



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

January Builders' Theme:
I am a builder when I work diligently
January 11, 2018

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Monday, January 15 th	NO SCHOOL – MLK Day
Wednesday, January 17 th	K-3 RU Assembly 8:05 am
Wednesday, January 17 th	4-6 RU Assembly 8:35 am
Friday, January 19 th	SPIRIT DAY****
Friday January 19 th	Last day of Secondary Winterim
Friday, January 19 th	Parent's Night Out 5-9 pm (see details below)
Wednesday, January 24 th	8 th Grade La Fiesta Event 1:00 pm
Wednesday, February 7 th	4-6 Grade Field Trips
Thursday, February 8 th	1-3 Grade Field Trip
Friday, February 9 th	Secondary NO SCHOOL PTC
Friday, February 9 th	Elementary 1:15 pm Dismissal
	Elementary Late Work Deadline/RU logs due

****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/>

December K-6 Builder Award Recipients:

K-Hatch AM	Finn Garret	K-Hatch PM	Paul Delatorre
K-Rambow AM	Emma Pruitt	K-Rambow PM	Namir Balogun
1st-Call	Allison Greene	1st-Freer	Arianna German
1st-Gomez	Wyatt Wells	2nd-DeJesus	Isaac Hernandez
2nd-Hayes	Saige Lomax	2nd-Johnson	Jacqueline Godinez
2nd-Martinez	Caleb Ahferom	2nd-Rafferty	Joshua Howley
3rd-Gardner	Ruth Berhanu	3rd-Nunn	Naomi Romant
3rd-Robison	Travis Wadsworth	3rd- Winters	Ashlyn Krajewski
3rd-Telfer	Kasiiah Norwood	4th-Bergquist	Kristel De Torres
4th-Burgess	Emmaline Leavitt	4th-King	Nixon Herlean
4th-Hambleton	Matthew Guan	5th-Maston	Annabella Stewart
4th-Rivenbark	Bethany Haile	5th-Carter	Sienna Rittenbaugh
5th-Conti	Arianna Furushima	5th-Tooker	Cason Roeth
6th-Baber	Aivy Le	6th-Gibson	Anthony Affronti
6th-Holloman	Jacob Zheng	6th-Wallace	Olivia Spargur
6th-Ryan	Seth Gutierrez	6th-Lindquist	Ashlee Meza

December Teacher/Instructor Builder Award Recipients:

K-3 Teacher/Instructor: Mrs. Turpin

4-6 Teacher/Instructor: Ms. Adrienne Braybrooke

SCHOOL NEWS (K-12th GRADES)

January Builder Theme: I am a builder when I work diligently

One of the biggest deterrents to working diligently is wasting time. When we look back on our day and how time passed –often we realize what could’ve been accomplished with that time. I know this is something that I experience. There are many ways to waste time, but one of the most common is by allowing ourselves to get distracted or discouraged about our tasks and assignments. The ease of turning on the TV, daydreaming, getting another drink of water, or texting with a friend often trumps the self-discipline required to do what requires thought and work.

So what can we do about it?

When the urge to roam hits, take a deep breath and be still while you refocus yourself by remembering your objective. After several deep breaths, move forward with a small step. For instance, if one of your assignments is to do online research, close all other windows that serve as a distraction and focus only on the task at hand.

Plan a certain time for your distractions and entertainment. Here at APA, we advocate no screens M-TH so that we can use time wisely for academic study, physical exercise, and other enriching pursuits. Plan to reward yourself for a week’s worth of hard work, by scheduling that video game or that movie on Friday or Saturday after your homework is complete.

Finally, review your goals. A clear picture of the time required to achieve these goals versus a realization of the amount time you are tempted to waste time will keep you on track for success. The thing is once you get to work on a project, it is usually no longer drudgery...not if you are truly committed to achieving successful results. The key is to take the first step at exactly the moment when you are tempted to waste time elsewhere. I challenge you try is this week and see how diligent you can be. You may be surprised and pleased at what you can accomplish.

Re-enrollment and Registration

Re-enrollment and registration for the 2018-19 school year will begin in March. Do NOT re-apply online through our website. All families will be required to attend a **Celebration of Excellence meeting**. These meetings will take place March 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. We will have morning and evening meetings to accommodate all schedules. A sign up genius link will be provided in a later email/newsletter. **ALL** families are required to attend a **Celebration of Excellence meeting** to receive their registration paperwork for the 2018-19 school year.

