



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

**November Builders' Theme:
Expressing Gratitude in Word and Deed
November 2, 2017**

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Monday, November 6th	Veterans Assembly
Tuesday, November 7 th -Friday, November 9th	College Week
Friday, November 10th	NO SCHOOL: Veterans Day (observed)
Tuesday, November 21 st	SPIRIT DAY
Wednesday, November 22 nd	NO SCHOOL-Professional Dev. Day
Thursday, November 23 rd	NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING
Friday, November 24 th	NO SCHOOL-FAMILY DAY

****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/>

October Builders of the Month

K-Hatch AM	Grant Petersen	K-Hatch PM	Caleb Daniel
K-Rambow AM	Ava Rivenbark	K-Rambow PM	Lydia Brooks
1st-Call	Nicolas Nelson	1st-Freer	Austin Wadsworth
1st-Gomez	Ellyana Woldmarim	2nd-DeJesus	Saron Girma
2nd-Hayes	Savannah Anderson	2nd-Johnson	Aubrey Furushima
2nd-Martinez	Pixie Marcelo	2nd-Rafferty	Nathan Tesfaye
3rd-Gardner	Baylea Phelps	3rd-Nunn	Carter Davis
3rd-Robison	Lola Owens	3rd- Winters	Cecilia Glen
3rd-Telfer	Summer Lomax	4th-Bergquist	Jefferson Davis
4th-Burgess	Grace Mai	4th-King	Ilse Solis-Godinez
4th-Hambleton	Joshua Carroll	5th-Maston	Madilyn Flood
4th-Rivenbark	Sophie Buxton	5th-Carter	Francesca Conti
5th-Conti	Joniah Gomez	5th-Tooker	Athena Zhen
6th-Baber	Abbey Chang	6th-Gibson	Diana Byron-Khomen
6th-Holloman	Isabelle Pan	6th-Wallace	Kyla Rios
6th-Ryan	Mio Kanazawa	6th-Lindquist	Abigail Menendez
K-3rd Teacher	Ms. Gardner	4-6th Teacher	Mrs. Conti

7th Grade	Ellie Kinsler Gage Williams	8th Grade	Pierce Larkin Bezza Kassa
9th Grade	Alexandra Roberts Andrew Jauregui	10th Grade	David Harr
11th Grade	Randy Moreno Jerusalem Tsigie	12th Grade	Marlyn Headlee

November Builder Theme: Expressing gratitude in word and deed

Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire,
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something
For it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations
Because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge
Because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary
Because it means you've made a difference.

It is easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are
also thankful for the setbacks.

GRATITUDE can turn a negative into a positive.
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles
and they can become your blessings.

Author Unknown

Veterans Assembly:

Our annual Veterans Assembly will be held on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6th. This is one of our favorite events to honor all veterans of our armed forces. Each student 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** in person or to stacie.gibson@apavegas.org by November 1st. 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!

School Fees can now be paid online!

We have created a way for all parents to pay for their students school fees by credit card on line. Skip the Banker Line and copy and paste the link below.

<https://secureinstantpayments.com/sip/cart/event.php?EID=2897>

Box Tops:

A huge thank you for all of those that have been diligent in clipping and saving your box tops for education. So far we have received over \$2700 back for all of those little box top squares! Our first term class winners were: K-3rd - 1st Ms Gomez
4th-6th - 6th Wallace. Keep saving sending in those box tops!!!

Project 150:

APA is teaming up with Project 150 AGAIN!

We are collecting non-perishable items. Food items need to have high nutritional value and be low in sodium and sugar.

The classroom who collects the most in Elementary and in Secondary 4th period classes will receive a pizza party!

This drive will run from November 1st-30th

Learn more about project 150 on their website: www.project150.org

APA Eagles Volleyball Games

Come out and support our APA Volleyball Team here at the American Prep Gym.

12 noon APA 7th / 8th Team B vs Doral West Saddle

2 pm APA 5th / 6th Team vs Pinecrest Inspirada

**7th / 8th Grade TEAM "A" Does not play this weekend but we need to give them a big shout out for being in first place in our league. Congratulations Team "A"!!

If you would like to volunteer at our volleyball games please use the link below
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30eof45ada82da5f58-fall>

Winter Team Tryouts

"I am a builder when I show gratitude and word and deed!"

We are truly grateful for the outpouring of interest we have received regarding our Athletics program. Tryouts are rapidly approaching! We have compiled a tryout schedule for grades 5th-12th. They will take place November 6th- 10th. Please click on the link to view the scheduled times for HS Volleyball, HS Boys Basketball, 7th & 8th Grade Basketball and 5th & 6th Grade Basketball. Please see note below for HS Girls Basketball.

WINTER TRYOUT SCHEDULE

No student will be permitted to any try out session if they have not turned in a complete physical packet to Mr. Larsen or Mrs. Herman in return for a golden ticket to give to their respective coach. No exceptions!

Any club or sport activity that takes place after school with the pickup time of 4 p.m. or later will be released on the side of the school near the gym. These dismissals will NOT be "Carpool Style". All parents are asked to pull into any available staff parking space to wait for their child. Please do not stop in the drive-thru lanes. Dismissals will no longer take place in the front of the school near the secondary entrance per administration.

HS Girls Basketball

Our High School Girls basketball will continue to have conditioning practice on Monday & Wednesday after school during tryout week.

Monday: 3:15PM -5:00PM

Wednesday: 2:15 - 4PM

We are extremely excited to be able to have the interest we have in our athletics program. Due to number of participants and teams, our gym schedule is tight. Please do not drop off your student any earlier than 5 - 10 minutes before their scheduled tryout time. All students, parents and coaches need to be respectful of other teams tryout times and make sure we do not interrupt them. Also, please pick up your student on time. We look forward to a safe and successful upcoming Sports season! Thank you for all that you do!

