

August Builders Theme: Be a Builder August 25, 2017

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Monday, August 28th	Senior Sunrise Hike
Monday, September 4th	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Friday, September 8th	Student Picture Day*
*Due to picture day, Friday, September 8th will NOT be a casual/blue polo Friday	
Wednesday, September 13th	7th Grade Leaders 4 Life Event
Friday, September 15th	Spirit Day****
Friday, September 15th	12:15 Dismissal
Monday, September 18th	NO SCHOOL Prof. Dev. Day
Wednesday, September 20th	8th Grade Barn Event

******Spirit Day - Students are allowed to wear any of our APA Spirit Apparel shirts, (no hats please). Students still need to wear their uniform socks, shoes, and skirts/pants/jumpers. The Spirit Store is open every Wednesday from 8:30AM - 2:00PM. To purchase online, click on this link: <http://www.americanprep.org/store/>**

Dear American Prep Families –

Wow! What a great 1st week of school!

Enthusiasm is in the air! Students are radiating energy as they arrive each day with smiles on their faces. Staff creates an enthusiastic atmosphere as we do something we love every day and serve a purpose greater than ourselves. Thank you for your enthusiastic support as we work towards getting systems and processes together, and as our school gets into its rhythm!

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students achieve their highest potential. As partners, we want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities as we have outlined in our Parent-Student Handbook. **Please consider the many ways that you can volunteer and become involved this year.** Studies show that parental involvement in your student's education is one of the strongest indicators of student achievement. Contact your child's teacher with your availability to volunteer, or email wendy.swenson@apavegas.org for volunteer opportunities!



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Substitute Training

Want to learn more about American Prep, our curriculum, and methods? Want to be involved at the school and get paid at the same time? Come be a substitute for us! We will be starting a substitute training on Tuesday, August 29th through Thursday, August 31st at 8:15AM – 11:45AM. If you are interested in coming to our substitute training, please email Meaghan Wheeler at meaghan.wheeler@apavegas.org.

From The APA Carpool Hot Line

Carpool flow has been improving everyday! Please continue to follow our updated maps and remember to drive through carpool with a positive attitude, smiling, and waving friendly at our staff.

Students who arrive to school late will need to be signed in at the front office by an adult. Please remember that the front office will be closed during carpool times. Parents/Guardians who need to come in to the front office will be asked to come after the completion of carpool.

Tips for a Smoother and Safer Carpool

- Morning drop off: For those APA parents/guardians who would like to avoid the long lines, we advise to plan on getting to the school between 7:30am and 7:35am. The first group of cars in this time frame will move through carpool much quicker. Currently, most families are waiting till around 7:45am to arrive, thus causing the lines to back up quickly.
- Afternoon pick up: Please do not line up early around the school campus for afternoon pickup. We are required to leave access to our campus for emergency vehicles in case of an EMERGENCY. We are asking that you stay off of Patrick Lane, Sobb and Jim Rogers until the time listed on your carpool tag. It is extremely important parents/guardians follow the schedule on their carpool tags! Parents/Guardians who do not follow the correct pick up times will be sent back around until your student/s is/are released on the curb.
- Please **DO NOT** block any intersections around the school. **BLOCKING** intersections will cause traffic accidents and will slow down the carpool flow enormously. Please always keep in mind that our school is located near housing tracks and people living in the neighborhoods are having difficulty getting in and out of their streets.
- Please follow all **SIGNAGE** and employees' directions around the campus while going through carpool. All staff are here to help make the carpool process quicker and safer.
- Please **DO NOT** drop your students off in the street or along the streets surrounding campus. All students must be dropped off on the curb. The only students that should be walking onto campus are those that are coming from one of the nearby neighborhoods.
- Please **DO NOT** use your cell phones while driving on the school property. It is illegal and it causes drivers to be distracted placing everyone's safety in jeopardy.



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- Please teach your children to be attentive on the curb when looking for your vehicle. Most times carpool slows down because students do not see their parents'/guardians' vehicles driving up. If students miss their chance to be picked up when cars are lined on the curb, parents/guardians WILL be asked to drive back around.

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

You APA Carpool Team.

Kindergarten Hours

There have been some questions about Kindergarten hours so here is the schedule:

AM Kindergarten Schedule

M, T, F - 8:00AM - 11:15AM
W, Th - 8:00AM - 10:45AM

PM Kindergarten Schedule

M, T, F - 12:00PM - 3:15PM (drop off starting at 11:50AM)
W, Th - 11:30AM - 2:15PM (drop off starting at 11:20)

***Please do NOT drop students on the curb unless staff is present.**

Office Hours

The school office will be open every day from 8:00AM – 2:45PM (M, T, F) / 1:45PM (W, Th). Students can be checked out and picked up **during** that time.

Spirit and Logo Items Store

The spirit and uniforms store will open for the school year on Wednesday, August 30th. It will only be open from 8:15AM - 12:00PM. We have new spirit wear available for the 2017-18 school year. The first spirit day is quickly approaching on September 18th, come in and stop by and buy spirit wear! The store is located upstairs.

