



**October Builders' Theme:  
Being Perfectly Honest  
October 5, 2017**

**Las Vegas - School Calendar**

Friday, October 6th	NO SCHOOL GRADES 7-12 –Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Friday, October 6th	1:20/1:35 Dismissal Grades K-6
	(*AM Kinder: 8:00 AM-10:15 AM *PM Kinder: 11:00AM-1:15PM)
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. Spirit wear can be purchased online, at: <http://www.americanprep.org/store/>

**Letter to our APA Families**

As a school we were deeply saddened by the events that occurred this past Sunday night. We have done our best to appropriately address the events in our classes. We have been impressed by our students and their compassion. We would like to thank all those first responders, counselors and hospital personnel who have worked so hard this week. We know that many of our student's families have been involved in the recovery efforts. It is at times like these we are grateful to live in a community that is so willing to run towards the trials at hand and take them on. We are also thankful to be able to provide a safe and stable learning environment to our students.

**Free and Reduced Lunch Data Collection Needed!**

Although American Prep does not participate in the National School Lunch Program, we are still required to receive and submit to the state of Nevada the application data of

those qualifying for the program. Please follow the link below for directions to determine if you qualify for this program. This must be done from a web browser not the Infinite Campus app. If possible, please complete NO LATER THAN 5pm on Friday.

<https://sites.google.com/apamail.org/framonlineapplication/home>

### **September K-6 Builder Award Recipients:**

K-Hatch AM	Ryan Lukach	K-Hatch PM	Aurora Dyal
K-Rambow AM	Marcelo Ramos	K-Rambow PM	Sophie Le
1st-Call	Eleanor Fender	1st-Freer	Ryan Strohfus
1st-Gomez	Amir Abdi	2nd-DeJesus	Jude Allred
2nd-Hayes	Selma Pannu	2nd-Johnson	Evan Flickner
2nd-Martinez	Trino Ramos	2nd-Rafferty	Anna Balian
3rd-Gardner	Nina Yohannes	3rd-Nunn	Caleb Minase
3rd-Robison	Addyson Rambow	3rd- Winters	Francisca Valarde
3rd-Telfer	Bridger Melver	4th-Bergquist	Karlie Gibson
4th-Burgess	Kidus Amare	4th-King	Suray Kitchen 4th-
Hambleton	Mackay Baggaley	5th-Maston	Casey Unitas
4th-Rivenbark	Gideon Schelin	5th-Carter	Isaac Greene
5th-Conti	Parker Morgan	5th-Tooker	Nixon Nelson
6th-Baber	Ashlyn Wilk	6th-Gibson	Westley Chung
6th-Holloman	James Lillian	6th-Wallace	Michael Girma
6th-Ryan	Eyouel Asnake	6th-Lindquist	Scott Lindsay

### **September 7-12 Builder Award Recipients:**

7th Grade	Ayaka Taylor
8th Grade	Marissa Baca
	Yosias Abebe
9th Grade	Jordan Magee
	Reagan Youngblood
10th Grade	Joshua Mueller
11th Grade	Joe Tennert
12th Grade	Anthony Harley
	Adriana Henriquez

### **September Teacher/Instructor Builder Award Recipients:**

K-3 Teacher/Instructor: Ms. Hayes

4-6 Teacher/Instructor: Ms. S. Gibson

## **SCHOOL NEWS (K-12th GRADES)**

### **October Builder Theme: Being Perfectly Honest**

Our students are focusing on being perfectly honest this month. The reason we use the phrase “perfectly honest” is because in our world there is often a message sent that there is such a thing as “pretty honest” or “honest enough”. We encourage you to discuss this at home to help your students understand the difference. There are few values needed more in this life than honesty and consequent trust that comes from it. These tips can help you teach your children how to be honest in their daily lives.

**Talk about how much you value honesty in your family.** Discuss how important it is to every family member to always count on each other to tell the truth-even when it's difficult. If there's not honesty, there won't be closeness in your family. Focus on how honesty is the foundation upon which your mutual trust and respect are built. Each family member supports and defends each other, but dishonesty will change the nature of your relationship dramatically. Once trust is broken, it takes a long time to build it back.

**Model perfect honesty for your children.** Everyone has moments of untruthfulness, even parents. Examine yourself and your daily actions. One way that I had the opportunity to model perfect honesty to my children is to stop bringing outside concessions into the movie theatre in my purse. When I explained that I had not been honest in doing this and that I was going to stop, it came to light that some of my children didn't understand that this behavior was dishonest in the first place. They had always just trusted that as their mother, I would always be perfectly honest and I had not been. I am grateful for what I learned through that experience.

