



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

January Builders' Theme:
I am a builder when I work diligently
January 25, 2018

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Wednesday, January 31 th	K-6 SWYK Assembly 8:05 am
Wednesday, January 31 st	7 th Grade Rising Stars Event 1:00 pm
Thursday, February 1 st	4-8 th Grade Geography Bee-By invite only
Friday, February 2 nd -9 th	K-3 MAPS Testing
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
Monday-Friday, February 19 th -23 rd	Mid-Winter Break

SCHOOL NEWS (K-12th GRADES)

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In a field one hot summer's day a grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to its heart's content. A group of ants walked by, grunting as they struggled to carry plump kernels of corn. "Where are you going with those heavy things?" asked the grasshopper. Without stopping, the first ant replied, "To our ant hill. This is the third kernel I've delivered today." "Why not come and sing with me," teased the grasshopper, "instead of working so hard?" "Unfortunately, I don't have time for this", the Ant answered, "I must work hard, so that winter won't find me without shelter and food. And I think you should do the same." "Stop worrying so much, there is still plenty of time to prepare for winter. Let's sing and dance together, let's laugh and enjoy life. Winter is far away and it is a glorious day to play," sang the grasshopper. But Ant was very wise and wouldn't pay attention to the Grasshopper's words and continued to work hard and store food for the long winter that was to come. The weather soon turned cold. All the food lying in the field was covered with a thick white blanket of snow that even the grasshopper could not dig through. Soon the grasshopper found itself very hungry. He staggered to the ants' hill and saw them handing out corn from the stores they had collected in the summer. He begged them for something to eat. "What!" cried the ants in surprise, "haven't you stored anything away for the winter? What in the world were you doing all last summer?" "I didn't have time to store any food," complained the grasshopper; "I was so busy playing music that before I knew it the summer was gone." This fable introduces our builders theme this month: I am a builder when I *work diligently*. Doing something **diligently** means doing it thoroughly and well. It is the opposite of doing it shoddily. The beginning of the year presents a great opportunity for each one of us to commit to working diligently at our schoolwork, our jobs, our exercise program, and our goals. Ready... set... let's go to work!

American Preparatory Academy and Africa

In Zambia, the schools begin their new school year each year in January and the school year goes through November (unlike America where our school year goes from August-June). Unfortunately, due to the terrible cholera outbreak that started in December, the schools have not been able to open yet in Zambia. We have received word they may be able to open January 29th.

This cholera outbreak brings to our attention the deplorable conditions that these students face every day. The students at our school use dug latrines (basically holes in the ground, hand dug) to go to the bathroom. They bring in water on a truck daily. They are in desperate need of a well, a pump, an elevated water tank, a septic field and bathrooms.

The cost for these vital improvements will be about \$25,000. We currently have \$5,000 raised. We are in need of a committee of parents who would be enthusiastic about putting together a fundraising campaign to raise the remaining \$20,000. If your heart is touched by this need, please email the contact below and let's get working together!!

Here is some information about the school we are helping:

Name: Chiyembekezo/African Prep Academy (African name/English Name)

Location: Lusaka, Zambia Africa

Grades served: K-9 currently; planning for grades 10-12 as soon as possible (see below)

Student count: 165

Students take final exams in November and are given a ranking. Because there are so many students who cannot get into a good school, rankings and final exam scores are very important in Zambia!

We are happy to report that **97%** of the 7th graders at African Prep Academy passed their 7th Grade End of Year Country Exams. **100%** of the 9th graders passed their 9th Grade End of Year Country Exams. Students in 8th grade are not tested on any year-end tests. Test results like African Prep's results are not common in Zambia! Our teachers worked hard and did an amazing job this year ensuring all of their students were taught to mastery!

Our teachers at African Prep have requested that we help them expand the school to 10th-12th grades. Before we can move forward on that project, we must bring clean water and sanitation facilities to the school!

Do you (or anyone in your family) want to get involved in our American Prep - African Prep partnership? We need great-hearted people to serve on this committee! If you are interested in getting involved, please contact me, Laura Campbell @ Laura.campbell@apavegas.org. We would love to have you to join us in this exciting endeavor!

