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August Builders Theme: Be a Builder
August 31, 2017

Las Vegas - School Calendar

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/>**

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.

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)

Be a Builder:

We are builders when we offer encouragement. Here are a few quotes that remind us of the importance of being a builder of people:



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If we're going to bring out the best in people, we, too, need to sow seeds of encouragement.

Joel Osteen

When you encourage others, you in the process are encouraged because you're making a commitment and difference in that person's life. Encouragement really does make a difference.

Zig Ziglar

You should never forget that everyone needs encouragement. And everyone who receives it - young or old, successful or less-than-successful, unknown or famous - is changed by it.

John C. Maxwell

Infinite Campus

Infinite Campus links have been emailed out! Every parent/guardian will receive a separate link. If you had an account before, you will be asked to change your password. If you are logging on for the first time, the email will have all instructions on how to access your student(s) portal. You may also receive multiple emails, one for each student. All siblings should be tied to your account, so you only need to click on one of the links. Please be sure you can view ALL of your students on the portal. If you cannot, please email cindy.mayo@apavegas.org for secondary students or faun.nelson@apavegas.org for elementary students. If you have NOT received an email from the Infinite Campus Message Center, please **first** check your spam and junk folder, then email Cindy Mayo or Faun Nelson to validate the email address we have on file. This link to access and set up your account will only be valid until OCTOBER 1st! Please setup your account as soon as possible.

Getting Ready for the Builders 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

Banker Hours and Location

We have now designated specific people, banking hours and location for receiving all money at the school. The "banker" can be found at the elementary office Monday-Friday from 7:45 am-8:15 am and 10:30 am-12:00 pm. The banker can receive money for all club fees, class fees, rental fees, PE uniforms, new dockets or name tags,

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.



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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 7:25 am 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.
- 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.
Your APA Carpool Team.

***DROP OFF IS NOW BEGINNING AT 7:25 AM.**



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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 pay for them at the bankers office and then with the receipt provided, pick up at the secondary 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.

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 are 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 started their groups last week! 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.

Musical Theater Club

Musical Theater Club will be held every Friday from 3:30 to 5:00 PM in Mr. Matthew's music room on the 2nd



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floor. To register, pay the \$45 fee at the office and email your information to kaceyenielsen@gmail.com. Please refer all questions to the same address. The club starts September 1st and ends October 13th. Any students in 4th through 12th grade are welcome to join!

Violin Enrichment

Violin Enrichment Orientation will be on Thursday, September 5th at 3.00 pm. Families signed up on the list prior to August 21st will be on the priority list to sign for their commitment. Other wait listed families will be contacted as openings come available.

The Ukulele Club

The Ukulele Club is already filled. This Club Orientation will be on Thursday, September 5th at 2.35 pm. Ms. English will be contacting you shortly with your instrument rental form to sign & where to pay your fee. Please check your email.

Secondary News

We are pleased to announce that we have made enough adjustments to morning carpool to ensure that those who arrive before 8:00 AM are able to make it to school on time. One of the biggest adjustments we have made is that we will open the carpool gates at 7:25 every morning. Beginning Tuesday, September 5, 2017, we will begin to track tardies in all periods including first period. Please arrive early to be on time.

Academically speaking you will notice that the majority of our classes are still in a review period. Your students should be recognizing the information being presented. It is vital that they remain vigilant during this time in doing their homework. The concepts covered in the first weeks of school are those that will be used throughout the year to build new areas. Please feel free to contact teachers via email if you have specific questions regarding academics. We are already seeing great things.

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.

Senior Sunrise Hike

We are so proud of all our 12th grade students for completing the senior sunrise hike. After enjoying the view while hearing inspiring words from their student body president, Dylan Eclips, the students made their way down



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and enjoyed donuts. Way to kick off senior year!

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>

Attendance

If your student will be, or is absent, please email attendance@apavegas.org so it can be recorded and updated correctly in infinite campus.

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 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!



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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	kaceyenielsen@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



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Examination Certification:

Notifying parents/guardians of APA-LV testing program is considered to be an integral part of test orientation and preparation. School administrators and teachers are encouraged to communicate with the parents/guardians of affected students about one month before the actual testing. Written notice regarding tests and examinations mandated by the state or school district will be produced by the APA-LV and distributed to staff, parents and/or legal guardians of all students, no later than September 30.

STUDENT ASSESSMENTS DAYS

WIDA Screenings –	August 21st , 2017 – September 29th , 2017
Brigance Screening –	August 21st, 2017 – September 29th, 2017
NWEA/MAPS (1-3)-	August 15th, 2017-November 30th, 2017
Fall DIBELS reading tests –	October 2nd , 2017 – October 13th , 2017
PSAT (10-11) –	October 11th, 2017
NWEA/MAPS (K-3)-	December 1st, 2017-February 28th, 2018
Winter DIBELS reading tests –	January 8th , 2018 – January 19th , 2018
NWEA/MAPS (K-3)-	March 1st, 2018 –May 22nd , 2018
SBAC Testing (3-8) –	March 8th , 2018 - May 23rd , 2018
Science (5 & 8) –	March 8th , 2018 - May 23rd , 2018
National Latin Exam –	March 13th, 2018 – March 17th, 2018
ACT Aspire (3-10 Option 2) –	April 2nd , 2018 – May 25th , 2018
Spring DIBELS reading tests –	April 2nd , 2018 – April 13th, 2018
Core Knowledge Testing (1-6) -	May 22nd , 2018 – May 25th , 2018
EOC ELA/MA/Science Exams –	April 1st, 2018 – May 31st, 2018
10th Grade Science Test –	April 19th, 2018 - May 31st, 2018
ACT (11) –	February 27th, 2018, Make up test March 21st, 2018
WIDA Proficiency Assessment (K) –	January 8th , 2018– March 2nd , 2018
(1-12) –	January 22nd , 2018– March 2nd , 2018

Consequences of Irregularities in Test Administration

Students and staff members who engage in or cause “irregularities in test administration” or “irregularities in test security” will be subject to disciplinary actions. Staff may be terminated or have their educators license suspended or revoked. Students may face expulsion from school.

Any school staff member, licensed or unlicensed, who is found to have engaged in one of the behaviors identified above as an “irregularity in test administration” or any behavior not listed that violates the standardized conditions under which the test is to be administered and scored will be subject to administrative and disciplinary action consistent with NRS Chapter 391.