



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

February Builders' Theme:
I am a builder when I Befriend Others
February 1, 2018

Las Vegas - School Calendar

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
Wednesday, February 14 th	K-3 Builder Assembly 8:05 am
Wednesday, February 14 th	4-6 Builder Assembly 8:35 am
Friday, February 16 th	Spirit Day
Monday-Friday, February 19 th -23 rd	Mid-Winter Break

SCHOOL NEWS (K-12th GRADES)

February Builder Theme: I am a builder when I befriend others

The Making Of Friends

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered and nobody helped us along,
If each every minute looked after himself and good things all went to the strong,
If nobody cared just a little for you, and nobody thought about me,
And we stood all alone to the battle of life, what a dreary old world it would be!

If there were no such a thing as a flag in the sky as a symbol of comradeship here,
If we lived as the animals live in the woods, with nothing held sacred or dear,
And selfishness ruled us from birth to the end, and never a neighbor had we,
And never we gave to another in need, what a dreary old world it would be!

Oh, if we were rich as the richest on earth and strong as the strongest that lives,
Yet never we knew the delight and the charm of the smile which the other man gives,
If kindness were never a part of ourselves, though we owned all the land we could see,
And friendship meant nothing at all to us here, what a dreary old world it would be!

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made and the things which in common we share;
We want to live on not because of ourselves, but because of the people who care;
It's giving and doing for somebody else--on that all life's splendor depends,
And the joy of this world, when you've summed it all up, is found in the making of friends.

--Edgar A. Guest

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](mailto: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>

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 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.

Sick Children

Sickness is going around. If you child is running a fever or throwing up, please keep them home until they have been fever and/or vomit free for 24 hours.

SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

On Friday, February 9, 2018, the Secondary students (grades 7-12) will not have school due to Secondary Parent Teacher Conferences. These parent teacher conferences are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Our teachers have and will be reaching out to parents and students of those who are currently struggling to maintain subject mastery. Your attendance to a Parent Teacher Conference is required, if you have been contacted by your student's teacher. Please work with our staff to schedule a time in advance for you and the student to attend. Students are NOT required to be in uniform for these conferences. This will be the last formal opportunity for parents, students, and teachers to meet before our Celebration of Excellence meetings. If you have been contacted by a teacher regarding your attendance to these meetings it is intended to help utilize every possible intervention in supporting parents and your students. If you have not already been contacted by a teacher requesting a meeting, please feel free to do so.

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.

7th Grade Rising Stars

Last week at our 7th grade Rising Stars Ambassador Event, students were transformed into celebrities! At the event students learned the secrets of accepting invitations, practiced confidence techniques, and practiced American Style cutting techniques with food. These students are going to have the skills to be confident in any professional situation that they come across. Good work students! You are super stars!

Parents make sure to test your student's knowledge on the following station quiz questions!

How long will information stay available on the internet? (*Forever*)

What form of marketing do we practice when we use social media? (*Branding*)

How can you protect others? (*Never share their personal information or tag without permission.*)

What does RSVP mean? (*To tell the host or leader whether or not you are coming*)

What is the most informal means of communicating? (*Texting*)

What is the significance of the number nine for phone calls? (*9AM to 9PM is when you should make phone calls*)

What is the name of the grip you do not want to use when holding a fork? (*The caveman grip*).

What pattern do you make with your fork when cutting food using American Dining protocol? (*A zigzag pattern, passing the fork back to the right hand before taking a bite.*)

What is difference about the fork hold in Continental dining? (*The tines face down and the fork does not change hands*)

What is helpful about placing your silverware in finished position? (*It tells your server you are finished eating and allows the servers thumb to hold the silverware as it is cleared*)

Which course is always first? (*Bread*)

What should you wait for to start eating your bread? (*The hostess to start the meal*)

If you have four forks in front of you, which one should you use first? (*The furthest one from the plate/ the one on the outside*)

CLUBS AND ATHLETICS

Mock Trial

The Mock Trial Team is busy preparing for their (second year) competition which takes place on Saturday February 10th at the Clark County Regional Justice Center. The students will have three trials during the day of competition. Should they win all three, they will be eligible to advance to an additional round in Reno, NV. The team has five returning members consisting of two sets of twins - Team Captain Nien and Quy Tran, Caleb and Gavin Gould, and Brendyn Barnhart. New members include, David Alonzo and Kailah Viera. The team is accompanied by returning time keepers Aryah Certain and Jayden Johnson, who are not able to fully participate in the competition as they are still in middle school. The students have been working hard and hope to advance to the next level of competition. A special thanks to attorney Peter Thunell of the Clark County District Attorney's Office, for taking time out of his busy schedule to come in, speak to, and advise the students on their upcoming competition.

Entrepreneur Club

The Entrepreneur Club held its first major fundraiser on Friday January 19th - "Parents' Night Out" - which allowed parents to drop their children off at the school and head out for their own "date night". Kids were able to color, play games, dance, join in sing along, participate in a basketball clinic, all while having open gym time as well. The night was a huge success, allowing parents and students to have a great night. The club surpassed their financial goal of five-hundred dollars, bringing in fourteen-hundred dollars! This money has been forwarded to American Prep's Charitable Foundation and in accordance with the Entrepreneur Club's Charter, ten percent of this will be going to support Project 150. Thank you! to every parent volunteer, many of whom stayed for the full four hours, and to every family that participated as well. A big thank you as well goes to the Key Club members for volunteering to serve that night, Character Development for helping with the snacks and the photo booth, Mr. Haggler and Mr. Schell for providing the equipment for the open gym time and to Mr. Banks and Mr. O'Neil for invaluable assistance with the set up. We would like to recognize Coach Brinsko and the basketball team for very generously volunteering to give up some of their practice time and putting on an amazingly well done clinic for all of the youngsters to enjoy to support the event.

