



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

March Builders' Theme:

I am a builder when I am willing to try and believe in my ability to succeed
March 8, 2018

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Monday, March 12 th	No School Professional Development
Tuesday-Friday March 13-16 th	9-12th Grade Spirit Week
Friday, March 16 th	9-12 th Grade Sadies Dance
Wednesday, March 14 th	5 th Grade Hoedown
Thursday, March 15 th	4-6 School Speech Festival 1:00pm
Friday, March 16 th	K-3 School Speech Festival 1:40pm
Wednesday, March 21 st	K-6 SWYK Assembly 8:00am
Wednesday, March 21 st	6 th Grade Hoedown
Wednesday, March 21 st	Band Concert 6:00pm
Wednesday, March 21 st	Choir and Orchestra Concert 7:15pm
Friday, March 30 th	Online Enrollment Packets Due
Friday, March 30 th	Spirit Day****

****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/>

February K-6 Builder Award Recipients:

K-Hatch AM	Mason Dye	K-Hatch PM	Richard Tangitau
K-Rambow AM	Zoey Savatgy	K-Rambow PM	Christopher Zepeda
1st-Call	Abraham Daniel	1st-Freer	Olivia Caraveo
1st-Gomez	Sofia Lopez	2nd-DeJesus	Claire Englehart
2nd-Hayes	Kylee Willoughby	2nd-Johnson	Karsyn Cowan
2nd-Martinez	Noah Albuquerque	2nd-Rafferty	Calliope Layao
3rd-Gardner	Marielle Uy	3rd-Nunn	Spencer Pruitt
3rd-Robison	Max Ganley	3rd- Winters	Jacob Harley
3rd-Telfer	Cole Sanjines	4th-Bergquist	Isaiah Hopes
4th-Burgess	Gabby Loveland	4th-Gunn	Ashley Ng
4th-Hambleton	Sawyer Violand	5th-Maston	Nicholas Burgess
4th-Rivenbark	Ashley Galvis	5th-Carter	Chloe Mae Pengson
5th-Conti	Justin Dominguez	5th-Tooker	Caleb McElroy
6th-Gwin	Kidus Fasika	6th-Gibson	Orion Pepper
6th-Holloman	Angellyn Melendez	6th-Wallace	Aaliyah Daniel
6th-Ryan	Gelila Heruy	6th-Lindquist	David Schoenecker
K-3 Teacher	Mrs. Call	4-6 Teacher	Mr. Nelson

SCHOOL NEWS (K-12th GRADES)

March Builder Theme: I am a builder when I am willing to try and believe in my ability to succeed. At APA we believe in failure! Why? *Because anyone who has achieved great things, anyone who has changed the world for the better has at some point made a choice to embrace failure instead of fight it.*

The most inspirational innovators, athletes, and geniuses all share a common belief – they don't accept the notion of failure as a bad thing. They understand that every failure brings us one step closer to success, and that this is a natural part of the process. They become somewhat comfortable with it. If you think about it, failure is just feedback. It shows us what isn't working so we can find out what will work. It's a necessary and unavoidable process of learning from our mistakes. This is truly invaluable, and something we need to run toward, not from.

"I can't" is really just saying, "I'm not willing to try!" Sometimes we are not willing to try because of our fear of failure. Yet when we don't try because we are afraid of failure, we definitely cannot succeed! At other times, we DO try and we DO fail. That's okay! Does that mean we should stop trying? Absolutely not! Winston Churchill said, *"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."*

We challenge you to change your perspective on failure and learn to embrace it as part of learning and achieving. Don't let the fear of failure stop you from trying. With enough trying you can be successful!

