



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

December Builders' Theme:
Kigatsuku: Looking for ways to serve others
December 7, 2017

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Friday, December 8th	K-6 All Missing Work Due/RU Log due
Wednesday, December 13th	5th Grade Holiday Concert 5:00 pm
Wednesday, December 13th	Secondary Winter Band Concert 6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 13th	Secondary Winter Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 14th	4-8 School Spelling Bee
Thursday, December 14th	Musical Theater Auditions for 4th-6th grade
Friday, December 15th	Musical Theater Auditions for 9th-12th grade
Friday, December 15th	SPIRIT DAY****
	Early Dismissal 1:15
Thursday, December 21st-Monday, January 1st	NO SCHOOL-Winter 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 - 12:00PM. Spirit wear can be purchased online, at: <http://www.americanprep.org/store/>

November K-6 Builder Award Recipients:

K-Hatch AM	Rediet Fikru	K-Hatch PM	Kaithleen Simangan
K-Rambow AM	Ammon Glenn	K-Rambow PM	Jai Pannu
1st-Call	Kaden Baggaley	1st-Freer	Ryder Hamilton
1st-Gomez	Yamilet Marroquin	2nd-DeJesus	Alina Ta
2nd-Hayes	Tristan Hickmon	2nd-Johnson	Aditri Prabhu
2nd-Martinez	Madison Rucks	2nd-Rafferty	Emma Lengson
3rd-Gardner	Rien Saunders	3rd-Nunn	Greyson Glenn
3rd-Robison	Madelyn Warburton	3rd- Winters	Olivia Stewart
3rd-Telfer	Weston Purcell	4th-Bergquist	Keira Gatewood
4th-Burgess	Luke Orr	4th-King	June Tintle
4th-Hambleton	Sidona Gebremarian	5th-Maston	Roslyn Ngo
4th-Rivenbark	Sophia Pannu	5th-Carter	Alan Ferreyra
5th-Conti	Gabriel Williams	5th-Tooker	Gabriella Melendez
6th-Baber	Trent Morter	6th-Gibson	Rylan Simangan 6th-
Holloman	Nicholas Marcolongo	6th-Wallace	Dylan Barboka
6th-Ryan	Rex Tintle	6th-Lindquist	Jose Imery-Wells

November 7-12 Builder Award Recipients:

7th Grade	Kate Perkes Tanner Dobbins	10th Grade	Miguel Barraza Bella Ledesma
8th Grade	Ammar Abera Maysun Adair	11th Grade	Jade Cao Ethan Luek
9th Grade	Mary Tekele Carlos Imery	12th Grade	Yarin Balestra

November Teacher/Instructor Builder Award Recipients:

K-3 Teacher/Instructor: Ms. Gomez

4-6 Teacher/Instructor: Ms. Brennan

Secondary: Mrs. Banks

SCHOOL NEWS (K-12th GRADES)

December Builder Theme: Kigatsuku: Looking for ways to serve others

Kigatsuku is a Japanese word meaning “an inner spirit to act without being told what to do”, or in other words, “see a need, meet a need”. It’s simple; we don't need to go out of our way; we don't need to schedule it; we don’t need to travel to other countries. We only need to look around us and see how we can help the person right in front of us. Opportunities for *kigatsuku* are everywhere – at school, at home, in the grocery store, and yes, even on the roads!

There is something so deeply rewarding about this builders theme as we watch your children fall into the rhythm of *kigatsuku*. Imagine the energy and influence of an entire community of *kigatsuku* as we work toward something better than just ourselves. Imagine doing it without reward or compensation. Imagine what we could accomplish if we did the simplest thing- see a need, meet a need.

Yearbooks on Sale Now!

Order your 2017-2018 yearbook now! Celebrate our FIRST senior class! Fliers will be coming home after the first of the year. Several packages will be available starting at \$20.00 to \$29.00 with an A la Carte option as well. Order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com.

Elementary yearbook code is: 12746218

Junior/Senior High yearbook code is: 12389718

Project 150

Project 150 was a huge success! We brought in over 27,000 items! Thank you so much for your help with this drive! We could not do it without you! Congratulations to Mrs. Nunn's class for bringing in the most items in elementary. Her class brought in 3,422 items! Also huge congratulations to Mrs. Tintle's 4th period class for bringing in the most items in secondary. They nailed it with 3,123 items!!

