May 3, 2024



Early Learning Center Newsletter

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May 14 th	Free Dress Day for 100% completion of the ELC parent survey
May 16 th	Zoo Field Trip
May 17 th	RU logs and all library books due
-	Spirit Wear Day
May 23 rd	Memorial Day Assembly – 10:00 am at the D1 Campus
May 24 th	ELC End of the Year Show What You Know Program - 2:15 pm at the D1 Campus
•	Last day of kindergarten

MAY'S BUILDER THEME: "I AM A BUILDER WHEN I AM UTTERLY RELIABLE"

One of the ways that makes APA so unique are our monthly builder themes. Believe it or not we are close to completing all of the 2023-24 builder themes. Here is a look back at the areas our students focused on this school year:

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September	Build with Enthusiasm
October	I am a builder when I am perfectly honest
November	I am a builder when I express gratitude in word and deed
December	I am a builder when I look for ways to serve others (Kigatsuku)
January	I am a builder when I work diligently
February	I am a builder when I befriend others
March	I am a builder when I am willing to try and believe in my ability to succeed
April	I am a builder when I use kind and courteous words
May	I am a builder when I am utterly reliable

CORE KNOWLEDGE TESTING: MAY 6TH – 10TH

We will be conducting our core knowledge testing next week. We will also have additional kindergarten testing that will last until the end of May. For the core knowledge testing, snacks will be provided periodically throughout testing. If your student has food allergies, please provide the school with personal snacks. We know our students are super smart and we want to do whatever we can on our end to help them be successful. These are a few ideas that our families can implement at home during the month of May:

- 1. Early to bed
- 2. Well-balanced meals, healthy snacks
- 3. Continue to read with student every night
- 4. Be encouraging, excited and positive about tests
- 5. Be aware of television, computer and electronic usage time.
- 6. Discuss with your student and help them understand the reason and importance of testin

Achieving Academic Success and Developing Good Character

APA's 6TH ANNUAL FUN RUN AND SUPER HERO FUNDRAISING:

The registration window for our Fun Run Race has officially closed BUT along with the Fun Run, each campus is working towards a campus goal. The ELC's campus goal is to raise \$2400. We have currently raised \$2,008. THANK YOU! We are so close to reaching our goal! Our students are excited not only for their individual incentive but our campus goal as well.



If we meet our campus goal of \$2400, all of our students will participate in our **SIRENS, SPLASH & SOAK**" where we will have some of our own Hero's, Draper Fire Department, come to the ELC with their fire truck for a presentation in May. After their presentation, we will have our teachers and instructors sit on chairs and each student will have the chance to throw water balloons at their teacher or instructor. Thank you for helping us reach our goal.

Here are the individual student incentives. A flyer with this information will be attached to the learning plan shortly. If a student earns:

- o \$20.00 Hat Day
- \$30.00 Crazy Hair Day
- \$40.00 Wear your Favorite Super Hero shirt
- \$50.00 Free Casual Dress Day
- \$75.00 Extra 10 mins of Recess
- \$125.00 Put your Teacher in a Costume
- \$200.00 Teacher for the Day

Tuesday, May 14th Wednesday May 15th Friday, May 17th Wednesday, May 22nd Wednesday, May 22nd TBD TBD

• Student will sit at the teacher's desk as well as have lunch with her.

APA DISTRICT FUN RUN 2024 -- MAY 18, 2024 --

It's that FUN RUN time of year again. Check out the important information below on how you can volunteer, sponsor or get involved!

WHEN: Saturday, May 18 (9:00am 1K/10:00am 5K)

WHERE: NEW FUN RUN LOCATION @ 583 W EBay Way, Draper, UT 84020

ACTIVITIES: 1K and 5K Races, Rusty Keys from FM100.3, Food Trucks, Silent Auction, Race Medals For Top Finishers, EXTRA safety precautions, FUN, and much more!

REGISTRATION: <u>\$12 T-Shirt Pre-Registration</u> which is now open

FUN RUN VIDEO: https://vimeo.com/937561177

VOLUNTEER NEEDS: Click <u>here</u> to sign up in any of the following areas.