**Place more emphasis on their truthfulness than on the consequence for their dishonesty.** Of course you should impose consequences for dishonesty, but I remember clearly a very important lesson that my mother taught me at a very young age. She explained to me that everyone makes mistakes that bring consequences, but that the consequences would increase if I lied because trust would be broken. No matter what I had done, she first and foremost, acknowledged and praised my honesty. She helped me to practice being perfectly honest and I wasn't afraid to tell the truth.

Honesty is a life-long quest and something we have to work on all of the time, not just when we are children.

Please use this opportunity to discuss how much you value integrity in your family. Tell them how proud you are they are demonstrating honesty.

### **American Prep - All School Sponsor**

This year we are opening up an exclusive opportunity for 12 businesses in our community to become an All School Sponsor. This sponsorship helps with our community events, including Builders Carnival and the Spring 5K and Fun Run, and will

also have a banner placed in our gym all year round. We would like to open up this opportunity to our families and their associates first. We recognize that many of you have given tremendous support to our school since the beginning in 2014, and we would like to be able to recognize you and your efforts and you continue to support our school. Please contact Darrell Larsen for more information. [darrell.larsen@apavegas.org](mailto:darrell.larsen@apavegas.org). Thank you.

### **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!*

**Limited Edition Spirit Wear-**

We will be selling a limited edition spirit shirt that will only be available to purchase at our Builders Carnival. These are offered as a first come first serve basis and limited quantity. Cost for the shirt will be \$15.

### **Art Supplies Needed**

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

### **APA Eagles Volleyball Games**

This Saturday, October 7th, our APA Volleyball teams will be playing at HOME. Please come out and support our APA Teams!

**All APA students that come wearing APA Spirit wear will get into the games for FREE!! ALL APA Staff are FREE!!** All others who would like to attend: Entry is \$1/person.

#### **GAME TIMES**

10am APA 7th /8th Grade Team "A" vs APA 7th / 8th Grade Team "B"

1PM APA 5th / 6th Grade Team vs Pinecrest Cadence

**Good Luck to our APA EAGLES this WEEKEND!**

\*Volunteers Needed at APA Volleyball:

If you would like to Volunteer this SATURDAY at our League Games, please sign up by using the link below. Each week it will be updated with additional dates and times. Remember these volunteer hours will count toward your required hours.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f45ada82da5f58-fall>

### **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.

### **APA Activities Calendar**

APA Families,

We have a great way for parents to see all of our extracurricular after school activities. Athletic and Clubs. It is an app that you can download called activity scheduler/ r-school today. All of our after school activities will be on this calendar. We will have some school events as well, but please always check the school calendar at

<https://vegas.americanprep.org> to confirm school events.

You can also access the calendar by going to our school website, listed above and click on the tab that is labeled ACTIVITIES, on the far right. Once you click the activities tab, you will be directed to the ACTIVITY CALENDAR. Please take a moment to see all the great features of the calendar. Each activity has a contact listed if you have any questions about the event. Some events may also have volunteers sign up links attached for that activity. If you have any questions about this New APA APP, please contact

[activities@apavegas.org](mailto:activities@apavegas.org)

## **ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC UPDATE (K-6):**

### **Academic Update**

We are so excited to announce a change the format of our report cards for students in Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, and Third Grade! When students in those lower elementary grades have not achieved mastery in a class (meaning they have earned a grade lower than a B- ), their grade will be recorded as an “E” for “Emerging”. This “Emerging” grade indicates that a student is still working to achieve mastery in that class. Students in K-3 grades who are in upper grade classes – such as Saxon 5/4 or Reading Mastery 4 – will be graded on the 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade grading scale and will receive letter grades for those classes.

### **5th Grade Friend"SHIP"- October 9th**

Welcome Aboard the APA Friend"SHIP" 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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" 6<sup>th</sup> 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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<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-6thgrade>

## **SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)**

### **Homecoming Week**

Homecoming week was a success! The students looked amazing during the dress up days and at the dance. We are so happy with all the participation we had! Congratulations to 10th grade for winning a no uniform day! More details on that to come.

Thank you so much to all the parents who helped us out by volunteering and bringing in items. We could not do it without you!

### **9th Grade Unity Hike- October 25th**

We are ready to celebrate being back at school with the 10th Grade Unity Hike on Wednesday October 25th. This activity focuses on unifying our students and building teamwork skills. All students are required to attend! Please send your student with a water bottle. They need to come dressed to school with a positive attitude and **dressed in their polo's, long jeans, and uniform shoes**. Students should bring **comfortable walking shoes** to change into. It's sure to be a great time!

We will leave the school at 1:00 and return at 3:55 for pick up at the **pink and white curb**, by the elementary playground. Please be on time to pick up your students.

