:**

The love of reading is in the air! It shows because our teachers had a difficult time choosing the Reading University Recipients for November. Congratulations to the following students:

**Ms. Buell's AM Class:** **PRANAV SELVAKUMAR:** Pranav brings enthusiasm to our class every day! Not only in reading, but in all his classes, Pranav is always ready to participate with his bright and brilliant voice. His enthusiasm is contagious and his friends join in when they hear his encouraging voice! When a direction is given, Pranav jumps right to it to be a fast finisher and a quick listener. Pranav has been on many reading adventures at home, too. Through play time with Biscuit and imaginary friends, Pranav's reading skills and creative thinking never stop growing.

**Ms. Buell's PM Class:** **TREY FERWERDA:** Trey is always ready to learn in reading class! With his bright and brilliant voice, Ms. Curtis depends on him daily to bring enthusiasm to reading. He demonstrates a strong work ethic by trying his best and being a fast finisher on his worksheets. There is no question about it: Trey is a reading ROCKSTAR!!!

**Ms. Saguilan's FULL Day Class:** **HARPER RAMOS:** "Reading is a passport to countless adventures."-Mary Pope Osborne Harper believes this with all her heart! She loves listening to our literature stories and will pay close attention to each one. She's excited to know what "adventure" we'll go on next. She's always asking for one more story or one more page! During her reading group she gives 100% effort! Her loud and proud voice always shines. She reads the words with great enthusiasm and heart!

**CARPOOL REMINDER:**

When dropping off or picking up your student, continue through the full carpool route. Please refrain from turning left into the ELC. This causes congestion that backs traffic up to Pony Express Road. Thank you.

**HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHER:**

At American Prep we hire the most capable people to do the best job for our students. The USBE (Utah State Board of Education) sets standards for teachers in the state of Utah to be highly qualified. All of the teachers at American Preparatory Academy are licensed and considered highly qualified to teach by the state of Utah (USBE qualified).

**KINDERGARTEN CORNER:** (Sayings from our kindergarten students) ☺

Student to Teacher: "Sometimes I leave my brain at home...dang it!"

Warm Regards  
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## DONATION DRIVE



**DECEMBER 3 - 16**



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APA's 6th Annual  
*Holiday*  
BOUTIQUE

VENDORS, BAKE SALE, HOT CHOCOLATE BAR,  
SANTA & ELVES with PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER,  
PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES, KIDS ACTIVITIES,  
PERFORMANCES, STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4  
9am - 4pm

VISIT SANTA & HIS ELVES FROM 10AM TO NOON  
(professional photos available for \$15 )



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