Math Night (K-6) February 27th 5:30 - 7:30PM

APA will be hosting our first Family Math Night at APA February 27th. We are partnering with MATHNASIUM to create a night of learning and fun. Students K-6th and their families are invited to attend this fun family event. Entry is FREE. Students and families will be playing fun Math games and can learn at the same time. There will be giveaways, rewards and games. Mark your calendars for this FUN EVENT! **RSVP is required, please RSVP**

to laurie.saposhnik@mathnasium.com If anyone is interested in volunteering, please use the sign up. Remember you can use these volunteer hours toward your required 20hrs. Thank you in advance for your volunteer time.

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

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 <http://registrar@apavegas.org> as soon as possible with that information.

Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week is coming up (FEB 12-16)! We would LOVE your help to get every single staff door decorated! You may sign up for ANY door on the list!! Door decorating will be held after school on Friday, February 9th! For more info and to sign up to decorate a door please go to the link below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545a8a822a2fe3-door>

Carpool

Starting on Monday, January, 29th, we will no longer be having staff on our morning carpool curbs. You will need to prompt your students to get out of the car by themselves, **NOT** waiting for someone to open the door. Please be sure to pull to the front of the lane before dropping off your students, not leaving large gaps between cars. Please make sure you disengage your child locks on the curb side of your cars. Parents are **NOT** allowed to get out of their car to assist in drop off. We will still have staff directing the flow of traffic. Please be aware of them and give them a wink and a smile. Thank you for following all of our carpool procedures. We realize that carpool could take a lot longer, 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.**

Yearbook Order: Deadline April 5, 2018

To order yearbooks please use these codes

Elementary Code: 12746218

Secondary Code: 12389718

Order online: ybpay.lifetouch.com

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: Elementary Field Trips

We are so excited about our upcoming elementary field trips! These field trips are great opportunities for our students to demonstrate what they've been learning in their classes!

We are so grateful for all of your help in our fundraising efforts and are excited that this year, our students will be able to travel to their field trip destinations in busses!

Students in the 4th-6th grades will be having their field trips on Wednesday, February 7th. Students in the 1st-3rd grades will be having their fields trips on Thursday, February 8th.

Please make sure you sign and return their Field Trip Permission Form. If you have any questions regarding your students field trip, please contact their homeroom teacher for more information.

Please remember, students need to adhere to the school dress code and attend their field trips in their full school uniform, this includes their nametag. Students who are not in their full school uniform will not be allowed to attend the field trip.

SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

We are sad to announce that Friday was the last day that Mrs. Graves worked as a full-time employee American Preparatory Academy. Mrs. Graves submitted her resignation prior to the winter break but was kind enough to remain on staff for our Winterim classes. Mrs. Graves was one of many who endured the first years at the Oakey. She has an amazing opportunity to transition to a position as a full-time mom to support her family. We wish Mrs. Graves well with her new endeavors. We look forward to seeing Mrs. Graves around campus as she assists with accompaniment of our music programs. We are happy to announce that Ms. Devon English has accepted the position as our Secondary Choir Director. Ms. English will pull "triple duty" as she will continue to run our Elementary and Secondary Orchestra programs and our choir. We are lucky to have people who are so talented and willing to pass along their love for the arts.

Winterim

We join with our students in lamenting the end to Winterim for 2018. We had an amazing 3 weeks of education that we hope our students thoroughly enjoyed. We were lucky to see the performances and presentations of many of our students this past week. We are thankful to our staff who worked so hard to ensure that our students enjoyed their Winterim experience. Shortly, your students will be receiving a survey asking them questions that will better help us in our future Winterim periods. Please encourage your student to take the time to give us feedback.

Honorary Memberships

Some high school students may have received an invitation in the mail to join the National Society of High School Scholars. This is a blanket invite and is not based on specific academic achievement. They ask for a fee of \$75, for which your student will receive a membership card and a certificate. While it can be included on college applications and resumes, admissions officials recognize that these are not earned awards. Though its name sounds similar, this is a different

organization from the prestigious National Honor Society. For these reasons, the administration at APA suggests that parents do their own research on the organization before paying for a membership.

Latin Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to our Latin Quiz Bowl Teams for their victories in the Southern Nevada Certamen held Saturday, January 20th at Liberty High School! Our novice team (Maysun Adair) took second place. Our intermediate teams (Simon Hulet, Matiey Tefera, Mary Tekele) (Charlize Chen, Jordan Magee, Alexandra Roberts) took second and third places respectively.

Nevada Junior Classics League

We are proud to be hosting the Nevada Junior Classics League state convention at APA on February 23 and 24. The state convention is a fantastic opportunity for our students to show what they know, win awards, have fun, and meet Latin students from all across the state. Any secondary student may register and come join us for two days of activities, classes, sporting events, and more. There is a \$40 fee to cover the cost of food and activities for the duration of this event. Registration paperwork and fees are due by January 29. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Williams at neoma.williams@apavegas.org.