If you have any questions about tryouts, please contact your student's grade/gender appropriate coach:

5/6 Basketball - jamese.bell@apavegas.org

7/8 Basketball - max.haigler@apavegas.org

HS Girls Basketball - jamese.bell@apavegas.org

HS Boys Basketball - tony.brinsko@apavegas.org

HS Girls & Boys Volleyball - apavolleyball@gmail.com

ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC UPDATE (K-6):

Elementary Competition Winners:

We just finished up two really exciting competitions in our Elementary School! In the K-3 grades, we had a Transition Competition where students worked hard to improve their hallway lines and in-class transitions.

We are excited to announce that the Kindergarten classes and the Second Grade classes were the winners of this competition!

For working so hard they have earned a casual dress day on Friday, November 3rd!

In the 4-6th grades we had a Uniform Competition to help our students remember to come to school every day in their full and correct uniform! Everyone looked so sharp and professional!

We are excited to announce the winners for the competitions were Ms. Maston's 5th grade class and Ms. Baber's 6th grade class!

Those classes have earned a Casual Dress Day for Friday, Nov. 3rd!

We are so grateful for all of the hard work our students put forth! We will continue to have competitions and opportunities for our students to earn other fun prizes throughout the year!

SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

We are very lucky to be able to have the facilities we have here in Las Vegas. As we have been planning our upcoming activities we are grateful for the opportunities we have to use our school to its full potential. Within the next weeks we will host an ACT boot camp, Junior High volleyball playoffs (for which we hold the #1 seed), numerous clubs, conditioning for our "winter" sports, cheer practices, Veterans Assemblies, builders assemblies, and daily classes for over 1500 students. We couldn't do this without the work of our staff, parent volunteers and especially our operations team.

In September we obtained full operation rights to Infinite Campus. Since that time we have found some great features about Infinite Campus. One of the newest tools we have discovered comes in the form of an email from the school informing parents about missing work. These missing work reports will be sent each Monday at around 3:00 PM. The missing work report should be seen as a tool to help you and your student. Per our late work policy (please refer to the parent-student handbook) some assignments on that list may appear but not be able to be completed for credit. We are working on how to correct that issue. If you have any questions regarding specific assignments please contact the teacher for that class. If you are unsure who that teacher is please feel free to contact Mrs. Cindy Mayo. Please note that all teachers are asked to update grades on a weekly basis which means the list which comes home to you should be current as of the time it is received on Mondays. We look forward to finding more and better ways to continue to help our students' academic success.

College Fair:

On Wednesday, November 8th during 4th period, students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade will be attending the APA College Fair in the gym. We will have about a dozen schools and programs represented at the fair. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and pick up pamphlets and paperwork for schools that interest them as well as information on SAT/ACTs, financial aid and the Millennium scholarship. Please contact Ms. Steiner at shannon.steiner@apavegas.org with any questions.

7th Grade 70's Flashback-November 15th

On November 15th we will be having our 70's flashback event for all 7th grade students. It will be a groovy party where students will have the chance to practice going through a reception line, jive to some awesome disco music, learn how to manage stress with yoga techniques and much, much more!

Parents! Volunteers are needed and welcome at this event from 12:45-2:05! We will need help leading groups to different stations, setting up games, and assistance with setup and cleanup. If you are available to help for any amount of time, please contact Mrs. Hill at Natalie.Hill@apavegas.org or sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72caof58-7thgrade1>

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 OR darrell.larsen@apavegas.org

APA Gamers' Club

What could be better than spending a few hours with your friends on a Friday afternoon? Spending a few hours with your friends *while* playing games with them! What could be better than *that*? Enjoying some hot and delicious pizza while doing so. YUMMY!!!

We are holding another session of the APA Gamers' Club for 2017-18 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. this Friday, November 3, in the High School Cafeteria here (at APA). Everyone in grades 7-12 is invited to attend and to bring his or her favorite board, card, or role-playing games (for those of you interested in playing chess, just bring yourselves as we already have chess sets at the school). Please make sure to label or otherwise clearly identify any games you bring to make sure they make it back home with you. Students

who wish to remain at the school until the gaming session starts should report to Mr. Brinsko's room immediately after their normal dismissal.

Feel free to bring your own (healthy, preferably!) snacks to eat and share. If you're interested in sharing a pizza with your fellow gamers, you can pre-order full Cheese or Pepperoni pizzas from Mr. Brinsko by e-mailing him at Tony.Brinsko@apavegas.org no later than noon on Friday (September 8). The pizzas cost \$10 each.

Our November dates for the APA Gamers' Club sessions are November 3 (this Friday) and November 17. So, c'mon out and play some new games with old friends or some old games with new friends!

"Life is more fun if you play games." — Roald Dahl

WE WANT YOUR CANDY!

(BUT, DON'T WORRY! IT'S FOR A GOOD CAUSE)

Wondering what you are going to do with all that Halloween Candy?
APA is teaming up with Dr. Thalgott's Orthodontic office to collect candy to send to
Deployed Troops & First Responders



**GIVE A SWEET TREAT TO OUR HEROES
SERVING OVERSEAS AND AT HOME!**

**WE WILL BE TAKING DONATIONS FOR TROOPS OVERSEAS
THROUGH 11.08.17
AND
OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AT HOME
THROUGH 11.17.17**

In addition to giving candy, please consider writing a letter or drawing a picture to be included in the care packages to let our heroes know you care.

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