



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

December Builders' Theme:
Kigatsuku: Looking for ways to serve others
December 14, 2017

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Friday, December 15th	SPIRIT DAY**** Early Dismissal 1:15
Saturday, December 16th	7/8 NAVY Basketball game @ APA @ 11:00 7/8 RED Basketball game @ APA @ 2:00
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 Reading University Awards

K-Hatch AM	Jonah Ferrer	K-Hatch PM	Belen Yoseph
K-Rambow AM	Eyosias Solomon	K-Rambow PM	Ruth Milton
1st-Call	Isabelle Winovich	1st-Freer	Vanessa Ticay
1st-Gomez	Guilianna Reyes	2nd-DeJesus	Jake Chipman
2nd-Hayes	Izabella Evangelista	2nd-Johnson	Carter Shaffer
2nd-Martinez	Jaslin Hambleton	2nd-Rafferty	Kayla Manning
3rd-Gardner	Matthew Aragones	3rd-Nunn	Lee Richards
3rd-Robison	Apsen Konidaris	3rd- Winters	Heyabel Robel
3rd-Telfer	Jenna Rensvold	4th-Bergquist	Noah Leong
4th-Burgess	Oryan Certain	4th-King	Ian Robison
4th-Hambleton	Tenbit Asnake	5th-Maston	Maryjane Mills
4th-Rivenbark	Jodie Bengson	5th-Carter	Kate Dye
5th-Conti	Soliana Fikru	5th-Tooker	Scarlet Nielsen
6th-Baber	Nathan Yraola	6th-Gibson	Danika Molina
6th-Holloman	Lauren Canda	6th-Wallace	Kaleab Daniel
6th-Ryan	Gabriella Reyes	6th-Lindquist	Ryan Martinez

SCHOOL NEWS (K-12th GRADES)

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Thank you to all our students for participating in December's theme by watching for the needs of others! We see so many evidences of this trait at school each day. So many students seek to see needs and then do what they can to meet them – we are continually amazed as we watch your children help their classmates, help their teachers, pick up trash to keep our school looking neat, or just offer a kind word of encouragement to their friends.

We hope you have been experiencing some of this in your homes. A wonderful Builder's trait is to see things that need to be done without being told or asked – and we have made progress in this value this month! We are creating a wonderful community together as we unite in looking for ways to help. We challenge each of you to change the world for the better.

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

Student Store

We are looking for parents to help out with our student store. The student store is open during lunches for students 7th-12th grade and in January will be open to students in 4th-6th grade.

We are looking for parents who are available to help pick up items at Sam's Club and help sell items to students. If you are interested please email Mrs. Hill Natalie.Hill@apavegas.org

We are looking for parents who are available once a week either in the morning or around 10 AM-12PM. This will be a great opportunity to get your volunteer hours in!

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)



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 bonuses!**

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/>

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.

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 your student's grades, attendance, and assignments on a weekly basis as well.

ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC UPDATE (K-6):

Academic Update: Tis the Season for Illness

Thank you so much for bringing your students prepared and ready to work hard every day! We know that there's a lot of illness going around right now. If your student is sick and needs to stay home, please be sure to email attendance@apavegas.org and then please email your student's homeroom teacher so they can gather the work your student has missed. You can collect that work from the Elementary Office at the end of the day.

Please keep drinking lots of water, taking lots of vitamin C, and getting a lot of sleep! The Holiday Break is only a few short days away, so let's all try to finish strong!

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)

Can you believe that we are almost finished with the first Semester of the 2017-18 school year? Time has flown by. Winterim schedules have been finalized, midterm and final exams are being administered, senior pictures are done, graduation gowns are being ordered and diplomas are being designed. The school has been a hive of activity with sports, clubs, and concerts. With so much going on, we want to remind everyone of a few things that are very important to remember. Winterim class fees are now DUE. Depending on when you read the newsletter, fees may be past due. If fees are not paid, students will be removed from the class with a fee and placed in another class. Students who do not pay fees may or may not be consulted regarding class changes. This Friday the entire school will have their dismissals at 1:05, 1:15, and 1:30. Please don't forget to pick up your students! This Saturday will be the last session of "Attendance School" until after the new year. If your student has not attended Attendance School their tardies will NOT reset at the new Semester.

We anticipate that we will be mailing report cards out on Wednesday, December 20, 2018. Please check the mail. If you do not receive your student's report card over break please notify Mrs. Cindy Mayo. Students who have not made an attempt to attend Attendance School will not receive a mailed copy of their report cards.

Winterim

All schedule change forms for Winterim must be turned in to Ms. Steiner by 8am Friday, December 15th. Fees can be paid by following the link in the APA Secondary Google Classroom. All fees are due by Monday December 18 at 8am.

