



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY  
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

**October Builders' Theme:  
Being Perfectly Honest  
October 12, 2017**

**Las Vegas - School Calendar**

Friday, October 13th  
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Saturday, October 14th

October 16th – October 20th  
Thursday, October 26th  
Tuesday, October 31st

Last Day of Term 1  
\*\*\*\*SPIRIT DAY  
APA Volleyball Games  
10AM 7th/8th Grade Team "A"  
12PM 7th/8th Grade Team "B"  
1PM 5th/6th Grade Team  
NO SCHOOL-FALL BREAK  
Make up picture day  
NO SCHOOL (K-6): Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

\*\*\*\*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/>

**September K-6 Reading University Winners**

K-Hatch AM	Grace Mekonnen	K-Rambow AM	Ariana Wang
K-Hatch PM	Naomi Lee	K-Rambow PM	Emilia Mendoza
1st-Call	Macy Rambow	1st-Freer	Aubree Cruz
1st-Gomez	Elnathen Robel	2nd-DeJesus	Tiana Trong
2nd-Hayes	Jackson Williams	2nd-Johnson	Darian Mata
2nd-Martinez	Elaine Sevilla	2nd-Rafferty	Jaydrian Cordova
3rd-Gardner	Michael Ochieng	3rd-Robison	Todd Lindsay
3rd-Nunn	Gianna Marcolongo	3rd-Telfer	Evelyn Mueller
3rd- Winters	Sofoniyas Kebede	4th-Bergquist	Nahom Belete
4th-Burgess	Vivian Ticay	4th-Hambleton	Kylie Martinez
4th-King	Brady Morris	5th-Maston	Beckham Glover
4th-Rivenbark	Daniel Preisach	5th-Carter	Miles Cheam
5th-Conti	Peyton Miller	5th-Tooker	Madison White
6th-Baber	Vasilija Boskovic	6th-Gibson	Maya Hegle
6th-Holloman	Gracie Verano	6th-Wallace	Alena Mendoza
6th-Ryan	Edmund Cain	6th-Lindquist	Shaelin Pelayo

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

### **APA Builders' Carnival**

We'd like to express our thanks to all of our students, teachers, parents, staff and volunteers for making our Builders' Carnival a HUGE success! We thank you for helping and coming to support APA!

We would also like to add a SPECIAL THANK YOU to all of our AMAZING SPONSORS:

Advance Insurance	Nostalgia Hotrods
Dr. B's Dentistry for Children	Fiiz Drinks Las Vegas
Zuniga Taco's	Popped
Wanless Dental	Mathnasium
Leaver and Gardner Orthodontics	Bahama Bucks
Truman Orthodontics	B Sweet Candy Boutique
Las Vegas Appraisal Company	Southern Hills Hospital
Amanda Whinery Realty	

...plus all of our raffle donation sponsors!

Without our sponsors our Carnival would not have been as successful as it was. Please take the time to check out these businesses and remember to support them because they are big supporters of APA!

Sincerely,  
APA FSO

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

Our new theme for October is "I am a builder when I am perfectly honest". We asked the students today "what does it mean to be perfectly honest?" Students' suggestions included telling the truth, being trustworthy, not cheating, and not stealing.

We also agreed that honesty is not just about telling the truth, it's about not taking things that don't belong to you; not hiding information; and not being afraid of the truth.

We discussed that it can sometimes be hard to tell the truth because we are afraid of the consequences of the truth. But, the students agreed that there is also a consequence for not telling the truth. One student so perfectly described it as a burden. When we are honest we can feel good about ourselves. When we are not perfectly honest we feel bad and it feels heavy. Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders performed the poem "Myself" by Edgar A. Guest. It perfectly describes why it is always best to be perfectly honest, ending with:

I never can fool myself, and so,  
Whatever happens, I want to be  
Self-respecting and conscience free.

### **Veteran's Assembly:**

Our annual Veteran's Assembly will be held on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>. This is one of our favorite events to honor all veterans of our armed forces. Each family will receive two invitations to pass out to veterans. Unfortunately, this event is reserved for veterans ONLY and is NOT OPEN to parents, unless they are a veteran or the guest of the veteran. Each veteran is permitted to bring one guest. Please note that no guest under age 18 is permitted. Attendance will only be secured by RSVPing to [stacie.gibson@apavegas.org](mailto:stacie.gibson@apavegas.org). There will be two assemblies in order to accommodate all of our students. Your student's teacher will be sending an email to let families know which assembly their student will be participating in so you can let your invited veteran know. We appreciate your support for this wonderful event—the students always enjoy being a part of it!

### **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 as you continue to support our school. Please contact Darrell Larsen for more information. [darrell.larsen@apavegas.org](mailto:darrell.larsen@apavegas.org). Thank you.

### **Limited Edition Spirit Wear-**

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

### **APA Eagles Volleyball Games**

This Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, come out and support your APA Eagles Volleyball Teams.