*****Celebration of Excellence*****

This meeting is **MANDATORY** for all families wanting to re-enroll their students for the 2018-2019 school year. **There are only 3 meetings (tonight and 2 tomorrow) left so please be sure to attend in order to maintain your students' priority enrollment. Failure to attend one of these meetings may result in your student losing their spot at American Preparatory Academy.**

****Signing-Up****

- Please sign-up for one meeting per family at <https://vegas.americanprep.org/celebration/>
- You must arrive on time
- You must stay for the entire duration of the meeting
- Those arriving late will **NOT** be allowed to enter
- You will need to sign-up for another meeting time

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING STATE TESTING:

End of year assessments are upon us! Students at American Prep are assessed throughout the year in both homeroom classes and achievement-leveled groups. At the end of the year, two kinds of assessments are given: assessments required by the state of Nevada and assessments required by American Prep to make ensure students have reached the academic levels required to promote to the next grade.

The State of Nevada requires students grades 3-8 to take the SBAC test. These are computer adaptive tests that are based on the common core standards that Nevada has adopted. We are also required by the Charter School District to administer the ACT Aspire. These tests are given to students in grades 3-10. Secondary students are also required to take the Math 1, Math 2, ELA 1, ELA 2, and Science End Of Course exams as a graduation requirement. Tests will be administered between **April 2nd-May 24th** depending on grade level.

If your student must be absent from school during these test, please speak to your students' teachers about exact times and dates and plan accordingly as to make these tests up. No absences during this time will be approved by administration. **Please make sure students are getting to sleep early so they are well rested and that each morning they are eating a good breakfast.** These are a few things you can do at home to help your students be successful.

Practice tests and more information are available online

at: <https://wbte.drcedirect.com/NV/portals/nv>

Feel free to practice and learn about these tests with your students at home.

Box Top Winners 4th Term

Our Box Top Winners are...

K-3rd: Martinez's Class

4th-6th: Lindquist's Class

National Geography Bee

Congratulations Vania Emmanuel for qualifying to compete in the state level competition of the National Geographic Bee! The Nevada State Bee will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018. Good luck Vania!

American Preparatory Academy and Yogurtland

Head over to Yogurtland located at 9516 W. Flamingo Rd. (Flamingo and the 215) on Wednesday March 14th between 11am-11pm to support American Preparatory Academy. 20% of the proceeds will go to our school! You **MUST** present flyer of purchase or mention you are with American Preparatory Academy.

Yearbook Order: Deadline

To order yearbooks please use the codes listed below. Order online: ybpay.lifetouch.com

Elementary Code: 12746218 – **Deadline - March 30, 2018**

Secondary Code: 12389718 – **Deadline - April 5, 2018**

Doctor/ Licensed Professional needed for Athletic Fundraiser

We are looking for a few APA Family members that are licensed to perform and sign off on yearly physicals and who would be willing to volunteer their time for an Athletic APA Fundraiser in early June. Your volunteer time will count toward your 20 volunteer 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

ELEMENTARY NEWS (K-6)

Academic Update – Reading University Book Referrals:

Our Reading University List was compiled by the amazing parents of students at APA! Books are included on the booklist based on the following criteria:

- Does the book have an original, well-constructed plot; well developed, multidimensional character(s); and a setting that is well established and clearly defined?
- Does the book teach values such as honesty, kindness; cooperation; courage, and other values we wish our students to internalize?
- Is the overall message of the book true, or just, or moral?
- Does the book nourish the intellect and stimulate the imagination?
- Does the book have a timeless quality that spans all ages and allows it to be enjoyed by all?

In addition, non-fiction works are selected on the following basis

- Is the book written accurately?
- Is it conducive to independent reading /learning—not requiring extensive background knowledge or explanation by an adult?
- Does the book enrich subject matter and concepts consistent with APA curriculum?

Furthermore, books for primary grades are evaluated according to some additional criteria:

- Is the book appealing to children?
- Does the book reinforce concepts such as numbers and counting, rhyming, sequencing, comparing, patterning, vocabulary skills, making predictions, reading out loud, etc?
- Are the illustrations artistically stimulating?
- Do they present an excellent pictorial representation of the story?
- Do the illustrations introduce various artistic techniques and mediums, such as watercolor, oil, collage, pen and ink, etc?

