



**September Builders' Theme:
I am a builder when I build with enthusiasm
September 28, 2017**

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Friday, September 29th	9th-12th Grades Homecoming Dance
Friday, October 6th	NO SCHOOL GRADES 7-12 –Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Friday, October 6th	1:20/1:35 Dismissal Grades K-6
Friday, October 6th	BUILDERS CARNIVAL 5PM-8PM
Wednesday, October 10th	PSAT for 10th & 11th Grade
Friday, October 13th	Last Day of Term 1
Friday, October 13th	****SPIRIT DAY
October 16th – October 20th	NO SCHOOL-FALL BREAK

****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/>

September Builder Theme: Building with Enthusiasm!

Hearing our students this morning in our Show What You Know assembly, we can tell that they are filled with enthusiasm. Thank you for helping your students come each day with a desire to learn and work hard with an enthusiasm for learning.

“Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your object.” -Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Whether they burst with excitement or simmer quietly, when you’re in the presence of enthusiastic people, you feel happier and more excited about your life, perhaps you even feel inspired...”
-Mary Marcdante

Elementary Academic Update – Jeans Friday Incentive

Here at APA our students work so hard! We appreciate all of their hard work and effort to come to class prepared and complete their homework every night! To reward those students who have gone to their classes prepared for the last two weeks, and who have no missing assignments!

Students who have earned this incentive will be receiving a coupon on Thursday, September 28th! If your student brings home this coupon, they are invited to wear jeans with a white oxford shirt and vest/sweater or with a navy blue polo on Friday, September 29th.

A Few Guidelines:

1. This is not a “free dress day”.
2. Uniform top (white oxford with sweater/vest or blue polo) may be worn with full-length navy blue jeans (in good repair with no holes; no skinny jeans please) or khakis.
3. Regular school shoes are to be worn; any socks may be worn.
4. Students who have NOT earned this incentive but come in jeans will be sent home to change their clothes.

SCHOOL NEWS (K-12th GRADES)

APEF is Friends of APA

Have you heard of American Prep’s Education Foundation or APEF? Beginning this year, we will be known as *Friends of APA*! Friends of APA’s mission is to enhance the APA experience for our students and families by providing energy, expertise, and financial support to each school. We are excited about this new school year, and we are dedicated to the success of each student on every campus.

What does Friends of APA do?

- Friends of APA supports ALL fundraising for extra-curricular programs and capital improvements at each campus like dance team, Lego club, Madrigals, Fall Festival, sports, and more!
- Friends of APA awards scholarships for APA students.
- Friends of APA sponsors a hardship fund to help staff, students, and families experiencing financial crises.
- Friends of APA promotes the *Builders Club initiative*. Research shows that the most significant positive effect on student achievement is his or her teacher. It is the purpose of the Builders Club to help *attract and retain the best teachers and staff* by supplying a solid source of compensation for staff bonuses. The Builders Club is a subscription based donation program wherein these funds build and bolster our ability to acquire matching assistance from corporate and community organizations. *All American Prep families are encouraged to join*

the Builders Club by making a monthly donation of any amount. 100% of these dollars are used for teacher and staff compensation. Last year, Friends of APA contributed 10% of the total APA bonus program. It is our goal this year to increase that percentage to 20% as well as obtain matching contributions from the community. Please go to <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/apa-builders-club> to join today!

Art Supplies Needed

Mr. Freeman, one of our Art teachers, is looking for paper towel, toilet paper or gift wrapping rolls. If you have some you can donate, please bring them to the office. Thank you!

Adult Open Gym-volleyball Tuesday nights at APA

APA will be having adult open gym night at our school on Tuesdays from 9 p.m.-11 p.m. There is an entry fee of \$3 each Tuesday you attend. Our APA Volleyball program is doing this for a fundraiser for their teams. This is an **adult open gym**, please spread the word among your family and friends. If you have any questions please contact HGrace@hutchlegal.com.

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.

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.

5th Grade Friend"SHIP"- October 9th

Welcome Aboard the APA Friend"SHIP", 5th grade students. On Monday, October 9th, we will have our first Ambassador Event of the year.

During this event students will travel from station to station learning important skills about being a true friend. Activities will include a challenging obstacle course, food, friends, and so much more!

This event will go from 1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. so mark your calendar because you don't want to miss this!

*We are always looking for parent volunteers! If you are willing and available, please email Mrs. Hill at Natalie.Hill@apavegas.org or sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-5thgrade>

6th Grade Friend"SHIP"- October 13th

Welcome Aboard the APA Friend"SHIP", 6th grade students! On Friday, October 13th, we will have our first Ambassador Event of the year.

During this event students will travel from station to station learning important skills about being a true friend. Activities will include a challenging obstacle course, food, friends, and so much more!