Adopt - A - Pilot (7th-12th Grade)

American Prep been chosen to participate in a unique learning opportunity with Southwest Airlines. **Southwest Airlines Adopt - A - Pilot** program is a way to educate students through aviation-themed activities related to Science, Geography, Math, Writing, and other core subjects. As part of the Adopt-A-Pilot program, students will also research careers and further develop life skills, while the importance of staying in school is reinforced.

This program will be an after-school program for 4-6 weeks, 1 X per week. The program will start the week of February 5th. Days and times to be announced. Space is limited and only offered to students grades 7th-12th. If your student would like to participate in this program, please send an email to Mrs. Herman at kelly.herman@apavegas.org

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN YOUR EMAIL TO MRS HERMAN:

Students Name
Students Grade
Parents Name
Parents Email
Parents Cell

8th Grade La Fiesta

Marvillosos!!! La Fiesta was such a great time! The 8th grade students were able to practice their escorting and dancing skills as well as brush up on their table manners and learn important information when thinking about their future. Several students received awards for their participation, positive attitudes, and willingness to learn new information! A big thank you to our amazing parent volunteers! We could not do these workshops without you!

Test your students' knowledge with the following questions:

What is it called when you stand by and watch but do not offer help? (*A bystander*)

What is the solution to wrecking? (*Kindness to everyone*)

What does it mean to be a part of the solution? (*To stand up, be kind, courteous, and civil.*)

What is the motto about Friendship at APA? (*Everyone is everyone's friend*)

How is the soup plate different than the soup bowl? (*Wider and more shallow*)

In what direction should you scoop your soup? (*Away from yourself so the drips drip in the bowl, not in your lap*)

What makes a question a strong conversation starter? (*It requires more than a yes or no answer.*)

When a gentleman escorts a lady to a formal receiving line, what word should he use in place of introduce? (**PRESENT**)

During introductions, respect is shown to the person who is greater in what 3 areas? (*Age, rank or gender*)

In a receiving line what should the lady never have to say? (*Her name.*)

How does a gentleman know to introduce himself to the first person in the receiving line? (*He makes eye contact with that person*)

What word describes the similarities in a group of people? (*Culture*)

What must a successful leader be? (*Comfortable*)

What comes from learning about other cultures? (*Mutual Respect*)

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 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, please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aca72ca0f58-7thgrade2>

CLUBS AND ATHLETICS

High School Speech & Debate: We Need Volunteers!

Our APA High School Speech & Debate students will be competing in the upcoming league tournament January 26th and 27th at Palo Verde High School. As a team, we are required to bring parent judges to these events and we need your help. Please volunteer a few hours of your time to judge one of our events. There is no experience required, all you have to do is listen to student speeches/debates and decide which one you liked the best. 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. If you are interested in helping out please sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0F4EAAA72EAAFC1-speech or contact Kimberly Abbot at kimberly.abbott@apavegas.org. For more information about our High School Speech & Debate team contact lisa.cates@apavegas.org.

Middle School Speech and Debate

We would like to congratulate the Middle School Speech and Debate team for winning third place at last weekend's tournament! In addition, we would like to congratulate the following students:

Jonathan Tesfaye and Ari Feiler for receiving 1st place in Public Forum
Alana Nahabedian and Sahiba Sahni for receiving 4th place in Public Forum
Angel Corn and Dany Benny for receiving 6th place in Public Forum

Sahiba Sahni took 6th place in impromptu

Jonathan Tesfaye took 2nd place in original oratory
Charlize Valdecanes took 3rd place in original oratory
Alana Nahabedian took 5th place in original oratory
Vivianne Lee took 6th place in original oratory

All 27 of the Middle School Speech and Debate students that attended the tournament worked very hard and contributed to our team's overall win of third place. We are very proud of them as this is only our second tournament! Thank you to all of our parents and high school team that volunteered at the tournament. If you would like to volunteer at future events for Speech & Debate, please contact tiara.bergquist@apavegas.org

