



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 22, 2018

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Wednesday, March 28 th	K-6 th SWYK Assembly 8:00am
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 all students
Friday, April 6 th	FUN RUN & FAMILY FUN NIGHT 5K
Friday, April 6 th	10 th Grade Red Carpet Gala
Friday, April 13 th	1:15 Dismissal all students
Monday-Friday April 16 th -20 th	No School Spring 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)

Re-Enrollment Information

Parents, please remember that the due date for all online re-enrollment is next week, **Friday, March 30th by 5:00 pm**. Those families that received a letter requesting a meeting with administration, please be sure you sign up to meet with them ASAP. Appointments will only be available through March 30th. Failure to meet with administration may result in a loss of priority enrollment.

March Builder Theme: I am a builder when I am willing to try and believe in my ability to succeed. I am a builder when I am willing to try. Being willing to try is good for us! Here are some ways that being willing to try can make us better individuals.

Being willing to try helps you make friends. For example, when you sign up for sports, dance, or arts classes, you meet new people who have common interests. As an APA student you had to be willing to try a new school. Now look how many friends surround you!

Being willing to try makes you more interesting. What if you decided to try a new food like octopus? This experience will give you something to talk about with others!

Being willing to try is inspirational! Doing the same old thing all the time can be very boring. Don't be afraid to think in different ways. This helps your brain become more creative and smart.

Being willing to try expands your comfort zone. Last year, I decided that I would compete in an Olympic triathlon, not necessarily because I loved the idea, but because I knew the challenge would teach me about how strong I am. I am comfortable running and biking, but I was SOOOooooo nervous about swimming. I would have to swim one whole mile! Nevertheless, I decided to stretch my comfort zone by taking swimming lessons and practicing regularly. I was still uneasy about swimming in the lake on the day of the Triathlon, but I also enjoyed myself and felt a lot of pride.

Now, when I am asked to do something that I think is hard, I just think to myself, "this is nothing, I am a triathlete!" This makes other day-to-day challenges seem easier.

What do you have to lose? My challenge to you is to set yourself a goal to try something new, whether it's one new thing a month, a week, or even per day.

Electives for the 2018-19 School Year Grades 6-11

Students in grades 6-11 have received a survey via email and in the Secondary Google Classroom to select their electives for the 2018-19 school year. Not all electives listed will be offered next year, but this survey helps us get an idea of student interest in order to plan for staffing.

Students in grades 10-11 also have the option to select AP courses. These placement requests will be reviewed by our department chairs prior to scheduling. Please have your student complete the survey by **Friday, March 30th**.

Become a Builder!

We are looking for sponsors to help with our future expansion plans at American Preparatory Academy. We have various levels of sponsorship available. If you or your business is interested in becoming a Builder Sponsor, please contact Darrell Larsen at darrell.larsen@apavegas.org or 702-970-6800 ext. 1269.

Music Dance Theater Summer Camp: JUNE 11-15th

Register now for APA's upcoming Music Dance Theater Summer Camp. Come and learn the songs and choreography from The Greatest Showman, Newsies, and more. **June 11-15th**. All secondary levels welcome. Non-APA students also welcome. Use our online registration today, space is limited. <https://goo.gl/forms/XQ1u6mHp7ernIZ6q1>

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Tintle. annie.tintle@apavegas.org

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/apa-builders-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)

Academic Update – State Testing:

It's that time of year again! We are preparing for our students to complete their SBAC, MAPS, and ACT testing. These tests will be completed throughout the month of April, so it's critical that your students be in attendance, so please plan all of your vacations and appointments during our Spring Break (April 16th-20th).

To help ensure your students are testing at their very best, please make sure they get plenty of sleep and start the day with a healthy breakfast

Speech Festival

Congratulations to our Speech Festival winners!

4-6

1st-Jodie Cruz-Bengson

2nd-Vasilija Boskovic

3rd-Autumn Panahon

K-3

1st- Carsten Dobbin

2nd- Lucy Dye

3rd- Advik Sanghi

Henderson Symphony

Congratulations to Roxy Jones! The Henderson Symphony holds a concert each year for 4th & 5th graders. They also hold a competition for young artists. Roxy was one of their winners this year on the piano! As one of the winners, she has been invited to play with the Symphony on April 19th at 10:00am. The location will be Henderson Pavilion.

Henderson Symphony said that about 2,000+ school aged kids will attend the concert, and it is free for anyone else who'd like to attend. Let's go support our APA Eagle, Roxy!

5th-6th Grade Hoedown

Our Hoedown was a fantastic event this week for our 5th and 6th grade students! They have mastered their dining etiquette! They learned how important hard work is for today as well as the future and how to become a better friend. Thank you to our wonderful parents that volunteered and helped our event be successful!

