



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
L A S V E G A S C A M P U S

March Builders' Theme:

I am a builder when I am willing to try and believe in my ability to succeed
March 15, 2018

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Friday, March 16 th	9-12 th Grade Sadies Dance
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	Spring Band Concert 6:00pm
Wednesday, March 21 st	Spring Choir and Orchestra Concert 7:15pm
Friday, March 30 th	7-12 th End of Third Quarter
Friday, March 30 th	Online Enrollment Packets Due
Friday, March 30 th	Spirit Day****
Friday, April 6 th	K-6 Missing/Late Work Deadline
Friday, April 6 th	K-6 RU Log Due
Friday, April 6 th	1:15 Dismissal

****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 RU Award Recipients:

K-Hatch AM	Mariah Martinez	K-Hatch PM	Quincy Freeman
K-Rambow AM	Kira Abarca	K-Rambow PM	Novalee Hacker
1st-Call	Yusuf Habib	1st-Freer	Daniel Chang
1st-Gomez	Efrata Solomon	2nd-de Jesus	David Maliaka
2nd-Hayes	Stephanie Tucker	2nd-Johnson	Carsten Dobbins
2nd-Martinez	Noah Gebremariam	2nd-Rafferty	Julian Wright
3rd-Gardner	Michael Bonilla	3rd-Nunn	Lilyana Quinonez-Kerlee
3rd-Robison	Caitlyn Nick	3rd- Winters	Logan Maganis
3rd-Telfer	Summer Lomax	4th-Bergquist	Christian Velarde
4th-Burgess	Derick Chang	4th-Gunn	Santiago Serrato
4th-Hambleton	Kyra Kemple	5th-Maston	Naomi Mesfin
4th-Rivenbark	Antonio Rubeis	5th-Carter	Isaac Greene
5th-Conti	Gabe Gough	5th-Tooker	Logan Mecham
6th-Gwin	Kidist Azanaw	6th-Gibson	Linnea Jurvelin
6th-Holloman	Elija Santos	6th-Wallace	Taylor Ibarra
6th-Ryan	Caiden Pham	6th-Lindquist	Alyssa Casurao

February 9-12 Builder Award Recipients:

7 th Grade	Morgan Hopes	7 th Grade	Riley Gibson
8 th Grade	Lian Ju	8 th Grade	Michael Mennig
9 th Grade	Rachael Early	9 th Grade	Francisco Goyeneche
10 th Grade	Geradelle Mella	10 th Grade	Samuel Santos
11 th Grade	Giselle Signey	11 th Grade	Agustin Goyeneche
12 th Grade	Aleighsha Kim		

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. We all have goals and dreams for our lives. Have you ever been sidetracked from your goals? How do we get back on track? This month's builders theme: Believing in my Ability to Succeed presents a wonderful opportunity to think about our goals and how we are progressing towards reaching those goals.

It has been said that having a goal is the easy part; but following through can be difficult, discouraging, and sometimes seem insurmountable. Don't give up! Believe!

When we make a decision that we will take a class, do well on a test, obtain a degree, run a 5k, or raise a family to the best of our ability, etc., we must believe in our ability to succeed in order to achieve our goal. This may seem obvious but many people never completely commit to their dream because they don't really *believe* they can do it. They simply keep "thinking", or "hoping", or "wishing" about it.

Make the commitment to yourself and believe it. Don't over-focus on how to make it happen, or how to move through challenges. Honor your commitment to yourself. No one can let you down more than you can. No matter how challenging, how fearful, or overwhelming it may seem, decide to go for it!

You CAN succeed! "Change your thoughts and you can change your world"- Norman Vincent Peale. Take the opportunity this week to discuss this essential characteristic with the whole family.

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 tests, 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.drccedirect.com/NV/portals/nv>

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

Musical Theater - Spring Production Sponsorship - PAPER JAM!

American Preparatory Education Foundation, 2018 Spring Musical Sponsorships available
If you are interested in supporting our Musical Theater Program here at APA, please consider being a sponsor of our Spring Musical, "**PAPER JAM!**" We are looking for sponsors of different levels to make this production a success. All levels include posters of sponsors in the lobby of our production, in May, at Sierra Vista High School. Your Poster will be exposed to **HUNDREDS** of audience members at all **FOUR** of our Performances. Please contact Production Manager Annie Tintle or Kelly Herman for more information about this amazing opportunity. Remember your sponsorship is tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your support!