For those that would like to enroll siblings of currently enrolled students for the 2018-19 school year, DO NOT apply online through our website. You will need to fill out a Sibling Priority Enrollment form that will be distributed at the **Celebration of Excellence meetings**. This form MUST be filled out each year, so please plan on completing it again even if you completed it last year.

All students that know that they will NOT be returning for the 2018-19 school year, please email registrar@apavegas.org as soon as possible with that information.

Parents Night Out - Hosted by Entrepreneur Club

Parents, need a night out and want to give the kids something new and fun to do? The Entrepreneur Club has just the ticket. Next Friday (01/19/2018) from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. we'll be having our first Parents Night Out Event; they'll be arts' crafts, music, a photo booth, story telling, sin-a-longs, a basketball clinic and many more activities as well. Snacks will also be available for purchase. Elementary students (**K-6**) may stay for as long as you would like; one hour, up to two, three, or four hours - the cost is \$5 per hour per child (there is a "Family discount" available as well).

We do need parent volunteers for this event and you can sign up for this at: [HTTP://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/508094CABAD2BA2F94-PARENTS](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094cabad2ba2f94-parents) if you'd like to help out (and get in your volunteer hours).

A flyer with additional information will be being sent home with your child this week.

Please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Grealish (frank.grealish@apavegas.org), the Entrepreneur Club Advisor, if you have any questions regarding the above.

Thank you for your support, the Entrepreneur Club.

Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week is coming up, February 12th-16th. If you are interested in helping our FSO with any of the activities or projects, please email FSO@APAVEGAS.ORG. This is a super fun way to get your volunteer hours in.

Our Families Conquered the Friends of APA Holiday Giving Campaign

In a short two-week time period in December, you helped us raise \$9,617.57 for our staff appreciation fund! Every one of our 700+ staff members received a bonus. Simply put, if it weren't for our faithful APA families, we wouldn't advance our commitment to pay our teachers and staff at a level equal to the value that they provide to our students.

How can you reward our super star staff for all they do for your children year round? Please consider making a monthly donation as a member of the [Builders Club](#). 100% of these funds are used to build our staff appreciation fund and bolster our ability to acquire matching donations from corporate and community organizations. Thank you!

With heartfelt thanks, we express our gratitude to the many staff and volunteers who helped with this campaign - Candy Friedli, Constance Falatea, Michelle Goudge, Michelle McMahan, Emily Peery, and our parent volunteers in the office. You are all worth your weight in chocolate because we couldn't have done it without you!

Box Tops

We just received a check from Box Tops and earned \$2721.40 in FREE money for APA! This is from the end of last school year through November! Keep sending them in, each one adds up and goes a LONG way! Great job families!

Carpool

Please note that students can be dropped off as early as 7:25 am. For those that are fighting the lines at 7:45, consider dropping off your student between 7:25 and 7:35 – THERE IS NEVER A LINE AT THAT TIME.

Volunteers Needed!!!

1. We are looking for a few APA Family members that are licensed to perform and sign off on yearly physicals and would be willing to volunteer their time for an Athletic APA Fundraiser in early June. Your volunteer time will count toward your 20 required hours at APA. If you are interested in helping out or if you have any questions please contact our Athletic Director Darrell Larsen at darrell.larsen@apavegas.org
2. We are looking for Volunteers for our basketball games this Saturday and Tuesday January 16th. Please use this link and sign up today. We will be using this link for the remaining winter season for our athletic games. Please always check it for additional days and times for volunteer slots. Remember you can use these volunteer hours for your required 20 hours here at APA. Thank you in advance for your support with our Athletics and our school.

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

ELEMENTARY NEWS (K-6)

Academic Update: Geography Bee

We are so excited for our upcoming Geography Bee!

Students in grades 1st-6th will be having classroom geography bees in their classrooms. They will be receiving a flyer from National Geographic with information on study materials and tools this week, so please help your students prepare.

Finalists in grades 4th – 6th will also compete in the School Geography Bee.

Classroom Geography Bees will be held January 22nd-26th, so please help your student to prepare. The school bee will be held Thursday, February 1st. We are so excited to see how well the students do!

If you have any questions please contact your student's homeroom teachers.

SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

One of the great things that we do at American Prep is the requirement of our students to take Latin as their foreign language. Latin is the root language for all “romance languages”, it is the language of science and law. Latin helps prepare our students for college entrance exams where students are tested on their vocabulary among other things. Each year the committee at the University of Mary Washington creates and distributes the National Latin Exam to students across the nation. The exam is an amazing opportunity for our students to determine their ranking nationally in terms of their Latin knowledge. We would like to take the time now to thank the parents and students who have paid the \$5.00 fee for the National Latin exam. We do have a small group of students who have not paid for the exam. Those who have not paid to date will receive an email from one of our Latin teachers requesting payment. We thank you in advance for your support of this great opportunity. Last year our school had more students take the exam than any other school in Nevada. We are proud to be the leaders in this amazing area.

Each year in the yearbook we have a section that celebrates our student athletes. As a charter school we are unique in that we have students who attend our school but participate in sports at their zoned schools. We have celebrated these students in the past and would like to continue to celebrate them this year. If your student participates in sports at another school, please provide a picture to pictures@apavegas.org. We will then sort the pictures and do our best to include all of them in this year's year book.

As a school we will be attempting to qualify students for the National Geography Bee. Upon our return to classes following Winterim 7th and 8th grade History classes will be taking a test. Those students who score the highest on their test will qualify for a school bee to be held at the beginning of February. Students have all been provided a flier which will give them links which will prepare them for the entrance exam. Please contact your students' history teacher (Ms. WInovich or Mrs. Thunell) for further information.

8th Grade Ambassadors Event

Ay-yi-yi! Arriba, arriba! 8th grade students get ready for La Fiesta on Wednesday, January 24th. During this event students will learn the importance of their GPA, respecting other cultures, ways to befriend others, and so much more! There will also be tasty foods such as chips and salsa and a delicious soup. Mark your calendars, clear your schedules, and get ready to have a blast! Any parents who want to volunteer at this event please sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-8thgrade3>

Key Club

About ten Key Club students volunteered at the Magical Forest at Opportunity Village over the holiday break. They braved the cold to support a great organization and bring smiles to children's faces with their holiday cheer. Additionally, on Monday, the Kiwanis sponsors came to speak to the club about their work in the community. Lastly, some of the Key Club students will be assisting the Entrepreneur Club next Friday, January 19th at their fundraiser. See **PARENTS NIGHT OUT** in this NEWSLETTER!

CLUBS AND ATHLETICS

4th and 5th grade Ukulele Club - Seeking New Members!

Are you wishing to escape the winter-chill and experience the warm, tropical sounds of ukulele music? Would you like to dedicate yourself to learning and practicing on a fun, new stringed instrument? Then UKULELE CLUB may be for YOU!

Ms. English wishes to invite (20) new 4th & 5th grade beginners for the next session of Ukulele Club, which will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, starting Tuesday, February 6th and concluding Thursday, May 31st, 2018, with an Aloha Recital!

If you are interested in making this 2 day/week commitment to learn ukulele, parents please email Ms. English at devon.english@apavegas.org. I will send the first (20) parents/students an invitation to join. At that time, you will be given further information on fees for your instrument & method book rental.

Mahalo and Aloha!

Game Schedule for this week

9:00 am	Basketball: Boys HS Game	vs. Equipo Academy @ Slam Academy
11:00 am	Basketball: Boys 7/8 NAVY	vs. Slam Academy @ APA
12:00 pm	Basketball: Girls HS	vs. Slam Academy @ Slam Academy
12:00 pm	Basketball: Boys 5/6 NAVY	vs. Doral Cactus @ Pinecrest Cadence
2:00 pm	Basketball: Boys 5/6 RED	vs. Pinecrest Cadence @ Pinecrest Cadence
2:00 pm	Basketball: Boys 7/8 RED	vs. Pinecrest St. Rose @ APA

Girls Basketball

"A coach will impact more young people in a year than the average person does in a lifetime!" - Billy Graham

Nothing makes a coach more proud than not being able to choose a clear "Athlete of the Week"! The Lady Eagles all played so well against Founders Academy. EVERYONE gave 100% and stepped up when needed. Although we did not walk away with the win, we did walk away with a respectable loss. The coaching staff spent hours trying to decide which ONE player deserved this honor and couldn't narrow it down to just one. We have selected **Dayanara Rodriguez** for her aggressive defense and tenacious rebounding and one of our captains, **Giada Pernice** for her offensive leadership and continuous encouragement of her teammates! We are finally looking like a team!! Bring on Game 3!!

High School Volleyball

Last Saturday, the high school volleyball team played against the Word of Life Eagles. The match went to 3 games, but we ended up with a loss. Our players did great. Nayeli Ramirez did a great job covering the entire court with her passing. Thanks so much Nayeli!