This event will go from 1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. so mark your calendar because you don't want to miss this!

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APA Eagles Volleyball Games Saturday

SPIRIT WEEK....Come out and support our APA Volleyball Middle School teams this Saturday at our APA GYM. Our APA 7th /8th grade teams play each other in a face off league game. We will not be charging an entry fee this weekend. ENTRY FREE!

Game Times AT APA

1:00 p.m. 5th /6th Grade Team at Pinecrest Academy

3:00 p.m. APA 7th / 8th Team A vs APA 7th / 8th Team B

Good Luck to all APA Volleyball teams this weekend.

SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

Homecoming

This homecoming week has been wonderful! We have seen some interesting socks, shoes, and ties to date and look forward to the remainder of the week. We are especially excited about the upcoming dance. We are truly coming together as a “real” school and it has been great to see the smiling faces of our students in the high school. Our junior high students are really looking forward to high school even more now that they have seen all of this fun stuff and especially hearing the party that was going on in the parking lot today.

CSAN Conference

This past week American Preparatory Academy students provided assistance at the Charter School Association of Nevada (CSAN) conference. Over 800 attendees including dignitaries and members of the State Legislature and our Lieutenant Governor were welcomed with the beautiful sounds from a select group of Orchestra students. Over the two day conference American Prep students and volunteers provided assistance to the attendees. It was a very proud moment as we watched our students use the skills they have learned in their character development in helping with the conference. Thank you Ms. English and all those who provided their time and talents to the conference.

Volunteers Needed

Two of our Secondary classes are in need of some help from our families. These service opportunities are vital to the success of the Orchestra and Drama programs. We are in need of people who would regularly be willing to assist in both the Orchestra and Drama classes. Any help will be welcome but we prefer someone who could fill in as much as 4 times a week and who has some experience in either drama or orchestra. We know there are so many talented individuals who are involved in our school and we really could use some extra help. Similarly if there is someone who would be willing to help with fundraising for all of our music programs we have some GREAT ideas and just need someone who can take the lead to bring in money specific to the Orchestra, Band, and Choir programs. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Secondary Director, Nik Hulet at nik.hulet@apavegas.org.

Important News

Over the next weeks we have some really important events coming up. On Friday, October 6, 2017 from 8:30 - 1:30 we will hold our Secondary Parent Teacher Conferences. Please do NOT arrive before 8:30 AM so we can finish carpool. More information will be sent out in an upcoming email but we are hoping to have 100% participation by our Secondary families. Students are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents. If a teacher has contacted you specifically and requested a conference your student's attendance is required. For parent teacher conferences students are NOT required to be in uniform. All conferences will be in the gym. Please anticipate only 2-5 minutes with each teacher. If you require more time with your student's teacher please arrange for a separate date and time. On the evening of October 6, we will host our Builder's carnival. Among other great things you can dunk Mr. Hulet and other Secondary staff members.

PSAT News

On October 11, 2017 all 10th and 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT. The test will begin at 8:00 AM. Please have your students arrive early on this day so as to decrease stress. Please also ensure that they eat a nutritious meal and get a good rest the night before the exam. The process before the test takes almost an hour. The test itself will take approximately three hours. All students who take the PSAT will be dismissed upon completion of the exam. We anticipate that this will be around 12:30 PM. On the day of the exam please check your emails for updates and more specific times. Once the test begins, we can have a better idea when we will be done and we will send an email. The first part before the exam is very lengthy and unpredictably long which prevents us from giving exact dismissal times though we anticipate it will be sometime between 12:00 and 1:00. The results from the PSAT are taken into consideration by some colleges and scholarships. Please help your student prepare to take the exam and provide their best efforts. As of this date, we do NOT plan on providing a make-up date which means your student must be in attendance to take the exam.

Senior Night

For ALL SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES we will hold a Senior Night on October 11 from 6:00 PM to 7:00PM. The main goal for the night is to discuss Financial Aid and College applications. We will also provide you with the information you will need in regard to your student's credits and graduation. This meeting will only be held once and it is critical that each family has representation at this meeting. If you cannot attend for any reason please contact Secondary Director, Nik Hulet at nik.hulet@apavegas.org as soon as possible.

Late Work Deadline

The end of the first quarter will be October 13, 2017. Please remember that the late work deadline has been adjusted in comparison to other years here in Las Vegas. Information on these updates can be found in previous newsletters and in the parent student handbook. There is still time left in this quarter for students to recover and make up tests and grades. Please check Infinite Campus with your student and please work with them and our teachers to ensure that your student achieve their goals.

Thank you!

At this time we would like to thank those who volunteer their time at our school. We especially would like to thank the parents and staff who volunteer to help us with our sports and clubs. It is incredible to us as we see the hard work that is put in to provide these opportunities to our students. To coaches, leaders, and all volunteers, thank you!