Test your student's knowledge with the following quiz questions:

- Who is the leader of a meal? (*The Hostess*)
- What is another name for American cutting style? (*Zig Zag*)
- When using Zig Zag cutting style, what do you do with your knife after you have cut a bite? (*Place it on your plate with the sharp edge facing yourself*)
- Where should you place your napkin when you leave the table for just a minute? (*On your seat*)
- Who can take your power away without your consent? (*Nobody!*)
- If someone is angry at you, should you need to get angry back? (*No—Self Control is the best answer.*)
- What are you going to use to keep mean words from sticking? (*Power Umbrella*)
- What comes before work? (*planning*)
- What is the first thing you should do to set a goal? (*Write it down*)
- To be successful in reaching your goal, who should be around you? (*people who support you and believe in you*)

SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

In the light of the recent tragedy in Florida we have once again chosen to critically review our school safety procedures. We feel the immense pressure each day of protecting our families, staff and most of all our students. Many of our employees at our school are also parents to our students. We take the safety of our students personally because their safety is personal to us. We understand that we can never become complacent in our desire to protect the loved ones in our midst.

There are so many steps schools, including APA, have taken to prevent and mitigate these kinds of events. APA has even been recognized as having a leading-edge model program among other things. We have had private tours and training from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Enterprise Area Command including the Area commander and all shift leadership, and a private security advisor. We have also trained our staff on specific use of force techniques to help empower our teachers. At our professional development, we were lucky to have a visit from a top trainer with our Federal Law Enforcement who educated us on identifying signs of distress leading up to traumatic events. We also received First Aid training from partners at UMC. Both of these trainings were facilitated by parents at our school.

But we know more must be done, and better strategies are possible to protect our students across the nation. We will continue to pursue innovative systems and procedures that can help prevent and

mitigate these tragic events. In the next few days, we will review the multi-layered systems and processes we already have in place so we are maximizing the benefits of our current programs. You have our assurance that we have, and will always do our best to keep safety a regular conversation at our school. You should notice an increased emphasis on security at our school including but not limited to our insistence on you signing in and having a name badge, using our check-in/out procedures, and restriction of building usage after hours by non-staff personnel. We would like to thank you in advance for being patient with us as we do our best to protect our American Prep family.

Spring Band, Choir and Orchestra Concert

We want to send out a huge thank you to all those parents, students and staff who participated in our spring concerts this year. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Bialas, Mr. Wyatt, Mr. Borders and Ms. English for all of their hard work in helping our students develop their musical talents. We also want to thank Mrs. Graves and Ms. Walker for their hard work. We cannot have an event without all of the support of our Operations team. Thank you to Mr. Banks, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Pernice. We are excited about the direction of our music program and look forward too many more concerts to come.

9th-12th Sadies Dance

Sadies and Spirit Week was a success! The students looked amazing during the dress up days and at the dance. We are so happy with all the participation we had! Congratulations to 10th grade for winning a no uniform day! The non-uniform day will be on March 30th

Students who do not follow the following guidelines will have to call home for their uniform.

Clothing **MUST** follow these guidelines:

1. Clothing should be hemmed and free from excessive tears, rips, and holes, and **NOT SAGGING**
2. Clothing must cover undergarments and the back. This includes **not wearing leggings as pants.**
3. All clothing must cover shoulders. No exposed bellies or bare midriffs. 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**)
- No inappropriate graphics or words
- clothing that is overly tight, revealing, or extremely short
- **NO Shorts, leggings, or yoga pants**

CLUBS AND ATHLETICS

High School Speech and Debate

Congratulations to our high school speech and debate team for taking **2nd PLACE IN STATE** this weekend. Randy Moreno, Dillon Brouwer, and Nien and Quy Tran competed in varsity level speech & debate events this weekend against 40 other schools from the entire state of Nevada to bring home the win for our school. Great job **EAGLES!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Our team is now gearing up for hosting the district competition here at APA. We are very excited to be hosting the district competition for speech here at APA in April and this is a great opportunity

for our parents to get involved. Please volunteer a few hours of your time to judge one of our events or help out with logistics. Judging speech is easy and fun. There is no experience required, all you have to do is listen to amazing student speeches and decide which one is 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 Lisa Cates at lisa.cates@apavegas.org

All-Conference Basketball Selections

The NCSSL is happy to announce our 2017-2018 All-Conference Basketball Selections. Each player selected will have an opportunity to compete in the Bigfoot Las Vegas Classic Basketball Tournament. Congratulations!

7th & 8th:

William Banks
Amari Evans
Dylan Herman

HS Girls:

Morgan Hopes
Emily Surber

HS Boys:

Brody McLeod
Matthew Iwatsubo