



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

January Builders' Theme:
I am a builder when I work diligently
January 17, 2018

Las Vegas - School Calendar

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	K-6 SWYK Assembly 8:05 am
Wednesday, January 24 th	8 th Grade La Fiesta Event 1:00 pm
Wednesday, January 31 st	7 th Grade Rising Stars Event 1:00 pm
Thursday, February 1 st	4-8 th Grade Geography Bee
Wednesday, February 7 th	4-6 Grade Field Trip
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 RU Award Recipients:

K-Hatch AM	Christian Bagley	K-Hatch PM	Cali Kiss
K-Rambow AM	Cassidy Denos	K-Rambow PM	Alessandra Negrete
1st-Call	Panayiotis Murray	1st-Freer	Aspen Groneman
1st-Gomez	Imran Nabil	2nd-DeJesus	Zach Park
2nd-Hayes	Christian Barnum	2nd-Johnson	Zada Certain
2nd-Martinez	Alexah Kerle'e	2nd-Rafferty	Elysia Jezriel Hilario
3rd-Gardner	Rhode Nielsen	3rd-Nunn	Kevin Xu
3rd-Robison	Kebrone Adane	3rd- Winters	Elijah Poopola
3rd-Telfer	Kal-el Tan	4th-Bergquist	Amran Solomon
4th-Burgess	Simon Hunachew	4th-King	Isaiah Greenblatt
4th-Hambleton	Presley Larkin	5th-Maston	Jordan Beatty
4th-Rivenbark	Brayden Delatorre	5th-Carter	Enzo Durand
5th-Conti	Abby Yuen	5th-Tooker	Max Maroe
6th-Baber	Eyerusalem Gerbemeskel	6th-Gibson	Azaria Hernandez
6th-Holloman	Danielle Bonilla	6th-Wallace	Taylor Ibarra
6th-Ryan	Alex Ciltea	6th-Lindquist	Alyssa Casurao

SCHOOL NEWS (K-12th GRADES)

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I read a fascinating book a few years ago called *Outliers*, in which author Malcolm Gladwell studied the lives of tremendously successful groups or individuals to find out how they attained success. As a result, he claims that it takes around ten thousand hours of practice to achieve mastery in a field. How does Gladwell arrive at this conclusion? As one example, in the early 1990s, a team of psychologists in Berlin, Germany studied the practice habits of violin students in childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. All were asked, "Over the course of your entire career, ever since you first picked up the violin, how many hours have you practiced?" All of the violinists began playing at roughly five years of age with similar practice times. However, at age eight, practice times began to diverge. By age twenty, the elite performers averaged more than 10,000 hours of practice each, while the less able performers had only 4,000 hours of practice. The elite had more than double the practice hours of the less capable performers. *They were more diligent.* The diligent software developer writes code at work, and as well as writing software on her own time. The diligent athlete practices on the field with his teammates, then goes home to watch game films. The diligent physician listens to medical podcasts in the car during the car ride home. We can all become great at something by being diligent. Think about what you like to do and how you would like to become even better at it; then work diligently to achieve it!

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. This 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 and crafts, music, a photo booth, story-telling, sing-alongs, 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 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 Surpassed Our Goal for 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 McMahon, 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!

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 some volunteers for this Saturday's games. Please use the sign up link to sign up today. All of your volunteer hours count toward your 20 required for the year at APA. Thank you in advance for your time.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f45ada82da5f58-winter>

ELEMENTARY NEWS (K-6)

Academic Update: Intervention Parent/Teacher Conferences

It has been a great year so far here at American Prep! Thank you for sharing your wonderful students with us. We appreciate having you as part of our American Prep family.

At this time each year, we carefully look at all the progress being made by each student. This is the time that we start making plans and setting goals to ensure that each student is on grade level before the end of the year. Benchmarks and promotional guidelines for each grade are set in place to help us determine the success of a student from year to year.

If your student is not meeting this benchmark you will be contacted to meet with your student's teacher for an intervention PTC. At this meeting, you will discuss what needs to be done for your student to meet the promotion guidelines by the end of the year.

This conference is by teacher request only and is made on an individual student basis. If you have questions about promotional guidelines please contact your student's teacher.

SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

8th Grade La Fiesta

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>

7th Grade Rising Stars

On Wednesday, January 31st, from 12:40-2:05 PM, all 7th grade students will be participating in the Rising Stars Ambassador Event where they will be learning the secrets of accepting invitations, learn how to be confident, practice American Style cutting techniques with food, and much much more! We are so excited to have the students and their teachers there to participate in this fun event! Parents! Volunteers are needed and welcome! We need volunteers to be team leaders to help students rotate between stations, and assist with setup and cleanup. You are going to love to be a part of all of the fun festivities we have planned! If you are available to help for any amount of time, please email Mrs. Hill at Natalie.Hill@apavegas.org

7th-11th Spring 2017 Council

We are so excited to announce the following students have been called to council. 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. These students have shown excellent work in the classroom and in leadership.