If you are interested in purchasing P.E. uniforms and blue striped high school ties, you may ask and pay at the front office. Uniforms and ties are cash and checks only made out to APA.

Student Health

We have LOTS of students visit our office each day and we would like to reassure all of our APA parents/guardians that our staff is trained to follow protocol and to record incidents while assessing the situation and determining the best course of action. If students have a temperature or are vomiting, parents/guardians will be called to pick up the student/s. If a student has a stomachache, headache, or other complaint, but no fever or vomiting is present, our staff will ask the student to sit, drink water, and rest for 10 minutes. If the student feels better, then he/she is sent back to class.



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If a student has a runny nose, he/she is coughing, has red eyes, the staff will check personal record for allergies. If there are no allergies listed, the staff will most likely call parents for a pick-up to avoid other students becoming infected if any viral/contagious case may be present.

Minor injuries reported by students that not visible by staff will be treated with ice packs. If students appears to be ok and have no pain, they are usually If a student is in the office with a mild “injury” (they “hurt” their hand, arm, foot, leg) that is not visible, we will often put ice on the area and send them back to class. If it is something visible, we will call the parent to notify them.

Elementary Academic Update:

Our enrollment has been finalized and K-6 students will be starting their reading and math groups on Friday! The beginning of each of the groups is a quick review from the previous year, and a reminder to the students of what they need to know before beginning harder concepts. This is a great way to get the students in the rhythm of school work without too much difficulty. If you feel that your student has been placed in the incorrect group please wait a few weeks for them to begin their new lessons, if you have concerns after that time please email your student’s homeroom teacher with your questions. Data will be reviewed and, if necessary, changes will be made as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience as we get all of the students where they need to be.

Eclipse Confusion – Attendance Clarification

We wanted to apologize for any confusion regarding attendance and the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21st. If you sent in a note, emailed the attendance office, or if you called the school to let us know that you were keeping your student(s) home, your student’s absence was marked as “excused”. Please remember that per our parent student handbook, all absences (excused and unexcused) count toward your total 9 absences allowed each year. We allow 3 school days to receive doctor’s notes or parent notes regarding your student’s absence. Please email attendance@apavegas.org with all absence information.

Getting Ready for the Builder’s Carnival:

We are looking forward to another fun Builders' Carnival this year on October 6. At this time we are reaching out to our wonderful APA community to see if you have a business that would like to sponsor a game or food booth, donate raffle baskets, donate prizes, or have connections to a dunk tank or inflatable slide or obstacle course. Please let the FSO (Family School Organization) know if you have any connections or interest in participating in this way by emailing FSO@apavegas.org. Thank you!

Secondary News

We have hit the ground running and can’t be more excited about all the changes at American Prep this year. We have added new staff, have expanded to 12th grade, creating our first senior class (finally), have had orientations, back to school nights, a “black light” welcome back assembly and are finishing up the first week of instruction. During this first week your students have learned classroom procedures, classroom expectations, learned the different lunch schedules, and have begun full instruction. I would like to take a quick moment and publicly



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thank our teachers for their diligence during our training week. I would also like to thank our operations team for all of their work over the summer. Over the summer you could have found them moving walls, making doors where there weren't any, and generally making the school more functional. Finally, I would like to thank Mrs. Mayo, our Secondary Secretary, for her hard work. She has worked nights and weekends helping with enrollment, infinite campus, spreadsheets (endless spreadsheets), and general organization.

Carpool

Now on to carpool...isn't it great? On day one it took us almost an hour and 30 minutes. Today the last car came through carpool 53 minutes after we started. Morning carpool has finished at 5 minutes after 8:00 and 3 minutes after 8:00. Thank you for your patience. We have a couple more things we are going to do which should fine tune carpool, however, the fewer cars that have to drop off, the quicker students can get into school. Please reach out to your friends and neighbors and try some ride sharing ("carpool") to decrease the number of vehicles in our lines. Please note that until further notice we will not track first period tardies. This does NOT mean you may show up late to school. Please come early and be on time to the best of your ability. Once we have made our final adjustments we will give you a warning and a plan so you can arrive on time with your Secondary students.

Parent Student Handbooks

Parent student handbooks were handed out at our Secondary Back to School night. They can be obtained from Mrs. Mayo in the Secondary office. There were very small adjustments made with the following exceptions, please see the actual Parent Student Handbook for the specific wording. We will no longer be providing sugar rewards to our students. Also, along with our "no screen" policy we are encouraging our parents to not permit their students to be on social media. We know that this will be an adjustment but we believe this will have enormous benefits for your students.

Infinite Campus

In the past weeks we have gained full administrative rights to Infinite Campus. Until now this has been controlled by an entity within the State of Nevada. As such, the links granting access to Infinite Campus have changed. We anticipate that we will have new log in information to you and your students by next week. We will be providing the access information via email. Please look for emails to be sent out this next week. If you are NOT receiving emails, please contact us at info@apavegas.org. We are very excited about the change as it will allow us to use more of the infinite campus features.