If there's a book you feel should be on our Reading University List, please complete the Reading University Referral Form on the our website and submit it to the Elementary Academic Office for review.

5th Grade Hoedown- March 14th

YEE-HAW! Next week our 5th grade students will participate in the Western Hoedown on Wednesday, March 14th from 12:40-2:10. At this event the students will learn the difference between the host and hostess and their responsibilities, how to stop wrecking and how to be a hard worker. We love our elementary Ambassador events and how fun they are! If you are interested in volunteering for this event please sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-5thgrade1>

6th Grade Hoedown- March 21st

YEE-HAW! In two weeks, our 6th grade students will participate in the Western Hoedown on Wednesday, March 21st from 1:00-2:10. At this event the students will learn the difference between the host and hostess and their responsibilities, how to stop wrecking and how to be a hard worker. We love our elementary Ambassador events and how fun they are! If you are interested in volunteering for this event please sign up here:

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SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

Testing season is upon us once again. Over the next month's students in the Secondary will take part in the following State Mandated testing: Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), ACT Aspire, End of Course Exams, and the AP exams. Not all students will take all exams, but all Secondary students will take at least one of these exams between now the end of May. It is our continued desire that our student will be successful in taking these exams. A simple google search will yield practice problems for your student to work on. We will also increase our in-class practice to help better prepare our students. We believe that in so doing, our students' test anxiety will decrease and they will perform at their best. We understand that the following information is repetitive from last year, but we also know it is important enough to repeat.

Grades 7-11: PICTURES NEEDED:

Any students that have or are participating in sports/extracurricular activities at their home zoned school and would like their pictures to be included in the secondary yearbook, please email them to: pictures@apavegas.org. Additionally, if parents have any candid photos from any secondary event or secondary classroom, please email them to: pictures@apavegas.org. Pictures must be between 2 MB and 10MB in size.

9th-12th Grade Sadies Spirit Week- March 13th-16th

9th-12th Grade Students will receive "spirit points" for their grade, for participates in the following dress-up days:

Tuesday: Tacky Tie Tuesday

Wednesday: Wild West Wednesday

Thursday: Tropical Tubular Thursday

Friday: Free Shoe Day (All shoes **must** be closed toe)

All students who do not follow the following guidelines will be sent out of class:

On Tuesday & Friday students must have the rest of their uniform on.

Clothing on Wednesday and Thursday **MUST** follow these guidelines:

- a. Clothing should be hemmed and free from excessive tears, rips, and holes, and **NOT SAGGING**
- b. Clothing must cover undergarments and the back. **This includes NOT wearing leggings as pants.**

All clothing must cover shoulders. No exposed bellies or bare midriffs. Pants, dresses, or skirts must come to the knee. No sleeveless or see-through shirts or blouses.

The following are NOT allowed:

- open toed footwear such as sandals or flip-flops.
- muscle shirts (**tank tops**)
- clothing that is overly tight, revealing, or extremely short
- **NO Shorts, leggings, or yoga pants**

9th-12th Sadies Dance- March 16th

Sadies will be held on March 16th from 6-7:30pm. Drop off and pick up will be at the east staff entrance doors. **PLEASE be on time to pick up your students.**

Traditionally, Sadies is an informal high school dance where female students invite male students. We would like all students to attend and participate at the dance – with or without a date.

Please remember if you choose to bring a date, asking them should not distract from academic time. This should only be done on APA Campus during lunch. Asking can be done in a creative "Pinterest Perfect" way or simply done by asking them in person or over the phone.

CLUBS AND ATHLETICS

Lady Eagles Varsity Basketball

The Lady Eagles finished their regular season completely victorious! Although they did not win the championship trophy, they DID play their last game in true basketball fashion. Everyone contributed and the team even received a compliment from the official for hustling hard and playing like a winning team! This made the coaching staff very proud! This is only the first year and the Lady Eagles are on a path to becoming a successful and competitive program!! Stay tuned!!