Game Schedule for this Saturday 1/27

10:00 am	Basketball: Boys 5/6 Red	vs. Silver Sands Montessori @ Pinecrest Cadence
11:00 am	Volleyball: HS	vs. Equipo Academy @ Pinecrest- St. Rose
12:00 pm	Basketball: Girls HS	vs. Founders Academy @ Slam Academy
1:00 pm	Basketball: Boys 7/8 RED	vs. Pinecrest Cadence @ APA
2:00 pm	Basketball: Boys 5/6 NAVY	vs. Somerset Stephanie @ Pinecrest Cadence
2:00 pm	Basketball: Boys 7/8 NAVY	vs. Somerset Stephanie @ APA

High School Volleyball

The High School Volleyball team had a very successful game against Equipo Academy last Saturday. The team played great together and their amazing serves made the 2nd game a pretty quick one. They won both games and had a few extra minutes to have a friendly scrimmage against Equipo. Shoutout to Mary Gibbs for her great passes and serves. She really helped everyone out. Please join us this Saturday at 11 am at Pinecrest St. Rose as we play the other Equipo Academy team. We would love to have more fans there to cheer the team on.

5/6 Red and Navy Basketball

The 5/6 Basketball Red Team had the early game at 9am, but we came for the W. In a 45-8 victory, everyone who participated, scored and shared the ball efficiently throughout the game. Nolan Borja was the MVP for his, great floor general, strong defense, and scoring 15 points. GO EAGLES!!

Navy also played a great game. Passing continues to get better with excellent outlet passes following strong rebounding. Even better, we are playing with more consciousness leading to fewer turnovers, which leads more shots and ultimately more points. This week CJ Colwell pulls in MVP for the game. He had a double double with 12 points and 11 rebounds in the 38-8 win.

7/8 Boys Basketball

Eagle has landed in the winner circle once again. Each week we're getting better and better as you can see the wins are totaling up in a big way.

Game Recaps:

The Red team came out hot, and lead the whole game. Amari had a great game defensively as he applied pressure non-start racking up steal after steal. We were able to pull away in the end with a 11-point win. William owned the boards. Draiss, while injured, was still able to play at a high-level. We still have a few things that we need to work on. Hopefully we can address those issues so we can be ready for the playoffs. Eagles 29 - Mustangs 18

This week's Golden Eagle award goes to Demitri Diamant. While Demitri was getting hit left and right by the physical team, he was able to remain focused and lockdown the Mustang's best player and contribute to the offense as well.

The Navy team came out and took control of the game in the beginning. They were able to remain focused throughout the game and apply constant pressure. Kyle Holmes physical play helped the defense turn up the pressure. While Kyle Williams showed off his shape shooting skills. Dan "The Man" was able to get his usual basket as soon as he checked in the game. Nate was the most consistent player making plays on both ends and running the show as the point guard. Michael was able to add his name in the stat sheet as he was able to get a bucket late in the game.

This week's Golden Eagle player goes to Eden Ben-Aroya. Eden showed that he had range as he knocked 3's and was consistent in practice all week. Eden is a player that proves that if you work hard good things will happen.

Varsity Boys Basketball

American Prep's High School Boys' Basketball team won one game and lost one game last week. In non-league action on Tuesday, the Eagles fell at home to Founders' Academy 47-36. Junior forward Clifton Norton led the Eagles in both scoring (10) and rebounding (6) in the losing effort. This was the Eagles' second loss to the Centurions, and the two teams will meet again in league play on February 10 at SLAM Academy.

On Saturday morning at SLAM Academy the Eagles beat the American Heritage Patriots 46-24. APA's victory was their second consecutive NCSSL win, and it improved APA's NCSSL record

to 3-2 (3-5 overall). The Eagles got off to a slow start against the Patriots and led 17-14 with less than a minute left in the first half. A steal and last second layup by senior forward Anthony ended the half and built the Eagles' lead to five points (19-14). APA used an 8-0 run in the first few minutes of the second half to break the game open. Unselfish play and solid team defense allowed the Eagles to finish the game on a 19-10 run to account for the final margin.

The Eagles' effort was their best performance as a team all season. APA recorded season highs in field goal percentage (50%) and recorded 14 assists on its 22 made field goals. Harley led the Eagles in both scoring (17) and rebounding (5), converting 8 of his 12 field goal attempts and 1 of his 2 free throws. Harley also added 4 steals. Senior forward Mathew Iwatsubo (8 points, 4 rebounds), senior guard Brody McLeod (8 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists), and Norton (9 points) accounted for the bulk of the rest of APA's scoring.

The high school boys' team will host the SLAM JV team in non-league action on Monday, January 29 (time TBA). Come on out and support your Eagles!