The following classes will be receiving a pizza party (more details to come from their homeroom teacher): Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. King, Mrs. Nunn, Mrs. Tintle.



4th Annual Holiday Giving Campaign

Looking for holiday gifts for your favorite APA teacher or staff member? Do you need friend or neighbor gifts?

Carry on the tradition! Donate to the Annual Holiday Giving Campaign to support **teacher bonuses** and receive scrumptious treats at the same time!

Visit www.americanprepfoundation.org/giving-campaign to donate and choose from a variety of yummy treats and gift baskets between \$5 - \$100. You or your student will be able to hand deliver the special gift with a personalized card and 100% of the proceeds will go to the APA staff appreciation fund.

All NEW and existing Builders Club members will receive an upgrade gift with their donation. For more information on becoming a Builders Club Member, visit:

<http://www.americanprepfoundation.org/>

Amazon Smile

This year as you are shopping for the holidays, remember to shop at [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com/smile). When you shop at AmazonSmile, simply select APEF as the nonprofit of your choice and Amazon will donate a percentage of all purchases to American Preparatory Education Foundation. It doesn't cost you any money, just simply donates to our school. Thank you!

[SMILE.AMAZON.COM](https://www.amazon.com/smile)

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>

Fitness Room Donation Request

With our growing sports programs we are hoping to continue to improve our training facilities. As many of you know, weight training is becoming an essential part to having and maintaining a winning sports team. Our desire is to begin to develop a fitness room with workout/weight lifting materials. The fitness room would be available to our sports teams and also would hopefully add opportunities for more High School electives. We are in the process of getting a grant to help us

obtain some of the more costly items as we hope to have a state of the art fitness room. In the meantime, we are sending this email as an "all call" to see if anyone has any workout equipment, free weights, benches, dumbbells, etc., that they would like to donate to our school. If you have any fitness items you would like to donate please contact our Athletic Director Mr. Darrell Larsen at darrell.larsen@apavegas.org.

Musical Concerts

*American Preparatory Academy Secondary Choir presents the first concert of the school year rejoicing in the holiday music. The concert will be held on **Wednesday, December 13 at 6 pm** in the Multi-Purpose Room. The concert will include some of the holiday classics - "Jingle Bells" and "O, Holy Night" - and more modern songs like "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Mary, Did You Know?" Bring your family and friends and join us for an evening of festive music!

*Secondary Band and Orchestra presents *Holiday Miracles - Concert will be **Wednesday, December 13th, 6:00 pm for band and 7:00 pm for orchestra** in the APA Gym--FREE! Come out and support your APA Musicians/Music Teachers, witnessing the beautiful sights** & sounds of the season, that feature selections about the Miracles surrounding the Holidays: "White Christmas", "Sleigh Ride", "Frosty", "Polar Express", "Pastorale Symphony from MESSIAH".
**a visual surprise!!

Infinite Campus

Parents, you should now have access to your student's grades through Infinite Campus! If you are still unable to access infinite campus, please contact Dan Rivera (dan.rivera@apavegas.org) for help. Upon logging in, please make sure to check your contact information and update it accordingly. Through Infinite Campus, you have access to your student's grades and attendance. Grades are updated weekly by teachers so please work with your student(s) to help them stay on top of their work and improve their academic success. Please remember, teachers may send home missing work reports, but it is vital that you are checking on your student's grades, attendance, and assignments on a weekly basis as well.

ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC UPDATE (K-6):

Elementary Spelling Bee

We are so excited for our upcoming Spelling Bee! This week, our students are competing in their classroom spelling bees! Champions from grades 1-3 will be announced at the Wednesday assembly on December 20th. Champions from grades 4-6 will participate in the school bee!

We've moved the School Bee to **Thursday, December 14th**. We are excited to see how well the students will do! If you have any questions please contact your student's homeroom teachers.

School Newspaper Forming

EXTRA! EXTRA! New club forming. Join our new school newspaper. This will be for grades 5th and 6th. Being in the newspaper club teaches writing skills and time management.

Contact us for more information at bianca.quaresma@apastudents.org or 702-209-8146!

SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

Thank you Student Council

We are so grateful for the following students who did excellent work as ambassador council members. The mission of the Ambassador Council is to create leaders who understand what it means to be a representative, an advocate, and a leader. These students worked hard this term and we are excited for the new council that will be called after winterim. Council members are nominated by teachers, so if you are interested, show your teachers you have what it takes.