- **Starting/Finish Line Ushers**: GET A FREE SHIRT! Help with safety at the start, line up the runners and separate students who choose to run alone from those who choose to run with parents/strollers. Additionally check for 2024 race shirts for race admittance/participation. (**Sign up by May 5 and please note shirts will be a different color than race shirts*)
- Trail Marshals: GET A FREE SHIRT! Help guide and cheer runners along the 1K and 5K Race. Must be available to attend mandatory meeting Friday, May 10 @8:15am (*Sign up by May 3 and please note shirts will be a different color than race shirts)
- **T-Shirt Distribution**: Help separate and pass out shirts/bags/swag on May 13th/14th depending on the t-shirt arrival date.
- **Sponsors and Swag Donations**: Get your company seen by 7 school campuses! Check out our different sponsorship levels to see how you can get your logo on over 2,000 bags, t-shirts, printed materials and more!
 - **Sponsor and Swag Volunteers** Help us find local businesses who want to support our worthy cause.
- Silent Auction: Want to donate to our silent auction? We happily accept any type of silent auction items such as: experiences, gift cards, coupons, baskets, tickets, memorabilia, apparel, services, products, etc! Email: <u>funrun@americanprepfoundation.org</u> for more information.

• Silent Auction Volunteers Help oversee the silent auction at the event. AND HELP collect silent auction items in advance!

- Awards: Help determine top 3 finishers of each race for both 1K and 5K at the event.
- **Set Up**: Help set up tables, chairs, tents and starting line needs.
- **Clean Up**: Help clean up tables, chairs, and tents after the event. If available we would additionally love offsite help to help load tables and chairs back into storage at a nearby campus.
- Lost & Found: Help spectators and runners locate lost and found items.

DRAPER 1 PAC ELECTION:

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) participates with school administration in developing the Annual School Plan, in deciding how the Land Trust monies will be spent, and other matters important to our students at American Preparatory Academy. The PAC meets 4 times per year. Members of the PAC will be expected to participate in all of these meetings so that a quorum may be present to conduct business. There are no term limits; as long as the volunteer has students enrolled in the school and is actively participating, they are welcome to continue serving on the committee

The committee consists of 6-8 representatives. APA D1 did not have any new candidates step forward for your vote for the 2024-2025 school year. The Parent Advisory Committee will remain the same as the 2023-2024 school year.

Danette Bushman - Parent Doug Merrill - Parent Pavan Sura - Parent Doug Borruso - Parent Michelle Mulcahy - Admin Carlene Dastrup - Admin

If you would like to participate in next year's Parent Advisory Committee, we will need 2 more parents. Please reach out to Michelle Mulcahy at <u>mmulcahy@apamail.org</u> or Carlene Dastrup at <u>cdastrup@apamail.org</u> if you would like to participate. We appreciate our wonderful parents who serve on the Parent Advisory Committee!

ELC FIELD TRIP TO HOGLE ZOO:

Date:	Tuesday May 16th
Where:	Hogle Zoo – Students will still wear their uniform.
Time:	Buses board at 9:30. Arrive back to the ELC at 1:45. Dismissal time will remain the same.
Lunch:	Students bring their own lunch in a paper bag w/ their name written on it.
	Water will be provided.
Parents	: Permission slips will be sent home and will need to be turned into teacher by May 10 th .

2024-2025 ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Hello American Prep Family! We have a special request to make of all our parents and staff. This year is the last year we will receive the federal funding that we have received since COVID. This means that we will be faced with cutting programs or staff positions UNLESS we can add students to our schools. We prefer to add students! But to do this, we need your help! Over 90% of our new students hear about our school through friends or family members. We have opened new classes at our schools for next year and need to increase enrollment by 300 students district-wide. We currently have about 5,000 students and we need 5,300 in order to keep our programs in place. Today we sent home a flyer with your child. Please take a picture of it and send it to as many people as you can. Campuses will be holding evening open houses after spring break. The flyer has a QR code that lists the Open House dates, times and addresses. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN BRINGING APA TO 300 MORE LUCKY STUDENTS!

END OF THE YEAR SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 24th, 2024 @ 2:15 pm TO BE HELD IN THE GYM @ DRAPER 1 CAMPUS

We are excited to perform for our parents' songs, poems and facts we have learned throughout the year. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Kindergarten Corner: (Sayings from our kindergarten students)

A student came into the office:

Teacher:"How are you feeling?"Student:"Well, my tummy is crying."