Last week we highlighted our character development program. As a "part 2" to that highlight we would like to remind everyone that our fourth period class is our character development period. At times we will have silent study time when homework can be completed. However, this class is for character development and this is the main priority for that designated period of time.

Key Club:

The Key Club elected officers this week.

President: Aleighsha Kim-Alcain

Vice President: Marlyn Headlee

Secretary: Audrey Burke

Bulletin: Paolo Concepcion

Treasurer: TBD

We are planning some fun service activities over the next few months to serve the Las Vegas community. It's not too late to join us! KEY CLUB meets on MONDAYS 2 X per Month. Contact shannon.steiner@apavegas.org if you are interested.

High School Speech & Debate:

Congratulations to the speech and debate team for their performance this weekend in the Golden Desert league tournament at Desert Oasis High School this past weekend. APA Competed against 22 other schools and 150 students in their division alone, the team of Ernie Elliot & Quy Tran and the team of Kimberly Wellington & Fatimah Walker both made it into finals and brought home medals for our school.

Speech & Debate is also a great way for our APA parents to get involved. We always need parents to help out at the tournaments as judges and there is no experience required. For those of you that work and are unable to volunteer during regular school hours, these Friday/Saturday tournaments are a great way for you to get in your volunteer hours. Please email kimberly.abbott@apavegas.org if you are interested in volunteering (you do not have to have a secondary student).

APA High School Basketball: *Hard. Smart. Together.*

In preparation for the upcoming season, we are holding a meeting for all high school boys (grades 9-12) interested in trying out for APA's high school basketball team next Monday, September 25, at 3:15 p.m. in Coach Brinsko's room (Room 274). We will be discussing the pre-season schedule (open gyms and conditioning) as well as disseminating information about our participation in the Charter League this season.

Any student wishing to participate in any basketball activities (including preseason activities) needs a current physical on file with our Athletic Department. If you do not have a current physical, please make plans to get one as soon as you can: it is our intent to start our pre-season open gyms next Thursday (September 28).

Finally, we still need some more parent volunteer coaches for our basketball team this season. In particular, we need some additional help at the junior high (7-8 grade) and elementary (3-4, 5-6) grade levels. Anyone interested in volunteering should email

Coach Brinsko at Tony.Brinsko@apavegas.org or call him at (702) 510-8458. Thank you!

We are not meeting with the parents at this time (though parents are welcome to attend). The primary purpose of the meeting is to inform the players about our open gym times and pre-season conditioning schedule. We also will be discussing our participation in the Charter League (including the \$200 activities fee). As soon as we have all of the pertinent information, I will create a flyer and email it to the students who have expressed interest in playing and their parents. I intend on having a second meeting with the parents closer to the start of the season, when all of the details about our participation in the Charter League have been finalized.

9th-12th Homecoming Dance- September 29th

9th-12th Grade will be having a Homecoming Dance!

We will be having a themed dance on Friday, September 29th. The dance will be held from at 3:15-5:00 p.m. We will start the dance right after school. Pick up for the Homecoming Dance will be at 5:00 p.m. at your students assigned curb. **PLEASE be on time to pick up your students!!**

We will not be allowing dates from other schools at this dance.

Student Government asks that students come TO SCHOOL dressed in clothing representing your grade's assigned decade (shown below):

9th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1950's
10th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1970's
11th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1980's
12th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1990's

Clothing **MUST** follow these guidelines:

- a. Clothing should be hemmed and free from excessive tears, rips, and holes, and NOT SAGGING
- b. Clothing must cover undergarments and the back. **This includes not wearing leggings as pants.**
- c. **All clothing must cover shoulders. No exposed bellies or bare midriffs. Pants, dresses, or skirts must come to the knee. No sleeveless or see-through shirts or blouses.**

The following are NOT allowed:

- open toed footwear such as sandals or flip-flops

- muscle shirts (tank tops)
- clothing that is overly tight, revealing, or extremely short
- NO shorts, leggings, or yoga pants

We have a few things that we need volunteers for, if you are interested sign up here:

To Donate Items: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-homecoming>

To Help Clean Up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-homecoming1>

9th-12th Grade Homecoming- Spirit Days

9th-12th Grade Students will receive "spirit points" for their grade, for every student who participates in the following dress-up days:

Friday: Clothes for the Dance:

9th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1950's
10th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1970's
11th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1980's
12th grade students should dress in clothing representing the 1990's

That week we will be tallying "spirit points" by grade. The grade with the most "spirit points" will receive a **NO UNIFORM DAY!**

Yearbook Grades 7th-12th

Our yearbook club meeting will be on Thursdays from 2:15 - 3:15. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Braybrooke at **adrian.braybrooke@apavegas.org**.