



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

February Builders' Theme:
I am a builder when I Befriend Others
February 8, 2018

Las Vegas - School Calendar

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

***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/>

SCHOOL NEWS (K-12th GRADES)

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

The word *befriend* is an old world that literally means *be a friend to by offering help or support*. There are some specific skills needed to truly befriend others such as empathy, respect, and tolerance. Yet one of the most important traits is plain old-fashioned kindness. Here is some very practical advice:

Make caring for others a priority

Too often, parents prioritize their children's happiness and achievements over their children's concern for others. But children need to learn to balance their needs with the needs of others, whether it's passing the ball or deciding to stand up for friend who is being bullied. Help your child honor commitments, even if it is uncomfortable. Before she quits a sports team, band, or a friendship, help her to consider her obligation and encourage her to work out problems instead.

Some things to try

- Instead of saying: "The most important thing is that you're happy" say, "The most important thing is that you're kind."
- Make sure that your child always address others respectfully, even when they're tired, distracted, or angry.
- Emphasize caring when you interact with others including spouses, teachers, and store clerks.

Provide opportunities to practice

Children who have a habit of performing acts of kindness and expressing gratitude are more likely to be helpful, generous, compassionate, and forgiving as well as happy and healthy. Learning to be caring is like learning to play a sport or an instrument. It requires daily repetition!

Some things to try...

- Don't reward your child for every act of helpfulness. Expect them to help around the house, with siblings, and with neighbors and only reward uncommon acts of kindness.
- Make gratitude a daily ritual at dinnertime, bedtime, in the car, etc.

Expand your child's circle of concern.

Almost all children care about a small circle of their families and friends. Our challenge is help them learn to care about those outside that circle such as the new kid in class or someone from a different culture.

Some things to try...

- Ensure your child is friendly and grateful to all the people in their lives such as a bus driver or the waitress.
- Encourage your child to care for those who are vulnerable like comforting a classmate who was teased.
- Use a newspaper or TV story to encourage your child to think about hardships faced by children in another country.

Be a strong example.

Children learn ethical values by watching the actions of adults they respect as well as processing through ethical dilemmas with adults, e.g. "Should I play with John at recess when my best friend doesn't like him?" As role models, we need to practice honesty, fairness, and caring ourselves. But we won't be perfect all the time. It is powerful to acknowledge our mistakes and flaws.

Some things to try...

- Model caring for others by performing acts of service to others in the community. Even better, include your child.
- Discuss ethical dilemmas during dinner or at bedtime. Listen to your child's perspective as you help him resolve situations he's faced in his day.

Parking

Do not park in handicap stalls unless you have a handicap plate or placard.

Staff Appreciation Week

February 12-16 is staff appreciation week. Please encourage your students to write friendly notes to their teachers and instructors.

District Spelling Bee

On Saturday, February 3rd, Bishop Gorman High School hosted the district spelling bee. American Preparatory Academy was happy to have some of its students participate and represent our school community. We are proud of the work they put in. Participants included:

Naomi Girma - 7th Grade
 Brenna Schelin - 6th Grade
 Roxy Jones - 5th Grade
 Let's give them a shout out!

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>

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Then, every time you shop at Smith's with your Rewards Card, they donate 0.5% of your total order to our nonprofit.*

Helpful Information

What purchases qualify?

Just about everything you purchase during your regular shopping trips! The only exclusions are alcohol, tobacco, postage stamps, Smith's Gift Cards, re-loadable Gift Cards and debit cards, lottery and promotional tickets, Western Union, fuel and sales tax.

Remember, there's no cost to participate in this program, and you'll still earn fuel points on eligible purchases every time you shop.

*0.5% based on eligible purchases. See Helpful Information for exclusions.

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.

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 hosting our basketball league games all day on Saturday. We are also hosting league games in the evening next week. Please use the link and sign up today. We need volunteers to work our Snack Shack. Remember these volunteer hours count toward your APA required hours. Thank you in advance for your help. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f45ada82da5f58-winter>

ELEMENTARY NEWS (K-6)

Academic Update – Elementary Speech Festivals

We are so excited for our upcoming Speech Festivals! Every year at American Prep we have a Speech Festival. This gives all students a chance to practice their public speaking skills. Students will be given a 2-minute window to perform a speech or poem for their peers that they have not learned in class. Every student will be required to perform in their classroom and then one student from each class will be chosen to perform at the school-wide festival.

The classroom Speech Festivals will be held from March 5th to March 9th.

The 4th-6th Grade School Speech Festival will be held Thursday, March 15th.

The Kindergarten-3rd Grade School Speech Festival will be held Friday, March 16th.