9th Grade Winter Dance

The 9th Grade winter dance was a huge hit with our 9th grade students. The Winter dance felt like a real winter wonderland. Special thanks to the parents who helped make it a huge success! Our 9th grade students had a fantastic time showing off their dancing skills with foxtrot, cha cha, waltz, and many line dances. Fun games were played and even better food was eaten.

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

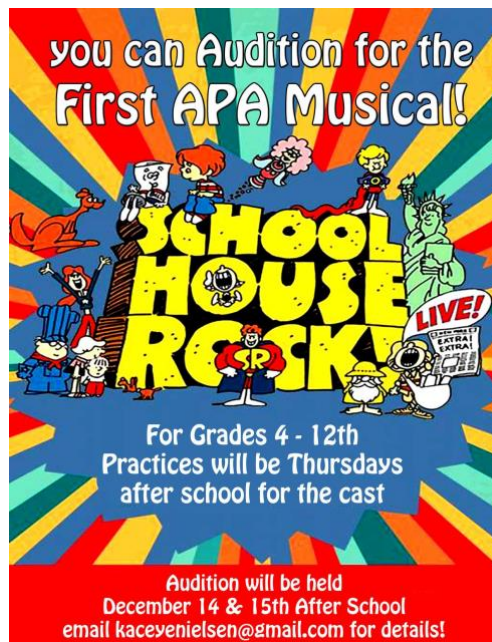
Performances - Thursday May 10th evening, Friday May 11th evening, Saturday May 12th Matinee and evening.

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

Congratulations to our Middle School Speech and Debate team! They did a great job at their tournament at Robinson Middle School last week. We had 24 students participate and 7 placed in the finals. Alana Nahabedian and Sahiba Sahni took 3rd place in Public Forum; Emery Anderson took 6th in Poetry; Taylor Dean took 6th in Dramatic Interpretation; Vivian Lee took 2nd, Jonathan Tesfaye placed 3rd, Alana Nahabedian was 4th, and Ashlee Meza was 6th. Four of the six places in Original Oratory were from APA! Thank you to all the parents and teachers that helped judge and support our team at the all day tournament. We couldn't do it without you!

Key Club

The Key Club was active this December. Club members made cards and friendship bracelets for the Sunrise Children's Hospital. They also had a potluck to celebrate the end of the semester. Members received their new Key Club spirit shirts. Our last service project of the year will be on December 20th at Opportunity Village Magical Forest.

Students grades 9-12 who are interested in joining Key Club should contact Ms. Steiner at shannon.steiner@apavegas.org

APA Eagles Volleyball and Basketball Teams

5th & 6th Grade Basketball

The 5/6 Basketball season kicked off this past weekend and our Red team played their first game vs. Doral Cactus! We didn't come out with a victory, but it was a great team effort all around. I would like to thank our Red team: Casey, Jaden, Nolan, Isaiah, Nathan, Taylor, Armand, Eyouel, and Cody. We will get stronger together every day!! Looking forward to next week, as well as our Navy team's first game of the season. **Eyouel Asnake** is this week's nominee for Builder recognition. Eyouel has great composure on and off the court and exemplifies a high level of sportsmanship. Immediately after our game he asked me what he can improve on. I love the dedication he exudes. Congratulations Eyouel!

--Coach Aaron

7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball

Our 7/8 RED and our 7/8 NAVY teams matched up against each other in the league opener this weekend. It was a fun and exciting game between our APA teams. Our Red team came out with the win.

7/8 Golden Eagle Award for the week:

RED TEAM: This week's honor goes to Amari Evans, for his relentless defense and tireless effort to get his team the ball.

NAVY TEAM: Kyle Williams, who had an amazing defense of game and was a force on the boards for the Navy team.

Congratulations to both players!!

This week is going to be a true test to see how we really stack up against all the teams in our league. Our **NAVY team** will be playing against Slam Bulls Jr. High at 11 a.m. Our **RED team** will be playing against the St. Rose Panthers at 2 p.m. Both Red and Navy teams play at home this Saturday, December 16th.

Come out at support our APA 7/8 Basketball Teams this Saturday at HOME. Enter on the back side of the school and wear your APA spirit shirts to get in for FREE

Varsity Volleyball

Varsity volleyball had a double header on Saturday. The first game was against Doral Red Rock which is always a good team. We beat them in two games. The second game was against Far West Academy. They had some powerful hitters, but we won in two as well!

Shout out to Marlee Headlee for being a great setter and Jay Dominguez for scoring a bunch of points with awesome serves!