7th Grade

Zoe Berg
Kate Perkes
Eva Yazdanpanah
Joshua Amara
Tanner Dobbins
Beckett Melver

8th Grade

Vanessa Chen
Adeline Grealish
Ellie Zierse
Jeric Daza
William Dwyer
Hendry Lai

9th Grade

Feker Beshah
Abigail Perez
Arsenio Angus
Reagan Youngblood

10th Grade

Ava Boris
Kyle Skrinak
Thad Cressman
Nien Tran

11th Grade

Jocelyn Jauregui
Madelyn Vargas
Thomas Maranon
Ricardo Menning

CLUBS AND ATHLETICS

Middle School Speech and Debate

This Saturday, January 20th the Middle School Speech and Debate Team will be participating in its 2nd tournament at Roy Martin Middle School. Please show your support by offering to judge. Even if you can only spare one hour of your time, it would be greatly appreciated. Remember your volunteer time will go toward your required 20 hours here at APA.

Our Middle School Speech & Debate team will be wearing their yellow ties on Friday before their event at school. If you see them in the halls, please wish them luck! If you would like to be a judge, please email Tiara Bergquist at tiara.bergquist@apavegas.org

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 Saturday 1/20

9:00 am	Basketball: Boys HS Game	vs. American Heritage @ Slam Academy
9:00 am	Basketball: Boys 5/6 Red	vs. Somerset Stephanie @ Pinecrest Cadence
10:00 am	Basketball: Boys 5/6 NAVY	vs. Doral Pebble @ Pinecrest Cadence
11:00 am	Basketball: Boys 7/8 RED	vs. Mater Mustangs @ APA
12:00 pm	Basketball: Girls	vs. Slam Academy @ Slam Academy
2:00 pm	Volleyball: HS	vs. Equipo Academy @ Pinecrest-St. Rose

5/6 Red Basketball

The 5/6 Basketball Red Team played as a cohesive unit this week vs. Doral Pebble. We forced multiple turnovers and shared the ball well. Everyone scored at least two buckets and we won 45-3. MVP honors go to Casey Unitas, he led by example on defense and found a lane on fast breaks time after time. Go Eagles!!

7/8 Boys Basketball

It's a great day to be a Eagle! As predicted last week both team were victorious completing a clean sweep. We couldn't be prouder of the hard work our young men put in all week.

Game Recaps:

You could tell there was something in the air. The Red team had eaten their Wheaties on this day! The starting five came out hot and scored at will as they built a nice 12-point lead before the second unit came in. While they did cut into our lead a little, we were able to take an 8 point lead into halftime. In the second half, we turned the defense up and we were able to turn steals into points. Some great moments in the game was when Drais got a steal and threw a perfect no-look, over the head backwards pass to Amari for a layup. Another one, was when David got a rebound and went coast to coast making a layup, getting fouled in return. But the best moment of them all was when Dylan passed up a 3 pointer and took a shot outside the key to finish off Drais 10th assist of the day. All in all, 9 of the 10 players scored in the game. **APA Red 41 - Pebble 27** The Golden Eagle player of the week goes to William "Will" Banks with 11 points, 20 rebounds and he just had a Birthday the day before.

The Navy team had a forfeit so they won the game before they even stepped on the court. Since we showed up we just decided to play a game anyway. The game was really close and exciting. Everyone played hard, took open shots, and made lots of baskets. Eden made his first three pointer and scored 7 points. Nate killed it continuously with big play after big play. Kyle Holmes played like a beast, and had a double in points and rebounds. The Golden Eagle player of the week goes to Kyle Holmes who not only had a great game, but has been helping others improve in practice as well.

Varsity Boys Basketball

APA's High School Boys' basketball team defeated previously unbeaten Doral Red Rock 30-20 in NCSSL play on Saturday, January 13. The victory snapped a three-game road losing streak which included two losses at NCSSL leader SLAM JV team and one loss at NIAA Calvary Chapel Christian School. With the win the Eagles are now 2-4 overall and 2-2 in league play.

The first half was tightly contested, and behind senior guard Brody McLeod's hot shooting (4-4 from the floor, 9 points) the Eagles led 16-15 at halftime. Dominant rebounding and solid defense allowed APA to pull away in the second half. The Eagles pulled down 25 rebounds - 11 offensive - in the second half. APA's defense stymied Red Rock in the second half, holding Doral to only 5 points. Senior forward Anthony Harley pulled down 12 rebounds (5 offensive) to lead the team. McLeod led all scorers with 15 points and also contributed 6 rebounds (3 offensive). The Eagles host Founders' Academy this Tuesday (January 16, tip off approximately 6:00 p.m.) and face off against American Heritage Academy at SLAM in NCSSL play on Saturday (January 20, tip off at 9:00 a.m.).