The Club hopes to put on at least one additional event before gearing up for its participation in this year's "Helldorado Parade". This will be the Club's second entry into this special Las Vegas tradition, with the goal to involve more students in the event this year by having a student from each class representing the school. These representatives will be joining with the whole senior class marching along with our float.

Game Schedule for this Saturday 2/3

9:00 am	Basketball: Boys 7/8 NAVY	vs. Slam Academy @ APA
10:00 am	Basketball: Boys HS	vs. Pinecrest Cadence @ Slam Academy
11:00 am	Basketball: Boys 5/6 NAVY	vs. APA @ Pinecrest Cadence
11:00 am	Basketball: Boys 5/6 RED	vs. APA @ Pinecrest Cadence

11:00 am Volleyball: HS vs. Pincrest Cadence @ Pincrest- St. Rose
12:00 pm Volleyball: HS vs. American Heritage @ Pincrest- St. Rose
3:00 pm Basketball: Boys 7/8 RED vs. Equipo Academy @ APA

Lady Eagles Basketball

Congratulations to the lady Eagles on their 22-11 win against Founders. Shout out to Morgan Hopes for her explosive defensive skills and Dayanara Rodriguez for scoring 10 of our 22 points. All the girls did an amazing job defending the Eagles Nest! The coaching staff is beyond proud of the progress and look forward to bringing home the championship trophy!

High School Volleyball

This past Saturday, the American Prep high school volleyball team played a hard-fought game against the Equipo Academy Boys' team. All three games were close, but American Prep fell just short in the 3rd game. The team played amazingly during this heart stopping game. Shoutout to Richie Ramirez for some sweet kills and Trevor Bagwell for his passes and spikes as well. Also, a shoutout to Mr. Grealish for coming to support us. Please come support the volleyball team this Saturday, February 3rd, for a double-header at 11:00am against Cadence Cougars and 12:00pm against the American Heritage Patriots. The games are at Pincrest St. Rose located at [1385 E Cactus Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89183](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1385+E+Cactus+Ave,+Las+Vegas,+NV+89183). These will be the final games of the regular season before playoffs.

5/6 Boy Basketball

The 5/6 Basketball Red Team got off to a sluggish start due to the full court press applied by Silver Sands Montessori, but our boys responded well to adversity on the way to a 35-30 victory. Great hustle and crisp passing enabled the team to take quality shots and apply pressure. Cody Clark was the MVP with sound ball handling, distributing the ball, and making crucial buckets when we needed them most.

Team Navy cruised to a 44-2 victory this weekend. Every member of the team scored and was an enjoyable game for all the players. Great teamwork was shown while kids were being kids – which is what it is all about. Navy built an early lead behind CJ Colwell and Kalaeb Daniel scoring and assisting with the rest of the team kicking into action. Seth powered through the middle for over a dozen points. The MVP this week goes to Michael Karma. His stats may not show it, but his intensity on both offense and defense were obvious and critical. Michael had some amazing passes which showed great vision. Great day to be an APA Navy Eagle.

7/8 Boys Basketball

This week Navy Team played against the Sharks. This was a quality team and a great game. Our boys played with poise and focus. Their passing was incredibly impressive, as the team moved the ball really well. Colton did a spectacular job leading his teammates which lead to some buckets. Jaidyn continues to show his ability to handle and distribute the ball. Both Kyle's played well and as usual Kyle Holmes did an incredible job of rebounding the ball and hitting the first bucket of the game - a three pointer. Kyle Williams did an amazing job at the high post and hit a jumper in the middle of the lane that looked smooth as ice. Our defense as a team continues to improve and we are excited to see where these boys will go as the season progresses. Our player of the game goes to Jaidyn who did a remarkable job handling and distributing the ball. He had at least seven assists, along with a few baskets for a really complete game.

The Red Team came out scorching hot and played some of the best ball they have all season. Amari Evans scored the opening basket off of the control tip from William Banks. That was all the defense needed to see before really turning up the pressure from there as they built a 10-point lead. When the second unit came into the game, it was much of the same. The defense continued their pressure behind D'Andre Washington and David Dorobantu. The third unit came in and was ready to put their mark on the game. With a 16-point lead, they were able to extend that to 22, with the outstanding play by BeabTsegaye. This was a tough game as the Cougars were a physical team with a lot of great moments. Point leaders in the game were Dimitri Diamant and William Banks. Dimitri had 10 points along with his 12 rebounds and William Banks contributed eight points and 14 rebounds as both players have a double-double. The remaining points scored were: Amari with 7, Able with 2, David with 2, D'Andre with 2, Drais with 2, and Davion added a free throw to add to the total. It was a great team win with the team now just three wins away from the playoffs. This week's Golden Eagle award goes to David Dorobantu. While David only scored two points in the game, he was able to get three steals, four rebounds and his defensive pressure was outstanding the whole time he was in the game. Not only was David a solid player for us, he was also a stellar student in the classroom. During practice, you would notice David pushing himself and his teammates on every single position, getting the most out of every minute of practice time we had.