7th Grade:

Yosef Feiler
Naomi Girma
Joe Dominguez
Colton Toms
Alana Nahabedian

8th Grade:

Sarah Anderbreham
Landon Roeth
Sophia Hohenthal
Vaea Tangitau
Alondra Partida

9th Grade:

Tyler Mortenson
Mocheala Gomez
Elshadai Gabriel
Emily Surber

10th Grade:

Ruth Barazza
Ethan Alisangco
Cheyenne Dinkelman
Sam Santos

11th Grade:

Emily Baldau
Kenzie Dunn
Julio Lemos
Clifton Norton

CLUBS AND ATHLETICS

APA Musical Theater

We are excited to announce all of the details for the first ever Las Vegas APA Musical! We will be performing School House Rock Live. Here are all of the dates and information below please mark your calendars:

Auditions are MANDATORY! They will be held
December 14th 2:15 - 5:00 4-6 grade in the Drama Room
December 15th 1:15 - 4:15 7-12 grade in the Drama Room. (This is a half day of school.)

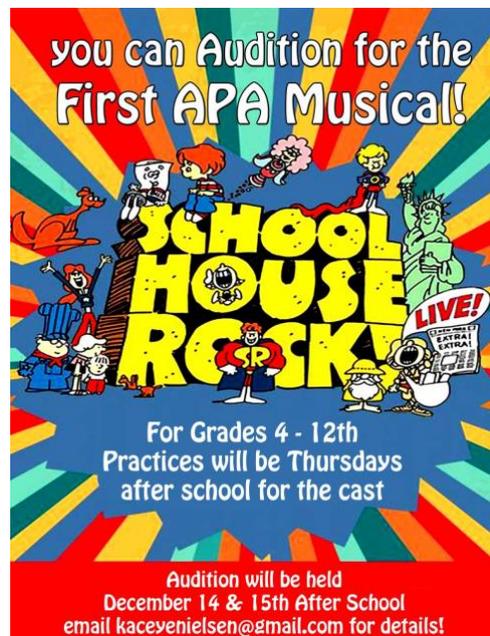
Rehearsals will start after Christmas break on Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Dress rehearsals - Tuesday May 8th and Wednesday May 9th
Performances - Thursday May 10th evening, Friday May 11th evening, Saturday May 12th Matinee and evening.

There will also be a mandatory parent meeting on Wednesday January 3rd at 6 P.M. at the school.

Please sign up for an audition slot here!

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0F48ACA928A13-musical

For full details and to get on the email list, please email kacevenielsen@gmail.com or text at 702.319.1633.



Speech & Debate Middle School

The APA middle school debate team will be competing in its first tournament this Saturday, December 9th (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Parent judges are needed as we are required to bring our own. If you are interested in supporting our amazing team by judging (it's super easy) then please contact tiara.bergquist@apavegas.org. This is a great way to get some volunteer hours in! All debate team members will be wearing their yellow debate tie and attire on Friday, December 8th. If you see them, please be sure to wish them luck!

Good Luck to our APA Speech & Debate Middle School Team!

High School Speech & Debate

Congratulations to Randy Moreno and Ethan Luek for their performance this weekend in the Golden Desert Speech & Debate League tournament at Rancho High School. Competing against 22 other schools and over 1000 students overall, they brought home the 3rd place award in the small-school sweeps category for our school! Randy Moreno also won 3rd place in the Humorous Interp category. Be sure to check out our new trophy!

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 Eagles Volleyball and Basketball Teams

Hello American Prep Parents,

Here are the times and places our girl and boy basketball and volleyball teams will be playing this weekend, Saturday, December 9th:

9:00 am Basketball: Boys HS game vs. Founders Academy @ Slam Academy
10:00 am Volleyball: HS game vs. Doral Academy Red Rock @ Pinecrest Academy-St. Rose
11:00 am Basketball: Boys 5/6 RED game vs. Doral Cactus @ Pinecrest Academy Cadence
11:00 am Volleyball: HS game vs. TBA @ Pinecrest-St. Rose
3:00 pm Basketball: Boys 7/8 NAVY game vs. APA @ American Preparatory Academy
3:00 pm Basketball: Boys 7/8 RED game vs. APA @ American Preparatory Academy

Also, please follow the link given to volunteer to take tickets and run the concession stand at all home games. We really need your help in order raise funds for our APA programs.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0F45ADA82DA5F58-winterT

Thank you!