Producer \$200

Director \$100

Manager \$50

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Attract the Best and Keep the Best!

We all know that American Prep's greatest asset is our teachers. We want to attract the best and keep the best! For that reason, Friends of APA has created a unique way to say "thank you" by forming the Builders Club. The Builders Club is a program that provides bonuses and staff compensation for our teachers. *We invite all our parents to become members of the Builders Club by making monthly donations for each student that attends APA.* We want to reward our teachers so we can retain them and provide an excellent education for our students well into the future.

To join the Builders Club, go to <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/ap-builder-club> and complete the form. If you prefer to donate in person each month, you can donate at the front office.

Yearbook Order:

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)

5th Grade Hoedown

Our Hoedown was a fantastic event this week for our 5th grade students! They learned how important it is to work hard today and the future, as well as how to become a better friend. Thank you to our wonderful parents that volunteered and helped our event be successful!

6th Grade Hoedown- March 21st

YEE-HAW! In one week, our 6th grade students will participate in the Western Hoedown on Wednesday, March 21st from 1:00pm - 2:10pm. At this event, the students will learn the difference between the responsibilities of the host and hostess and their responsibilities. They will be encouraged and taught to not be a wrecker and how to work hard. We love how fun our elementary Ambassador events are! If you are interested in volunteering for this event please sign up by clicking <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-6thgrade1>

SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

During the fall months each year, much of our curriculum is a review of material learned throughout the year. This time is used to set the educational foundation with students that we can use to build from in the future. Upon returning from Winterim we see many subject areas beginning new concepts and stretch students' capacity to their limits as you may have seen over the past weeks. We applaud the efforts of our students and families as they do their best to move forward. We would like to remind you that the end of our third quarter is March 30. All grades will be final at that time. This means we have just a few weeks to make sure that the effort exuded is matched in the grades received in Infinite Campus. Please check Infinite Campus regularly and work with your student to make sure they are successful.

9th-12th Sadies Dance- March 16th

Sadies will be held on March 16th from 6:00pm - 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, Sadie's is an informal high school dance where female students invite male students. We want all students to come 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

Bob Miller Speech and Debate Tournament Results

American Preparatory Academy won 3rd place overall at the tournament. WAY TO GO!

Public Forum:

3rd Place: Alana Nahabedian & Sahiba Sahni

4th Place: Jonathan Tesfaye and Ari Feiler

Original Oratory:

2nd Place: Jonathan Tesfaye

3rd Place: Charlize Valdecanez

4th Place: Alana Nahabedian

6th Place: Viviann Lee

Impromptu:

2nd Place: Taylor Dean

5th Place: Laydon Christensen

6th Place: Amber Lin

Poetry:

3rd Place: Charlize Valdecanez

6th Place: Taylor Dean

High School Speech and Debate

With the regular season at an end, our team is now gearing up for state and district competitions. We are very excited to be hosting the district competition for speech on the APA campus in April.

This is a great opportunity for our parents to get involved. We are in need of judges for these events which are easy and fun. 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 and decide which one you like 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 by clicking

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4eaaa72eaafc1-speech> or by contacting Kimberly Abbot at kimberly.abbott@apavegas.org. For more information about our High School Speech & Debate team contact lisa.cates@apavegas.org.

5/6 Boys Basketball

We had a great time at the Boys 5/6 and 7/8 Basketball banquet alongside family and friends. Athletes were awarded for their leadership, commitment, and spirit. We were fortunate to work with a great bunch of young men and look forward to their growth in academics as well as athletics. GO EAGLES!!

5/6 Red Team:

Most Improved: Casey Unitas

Offensive MVP: Cody Clark

Defensive MVP: Nolan Borja

5/6 Navy Team:

Most Improved: Peniel Hunachew

Offensive MVP: Kaleab Daniel

Defensive MVP: CJ Colwell

7/8 Boys Basketball

Bracket C All-Conference Team:

Amari Evans

Dylan Herman

William Banks

Demitri Diamant

7/8 Red Team:

MVP: Demitri Diamant

Defensive MVP: Amari Evans

Offensive MVP: William Banks

Most Improved: Dylan Herman

7/8 Navy Team:

MVP: Kyle Holmes

Defensive MVP: Colten Unitas

Offensive MVP: Nate Zegeye

Most Improved: Kyle Williams