A few other things for you to be aware of are:

1. Adjustments to the late work policy: Work will only be accepted up to 5 days after its initial due date. The homework will be marked down a minimum of 10% each day until it is turned in. NO LATE WORK will be accepted after 5 days. This will bring us back into alignment with the late work policies at our other secondary campuses.
2. Bell schedule: The bell schedule that is printed in our planner is slightly different than our actual bell schedule. If you would like the actual times of our classes, please contact our Secondary Secretary.
3. Uniforms: All students will be expected to be in FULL uniform on Monday. If students are not in full



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uniform they will not be permitted to attend classes. The only exceptions to this are the Seniors who are awaiting their cardigans. Please note that a shipment of almost 200 blue striped ties were delivered to the school today.

4. Electronics: We do not permit students to use any device that can send or receive a message at American Prep (phones, iPads, iWatches, FitBit...) This is a curb to curb policy. Students are not permitted to use their cell phones during school, before school (on school property in the halls) or during afternoon carpool. Please help to support us in this policy.

We are looking forward to accomplishing amazing things this year. Thank you in advance for your love and support. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work in partnership with you to guide your students in their discovery of new, incredible things!

Senior Sunrise Hike- August 28th

We are ready to celebrate SENIOR YEAR with a sunrise hike on Monday, August 28th. We will be meeting at 5:30 am at Exploration Park. Please come wearing comfortable walking shoes and with a water bottle. Donuts will be served, it's sure to be a great time!

7th Grade Leaders 4 Life- September 13th

Attention parents and students! We are so excited to kick off this year with our 7th grade Leaders for Life Event! At the event students will learn how to demonstrate positive character traits, strong leadership by thinking out of the box, and respectful behavior. In addition, students will learn and review proper "meet and greet" protocol, and will be taught how professional body language is a key factor in making a good impression.

The event will be on September 13th from 12:40-2:00 pm, during the school day. We only need seven parent volunteers for this event, Parents if you would like to volunteer to help at this event please email Natalie Hill at natalie.hill@apavegas.org or volunteer on the sign up genius:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-7thgrade>

8th Grade Barn Event- September 20th

On September 20th all 8th Grade students will participate in the 8th Grade Barn Dance and BBQ where they will learn essential skills such as listening during conversation, the importance of teamwork, how to seat a lady, and how having a positive attitude makes a big difference when the going gets rough!

This event will take place during the school day from 12:40-2:00 PM. **Parents!** We are looking for 5 parent volunteers who would be available to chaperone at this event. If you are available to help, please contact Natalie Hill at Natalie.Hill@apavegas or sign up on the sign up genius:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-8thgrade2>

APA Flying Eagle Athletic News

APA is excited to announce Chris Schelin as the Head Volleyball Coach. Mr Schelin and his staff have worked tirelessly to get the girls/boys volleyball teams up and ready for the coming season. Tryouts are over and teams have been selected. The new staff and athletic administration, will be meeting with the student athletes and their



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parents that will be apart of the 2017 APA Eagles Volleyball team. Please be aware, and look for the Volleyball schedule in emails and our weekly newsletter. We would love our gym packed with our enthusiastic students and parents. It's a great day to be an Eagle!

APA After School Clubs

It is AMAZING how many clubs we have at APA this year. If you are interested in getting involved in one of our after school clubs, please see our list below and contact the club advisor for more details.

CLUB	ADVISOR	Grades	EMAIL
Entrepreneur Club	Mr.Grealish	High School	frank.grealish@apavegas.org
Gamers Club	Mr. Brinsko	Middle School & High School	tony.brinsko@apavegas.org
Key Club	Ms. Steiner	High School	shannon.steiner@apavegas.org
Latin Club	Ms. Williams, Mr. Evans & Mr. Dodig	Middle School & High School	neoma.williams@apavegas.org
Mock Trial	Mr. Grealish	High School	frank.grealish@apavegas.org
Musical & Theater Club	Mrs. Nielsen	4th - 12th Grade	kaceynielsen@gmail.com
Speech & Debate Club	Mrs. Cates & Mrs Abbott	High School	Lisa.cates@apavegas.org
Speech & Debate Club	Mrs. Bergquist	Middle School	tiara.bergquist@apavegas.org
Ukulele Club	Mrs. English	4th & 5th Grade	devon.english@apavegas.org
Violin Enrichment	Mrs. English	1st - 3rd Grade	devon.english@apavegas.org
"We the People"	Mr. Grealish	High School	frank.grealish@apavegas.org
Yearbook Club	Ms. Braybrooke	Middle school & High school	adrian.braybrooke@apavegas.org

****Please Contact club advisor for more information**

If you are interested in starting a club that is not listed, please contact activities@apavegas.org