Your students should have received a flyer with more information, but if you have specific questions, please contact your student's homeroom teacher.

Grades 2-6: Author Visit

On Wednesday, Feb. 28th, our 2nd-6th graders will be having Oracle Series author, C.W. Trisef present at their morning assembly! This assembly will be for students only – there will be no room in the gym for any extra guests. Mr. Trisef will be answering questions and signing books after the assembly.

Parent/Student Handbook Highlight-Valentine's Day :

During the month of February, we focus on the Builder's themes of "caring and sharing" and "befriending others". We encourage students to show they care by doing good deeds for others all during the month. PARENTS DO NOT NEED TO PROVIDE VALENTINES or TREATS, but if students wish to exchange Valentine cards or treats they may do so within the following guidelines:

1. All of his/her classmates must be included in the giving. The teacher will provide a class list prior to the designated day.
2. Any treats given must be able to be placed in a backpack and taken home, (i.e. no doughnuts, cupcakes, or cookies – only wrapped treats like a piece of candy.)
3. Students will be instructed to place any cards or treats they receive in their backpack to be taken home and enjoyed there.

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)

A reminder that this upcoming Friday there will be **no school** due to Parent Teacher conferences. These conferences are by appointment only. If you have not heard from a teacher already and you would like to meet with them, please contact the teacher to set up a time to meet. Although we will not have school this Friday, there will be events happening at the school. We have invited our Secondary Students to help us show our appreciation to our teachers

by decorating their favorite teacher's door. Please help us encourage your students to come in and participate to show our teachers how much we love them. Additionally, APA has arranged to host the High School Volleyball championship tournament at our campus on Friday. Our Eagles will be playing the first game at 3:30 PM. If successful during the first game, we will advance to the championship game at 5:30pm. Come out and cheer on our volleyball team in their first home game of the season.

Following our winter break, the Secondary and Elementary terms have no longer been on the same schedule. During the school year, our Secondary has two semesters which consist of four total quarters. Winterim is its own three-week term which does not belong to any other quarter or semester. Many parents have been concerned regarding the end of the Elementary term as it relates to Secondary. The third term will end on March 30, 2018 for grades 7-12.

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.

CLUBS AND ATHLETICS

High School Chamber Orchestra

This past weekend, February 2nd & 3rd, our High School Chamber Orchestra participated in the Nevada Music Educator's Association High School Solo and Ensemble Festival at Clark High School. On Friday night, they received an "Excellent" rating and red ribbon medals.

On Saturday, Nahir Ferreyra, on viola and Megan O'Leary on violin, both received "Excellent" red ribbon medals for their solos. Logan DeLong received a "Superior", a blue ribbon medal, for his bass solo! CONGRATULATIONS to all of these musicians!

High School Speech and Debate

Congratulations to Randy Moreno for winning 5th place in **Varsity** Speech at the Golden Desert Speech & Debate League tournament at Palo Verde High School. Our next tournament is this weekend, February 9th and 10th at Canyon Springs High School. This is our last league tournament before state and district competitions and we need your help. As a team, we are required to bring parent judges to these events. 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.

Game Schedule for this Saturday 2/10

9:00 am	Basketball: Boys 7/8 RED	vs. Pinecrest Horizon @ APA
10:00 am	Basketball: Boys 5/6 NAVY	vs. Sliver Sands Montessori @ Pinecrest Cadence
11:00 am	Basketball: Boys 7/8 NAVY	vs. Pinecrest St. Rose @ APA
12:00 pm	Basketball: Boys 5/6 RED	vs. Somerset Stephanie @ Pinecrest Cadence

High School Volleyball

This Friday, February 9, 2018 American Preparatory Academy will be hosting the High School Volleyball Championships. American Prep will be taking on Word of Life starting at 3:30 pm. We would like to invite all students, teachers, and parents to come pack the Eagles Nest and support our volleyball team on their way to the championship.

Location: American Preparatory Academy

3:30pm American Prep vs Word of Life

4:30pm Equipo vs Far West

5:30pm Championship Game

5/6 Boy Basketball

What a weekend day we had this Saturday. Our boys played a tough game against each other and returned to being friends after. Just awesome to see the competitive spirit for 32 minutes and then

kids being kids/friends being friends. The Navy team was able to build an early lead and didn't look back. The Red team played with good effort and both teams look forward to getting back to practice and scrimmaging with one another. For the game, Jacob Cahill is taking home the Player of the Game title. He was super-efficient from the baseline all game, converting 4 of 5 shots under pressure from the skilled man to man defense Red goes to throughout the game. Great job by all our APA 5/6 boys, GO EAGLES!