**All APA students who 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: 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team "A" vs Doral Red Rock

12PM: 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team "B" vs Pinecrest Academy Cadence

1PM: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team vs Doral Saddle West

**GO EAGLES!!!**

If you would like to volunteer at our volleyball games please use the link below

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30eof45ada82da5f58-fall>

### **APA Activities Calendar**

APA Families,

We have a great way for parents to see all of our extracurricular after school activities, athletics, 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 volunteer 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):**

We hope that everyone has fun plans for the Fall Break!

We have started our DIBELS testing, so please make sure you are reading with your student(s) over the break. DIBELS testing will be completed by the last week of October.

We are excited to announce two upcoming competitions!

Our K-3 students will be having a **Transition Competition** when we return to school on October 23rd! Students will be receiving a colored wristband to wear for the week to earn points for their grade. The students with the best transitions will be earning a Casual Dress Day!

Our 4-6 students will be having a **Uniform Competition** when we return to school on October 23rd! Students will be earning points, by class, if they are in their full and correct uniform. The winning class will be earning a Casual Dress Day!

### **Elementary Academic Update: ACT ASPIRE & SBAC Results:**

We have mailed out all students' ACT Aspire and SBAC results from the 2016/17 school year. Please keep in mind, this was our students' first year taking both of these tests and using the new online computer-based assessments. We are very pleased with our students' results!

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

Welcome Aboard the APA Friend"SHIP" was a success! Students were able to practice and master very important skills about being a true friend. How to write a thank you note, meet and greet, navigate a reception line and ask intelligent questions were some of the lessons taught during this event. Thank you to all parents for your support by making sure your student could attend this event. A big thanks to all of our amazing parent volunteers! These events would not be possible without you or your students!

### **Test your students knowledge with these questions:**

What are Intelligent Questions? (*Questions that apply to the individual and result in a dialog.*)

Give an example of an Intelligent Question that would result in a dialog? (*What do you like about school?*)

What are inappropriate questions? (*Questions that make others around you feel uncomfortable.*)

What color of ink should you use to write a proper thank you note? (*Blue or Black*)

How can a guest show appreciation? (*Participating, smiling, being pleasant and saying thank you*)

What is one of the 8 responsibilities of a guest that surprised you? (*RSVP, Be on time, listen to directions, enter into the spirit of the party, don't touch the decorations, help clean up, be kind to everyone or express appreciation*)

What is your right hand called when eating and socializing? (*Your Eat, Meet and Greet Hand*)

In which hand do you always hold your drink? (*Your left hand*)

Where is your drink never placed? (*The Floor*)

What do we make with our legs when there is no table? (*A lap table*)

How do you know which side of the table is the beginning of the line? (*The napkins show the start of the line.*)

### **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!

\*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/4090d48aea72ca0f58-6thgrade>

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

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

We are ready to celebrate being back at school with the 9th 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/4090d48aea72ca0f58-9thgrade1>

### **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 achieves their goals.

### **\*\*Music Department SaveAround Fundraiser\*\***

Dear Parents and Students,

American Preparatory Academy Music Department (Grades 7-12 Band, Choir, and Orchestra) is sponsoring the SaveAround Coupon Books sale to raise funds for the Music Department, Music, Supplies, Instruments and Educational Trips. SaveAround is a coupon book that offers hundreds of unique discounts and offers. You buy one book for just \$25! You will find out the book pays for itself after using it just 2 or 3 times. You make your money back and more!! Buy your coupon book from a student or from the Elementary Office. Please make checks payable to: APEF

Out of state editions are available at this URL

<http://www.supportourgrouops.com/GN/220239> for your family and friends who live out of town so they can order online and support our fundraiser!

End Date: Thursday 10/26/17

*Thank you for supporting your APA Music Department!!*



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

Fall conditioning for Boys high school (grades 9-12) boys has already begun. If you are interested in trying out for our basketball team come out and start conditioning. 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 or Mr. Larsen when completed. You will not be able to participate until the forms are turned in to Mrs. Herman and you 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) will begin October 23<sup>rd</sup> when we return from Fall Break! 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 or Mr. Larsen 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 at [max.haigler@apavegas.org](mailto:max.haigler@apavegas.org).

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

**APA Lady EAGLES BASKETBALL (7th-12th)**

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 or Mr. Larsen directly. Students will be issued 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. Please contact Ms. Bell for more information at [jamese.bell@apavegas.org](mailto:jamese.bell@apavegas.org)

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

### **Sports Physicals**

All students that wish to participate in any APA athletic teams, must have an American Prep 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* or *Mr. Larsen (room 269)* 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 or Mr. Larsen at [kelly.herman@apavegas.org](mailto:kelly.herman@apavegas.org) **OR** [darrell.larsen@apavegas.org](mailto:darrell.larsen@apavegas.org)

### **Speech & Debate: We need volunteers!**

The High School Speech & Debate students will be competing in the upcoming league tournament October 20-21 at Green Valley High School. As a team, we are required to bring parent judges to these events and we need your help. Please volunteer a few hours of your time to judge one of our speech or debate events. There is no experience required, just sign up online using our signup form at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4eaaa72eaafc1-green> or contact Kimberly Abbot at [kimberly.abbott@apavegas.org](mailto:kimberly.abbott@apavegas.org). For those of you who 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.

### **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.

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