We do need a few items donated, if interested sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72caof58-9thgrade1>

### **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](mailto:nik.hulet@apavegas.org).

### **PSAT News**

This upcoming week, our **Sophomore and Junior classes** will be taking the PSAT. We have sent an email to all families that this will affect. 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. **Please note** that all 10th and 11th grade students will be dismissed immediately following the exam. We anticipate that this will be around 12:30 PM. If you have not received that email, please contact [Shannon.Steiner@apavegas.org](mailto:Shannon.Steiner@apavegas.org).

Also, on the 11th, our **Senior class** will have a parent meeting. Similarly, an email was sent to all Seniors and families with the specifics of this meeting. If you have a Senior and have not received that email, please contact [Shannon.Steiner@apavegas.org](mailto:Shannon.Steiner@apavegas.org).

### **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](mailto: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.

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

#### **October 9th:**

Fall conditioning for Boys high school (grades 9-12) boys interested in trying out for our basketball team starts next Monday! If you are not currently playing another fall sport (for APA or another school), Coaches Balamut, Brinsko, and Rambow expect to see you there. Make sure you have completed all of your paperwork (including getting a physical) so that you can participate. Forms and paperwork are available outside of Mrs. Herman's office and at APA's main office. ALL forms should be submitted to Mrs. Herman when completed. You will not be able to participate until the forms are turned in to Mrs. Herman and receive a CLEARED Golden Ticket. That Golden Ticket will then be given to Mr. Brinsko to show you are cleared to participate. If you have any questions

about Boys High School Basketball, please contact Mr. Brinsko at [tony.brinsko@apavegas.org](mailto:tony.brinsko@apavegas.org)

### **APA BOYS Jr HIGH BASKETBALL (7th & 8th)**

#### **October 23rd:**

Fall conditioning for Boys junior high school (grades 7-8) boys interested in trying out for our 7/8 teams starts the Monday we return from Fall Break (October 23)! If you are not currently playing another fall sport (for APA or another school), Coaches Haigler and Ryan will expect to see you there. Make sure you have completed all of your paperwork (including getting a physical) so that you can participate. Forms and paperwork are available outside of Mrs. Herman's office and at APA's main office. ALL forms should be submitted to Mrs. Herman when completed. You will not be able to participate until the forms are turned in to Mrs. Herman and receive a CLEARED Golden Ticket. That Golden Ticket will then be given to Mr. Haigler to show you are cleared to participate. Please contact Mr. Haigler for more information about Boys 7th & 8th Grade Basketball. [max.haigler@apavegas.org](mailto:max.haigler@apavegas.org)

**[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the Basketball Interest Form**

### **Interested in becoming a "Lady Eagle"?**

**Now is the time!!**

APA Lady EAGLES BASKETBALL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, Girls Basketball intramurals (7th-12th) are set to begin. We will be conditioning: *Mondays from 3:15 - 5:00pm*

*Wednesdays from 2:15 - 4:00pm*

\*\*Attending intramurals is NOT a requirement but is strongly advised.

In order to participate you must complete a Physical Packet and return it to Mrs. Herman directly on either Monday's or Thursday's. She will issue you a "Golden Ticket" that must be returned to your coach as verification of completion of the physical packet. You cannot participate in intramurals without this ticket. Physical packets are due no later than Monday, October 23rd. Get them in early to make sure you get your Golden Ticket.

**[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the Basketball Interest Form**

### **Sports Physicals**

All students that wish to participate in any APA athletic teams, must have a participation packet filled out prior to any after school athletic activity at APA . You can

obtain a physical packet at any of the offices at APA or outside Mrs. Herman's Office, Room 267. All completed packets must be turned to Mrs. Herman, in person, to receive a clearance slip, "Golden Ticket". This ticket needs to be returned to your respective coach. If you have any questions about sports physicals and APA Athletic Participation Packets, please contact Mrs. Herman at [kelly.herman@apavegas.org](mailto:kelly.herman@apavegas.org)

### **APA Gamers' Club**

There will be no Gamers' Club sessions this month (October) due to our school calendar (no classes on October 6, 20, or 27; October 13 is the Friday before Fall Break). Don't worry, though, we will be back rolling the dice and shuffling the cards in November (Friday, November 3)! Enjoy your October and remember that "Life is more fun when you play games!" Contact Mr. Brinsko if you have any questions.

[tony.brinsko@apavegas.org](mailto:tony.brinsko@apavegas.org)

### **Yearbook Grades 7th-12th**

We will have our third meeting on Thursday, October 5th (2:15-3:00 PM). Please remember to pick your student(s) up from the front curb by the front office of our school between 3:00PM-3:15PM. Just a reminder, siblings *cannot* attend the meeting if their sibling is a part of the club. All students *not* a part of the club must be picked up at their regular pickup time. I am terribly sorry if this is an inconvenience. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Braybrooke at [adrian.braybrooke@apavegas.org](mailto:adrian.braybrooke@apavegas.org).