

September 1, 2023



## Upcoming Events

Sept 1	Spirit Wear Friday
Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Wear Friday
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Festival 5:00 – 8:00 at the Draper2/3 campus
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Read the Constitution Day
Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	Show What You Know Programs 8:15 am (Park in the far West Parking lot or at D1)
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Classic Family Stake Night
Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>	Elementary Grading Day Early Dismissal 12:15 for all kindergarten students
Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Wear Friday
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Day
Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1 - Report cards go home
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Break - NO SCHOOL

### **SEPTEMBER'S BUILDER THEME -- "BUILDING WITH ENTHUSIAM"**

"Young children are enthusiastic, eager to participate, and learning all the time. The time devoted to creating these positive experiences with young children is time well spent. With an inviting attitude, we hope to cultivate a delightful and meaningful introduction to September's Builders theme and how important it is to show enthusiasm when we are learning and experiencing new things.

### **FALL FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 5:00 – 8:00**

Mark your calendar for the Fall Festival on September 15<sup>th</sup> at our D2/D3 campus located at 11938 S Lone Peak Pkwy in Draper. There will be carnival games, slides, and bounce houses just to name a few. Meal tickets and wristbands will be going on sale soon.

### **DRAPER 1 COMMUNITY EVENT - CLASSIC STAKE NIGHT**

APA's Draper 1 Community Event will be a Classic Stake Night for the whole family. Look for more information to come shortly.

## Early Learning Center



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

### **SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW PROGRAMS: (PLEASE PARK ON THE FAR WEST PARKING LOT)**

Lights, camera, action! We are excited to perform for our parents in our classroom for our September Show What You Know! Our first program will be SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, promptly at 8:15 am.

### **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: 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.

### **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 [americanprep.org](http://americanprep.org) website.

### **SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT:**

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. Parents 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.americanprep.org/state-assessments/>.

**KINDERGARTEN CORNER:** (Sayings from our very own Kindergarten students)

A student had fallen and had a big, red scrape on his elbow.

Grandparent: "Sorry you fell. Those raspberries hurt"

Student: "Grandpa, it wasn't raspberries, it was asphalt."

Warm Regards,  
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