

Upcoming Events

Oct 12th Picture Day

Oct 13th End of Term 1 - Report cards go home

Oct 16th-20th Fall Break - NO SCHOOL

Oct 24th Professional Development - Early Dismissal 12:15 for all kindergarten students

Oct 27th Show What You Know Program 8:15

Nov 3rd Parent Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL

Nov 7th Picture Make up day

Nov 9th Veteran's Day Assembly – 1st -6th grades at Draper 1 Campus

Nov 17th Spirit Wear Friday

Nov 21st Pilgrim's Play

OCTOBER BUILDER'S THEME:

Our Builder's Theme for October is "I AM A BUILDER WHEN I AM PERFECTLY HONEST". We are looking forward to witnessing ways our kindergarteners can demonstrate honesty, doing what is right, being fair, and truthful. Thank you for encouraging your students at home to share ways they can display this critical choice.

ELC's TEMPORARY MOVE TO THE DRAPER 1 CAMPUS:

As you are aware, two weeks ago a water line broke in the warehouse portion of our building, flooding our center. We are grateful for the many hands that have worked so diligently so we can continue to provide the amazing APA education experience for our students.

Due to water damage, the ELC will need to undergo a restoration process, which will begin after we dismiss for fall break on Friday, October 13th. The restoration will take several weeks. We will have new carpet installed in all the rooms, drywall will be repaired, new bead-board installed, walls painted and new cabinetry installed. In order for the work to happen, we will need to vacate the ELC. Our kindergarten students will be moving to the Draper 1 campus beginning Monday October 23 (after fall break). The Draper 1 campus is directly west of our building in the same parking lot.

Mrs. Lucas' class will be held in a currently vacant classroom at the west end of the D1 building. Ms. Saguilan and Mrs. Buell will join forces and will share the large space of the multi-purpose room. Although the times of some our daily class schedules will change, the academic program will remain exactly the same.

Carpool will continue to run smoothly as drop off and release times will remain the same, just in a new location at the Draper 1 campus. More information will be forthcoming about carpool specifics.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email us. Our contact information will remain the same at (801)-797-0069.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS CAMPUS:

With Halloween approaching, we wanted to remind our parents of our holiday celebration procedures. We typically do not celebrate holidays, although we do acknowledge some of them (see below). We do not have class holiday parties, but instead we have fun culminating activities that go along with our units of study in history and science. Students often dress up, have food, and play games at these activities.

<u>Birthday Celebrations</u>—Teachers will most likely mention a student's birthday during the school day of their birthday and have a special way of acknowledging that student. Parents may bring non-food items for class members. This is not something that needs to be done, but if parents choose to that is acceptable.

Invitations to parties outside of school

Birthday parties and other parties held during the year are an exciting event for the child hosting the party and those who are invited. It can be a very disappointing time for a child who has not been invited to the same party. Out of respect and consideration for the feelings of all students, please do not distribute invitations to birthday parties or any other personal parties at school—before, during, or after—unless an entire class is invited. If only a portion of the students in a class is invited, please use other ways—outside of school—to contact those students and parents. We appreciate your consideration of others and appreciate the modeling of respectful behavior.

Halloween—It is important to remember that we don't celebrate or acknowledge Halloween.

Thanksgiving Day—We talk about being grateful (in word and deed) the whole month of November.

<u>Religious Holidays (Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, Ramadan, Easter</u>)—We will talk about these holidays as part of the curriculum and to help students understand what others in our school are doing and experiencing. We may sing songs from any of these or other similar holidays in our choir classes as part of the curriculum.

PICTURE DAY - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

Say Cheese! Picture day is coming up soon. Flyer with packages, cost, and Prepay code (APAELCFall2023) info was sent home with students. Make up day will be Wednesday, November 29th.

READING AND MATH LESSONS AVAILABLE ON APA'S WEBISTE

When students are absent, they are strongly encouraged to use the online APA reading and math lesson videos to help them stay caught up in their work. Parents can go to the APA website, www.americanprep.org and then click on the Parent Resources link. Once there, parents can scroll down to the Reading and Math Lessons link. The parent can select their child's reading and math level as well as the lesson they are on and have access to a video of the full lesson instruction. Though it is best for students to be in the class every school day, when they must be absent, completing these lessons while they are absent helps greatly with a successful return to school.

PARENT EMPOWERMENT:

Here is a copy of our schedule of Parent Empowerment Trainings we will have and their subsequent links for this year. These MUST be on your calendars so we can invite all parents. These are DISTRICT parent trainings that are not only important for our parents but mandatory for the state. Your parents need to be aware of these trainings. Currently, they are not on everyone's calendars. I encourage you to also offer incentives for attending. Each administrator should be checking with the person responsible for putting things on the calendar and ensure they are on there with the Zoom links.

October 10th--Suicide Prevention Join Zoom Meeting https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/84548403459

KINDERGARTEN SEATS AVAILABLE:

In response to the high community interest in our program, American Prep has opened another few seats in our kindergarten classrooms at our Draper campus! This is an excellent opportunity to begin your child's education journey at APA! If you're interested in a kindergarten seat, please call 801-797-0069.

We have limited seats available in upper elementary grades as well. Call today to secure your students' seat at American Prep.

KINDERGARTEN CORNER:

Student: Five more sleeps until I go to Cornbellys!"