



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 29, 2018

Las Vegas - School Calendar

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****
Monday-Friday April 2 nd -8 th	7 th -8 th Grade SBAC Testing
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 this **Friday, March 30th by 5:00 pm. You must provide a copy of your driver's license and proof of address (ie: gas, power, trash bills) by Friday, April 27th.** You can either bring it into the office or upload your documents on the registration page. For those families that received a letter requesting a meeting with the 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. Jonathan Farrington, a globally recognized business coach, mentor, author and consultant noted; "I believe that one of the defining qualities of the most successful people I know is **confidence**. It is their inner belief that they can achieve anything they want to achieve and enjoy as much success as they wish.

Genuinely successful people have considerable inner confidence and self-belief. Did Tom Edison ever lose his self-belief, even after 10,000 "failures"? Did the visionary Walt Disney ever question his theme park plans, even after more than 100 banks rejected his requests for finance? Did any of the

most successful authors you have ever read give up after their manuscripts were repeatedly rejected? (I am told J.K. Rowling had Harry Potter turned back more than 80 times.)

No, none of them did, because they had such strong self-belief. And closely aligned with self-belief are courage, commitment, durability, resilience, patience and vision.

Can anyone be successful? Yes, of course, if he or she wants it badly enough. But most people never work out what it is they really want. They talk in vague terms about more security, more money, more holidays, but never create the specific picture of what they want in their minds.

Never doubt your ability to succeed. When doubt enters your mind, confidence slips out the back door—they can never coexist. Be assured, confidence really *is* the key to success.”

(from <http://www.lifehealthpro.com/2012/02/02/never-doubt-your-ability-to-succeed>)

Parent Student Handbook Highlight

Hair should be clean and well groomed. Hair may be any length as long as it is not a distracting style or **color** or covering the eyes or face. Hair that is an unnatural color or extreme styling is distracting and not allowed (**No dyed tips for girls or boys**). For boys, if the hair is below the collar it must be pulled back in a hair tie. For boys or girls, hair must be trimmed or pulled back in a hair tie if it is in the eyes. Faux hawks must be shorter than 1" and of graduated height from the other hair. No mohawks.

Spring Break and CCSD

We have received a handful of inquiries regarding the timing of our Spring Break especially as it relates to the CCSD calendar. The Clark County School District has recently changed their start time in August which has moved all of their breaks and end of year to earlier in the year. We do not have any current plans to match this change. At American Prep, our breaks are determined based upon our academic schedule – particularly in the Elementary. As a result we are able to break up our terms efficiently to give parents and families a break between terms. We release our calendar in February/March each year to ensure that families are aware of our plans. We know that this can be difficult when parents have students in different schools and do our best to make sure breaks are convenient. However, the majority of our planning is based upon the academic needs of our teachers and students at American Prep. Thank you as always for your positive support of our program. We are ALL looking forward to our spring break in the near future.

Box Tops

Thank you to those who submitted box tops! We were able to raise \$610.40 for our school. Keep up the good work.

Career Fair- Volunteer Opportunity

APA will hold a career fair for secondary students on Thursday, May 17 from 5:30-7pm. We are looking for volunteers to share details about their professions. The fair will be an open house style, so students will be filtering by throughout the event. Please contact Ms. Steiner at shannon.steiner@apavegas.org if you are interested in sharing your career expertise with our students.

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.

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.

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

annie.tintle@apavegas.org or kelly.herman@apavegas.org

ELEMENTARY NEWS (K-6)

Academic Update - DIBELS:

Next week we begin our final round of DIBELS testing!

As was mentioned during the Celebration of Excellence meetings, DIBELS stands for **D**ynamic **I**ndicators of **B**asic **E**arly **L**iteracy **S**kills. These benchmarks were established by the University of Oregon and has helped put our students in the top 70th percentile of students in the country - having a fluency rate higher than 70% of other students in the country.

These are 1 minute fluency tests that your student has already completed twice this school year. If you would like to help your student practice, students should read unfamiliar text to them for 1 minute. Choose any unfamiliar passage from a grade-level book your student is reading and time them for 1 minute. We anticipate DIBELS testing to be complete by the end of April. If you would like to know how your student scored, please feel free to contact their homeroom teacher.

SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

We are a few short days away from ending our third term in the Secondary. Your students have been working very hard to get their work in and learn new things. Thank you for all of your support

in their academic success. It is typical to see grades dip somewhat during the third term as a result of all the new material being presented. Please help us to make sure your student is disciplined in their efforts to get their work done. We would also like to take a quick moment to remind all families that our fourth quarter of the year is equally as challenging. Students MUST do their work to be successful. This is the time of year that we are combining all of their collective knowledge to advance their levels of mastery in all subject areas.

SBAC Testing

Our Junior High students will be taking their SBAC testing next week. Your students won't test each day next week, but they will have a series of tests throughout the week. Please help us by ensuring they are here on time and well rested. After students complete their exams they will be sent to their classes for the remainder of the day.

11th Grade and UNLV

Students in 11th grade will be touring UNLV during 4th period on Wednesday, April 11th. They have received a permission slip this week which needs to be returned prior to the tour. Students will be bussed there and back. All 11th grade students should be picked up at their regular carpool location at 3:30pm that day.

CLUBS AND ATHLETICS

Hip-Hop Workshop and Showcase

Hip-Hop Workshop is going great!! Next week is the last class for Session 1. The kids are hard at work learning their routines to show off their newly acquired skills! They will showcase their dance skills at a performance in the gym. Family, friends, APA students and staff are all invited to come and see how great they are!! All participants will receive a T-shirt (Navy and Red) to wear for the performance sometime next week. This shirt has been approved by administration to be worn as Spirit Wear!! They can wear leggings, jogging pants or any other comfortable bottom they can move in. Please no denim. Below you will find some dates to remember:

- **Monday, April 9, 2018 Showcase Run-Through 5:00-6:30PM**

*All classes, regardless of meeting day, will need to attend this run-through. This will not be open to parents. Please allow the children to surprise you on show day. We will utilize the entry with the ramp on the East side of the building near the gym. Children will be dismissed through the elementary carpool curbs near the playground. Thanks!

- **Wednesday, April 11, 2018 Performance Day 6:00PM**

*All performers need to arrive by 5:00PM. Doors will open for guests at 5:30PM. We will utilize the entry with the ramp on the east side of the building near the gym.

Session 2 registration is open!!! Same process as Session 1. Sign up link is attached below. Please email a copy of your receipt to jamese.bell@apavegas.org.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWnjYu9JyB6vH09asZx8tHKU63nYL_maJoDrZ5bj057GEiVw/viewform

Thank you for your interest in our Hip-Hop program! We appreciate your support!!!

Volunteers Needed for High School Speech and Debate

Our team is now gearing up for hosting the district competition at American Preparatory Academy on **April 12, 13 & 14th**. We are very excited to be hosting the district competition and is a great opportunity for our parents to get involved. Please volunteer a few hours of your time to judge one of our events, bring or serve food, or just help out with logistics. We need a lot of volunteer judges for this upcoming event and judging speech is easy and fun - all you have to do is listen to amazing student speeches and decide which one you like the best. The only requirements are that you be over 18 and speak English. Adult siblings and extended family are welcome to come help you fulfill your volunteer hours too! For those of you that work and are unable to volunteer during regular school hours, this tournament is 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.

APA's Spring Basketball Intramural League

The league is open to **3rd - 8th** grade students

- those selected to play on one of APA's Charter Leagues (NCSSL) this past winter are **NOT** eligible to participate
- costs **\$25** for each participant

League evaluations begin on **Monday, April 2**.

Complete the online registration as soon as you can:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf72e8atO2KQJt3_9sDQqWQZtIIN2iye45TN6ad4m_e2hGs3Q/viewform

APA Cheerleading SAVE THE DATES:

Boys and girls welcome and wanted at tryouts!

Tryouts for COMPETITION team are:

ELEMENTARY TRYOUTS: (Grades 2, 3, 4, 5)

MAY 16, 17, 18 - right after school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRYOUTS (Grades 6, 7, 8)

MAY 14, 15, 16 - right after school.

HIGH SCHOOL TRYOUTS (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

MAY 14, 15, 16 - right after school.

The first two days of tryouts will be spent learning the tryout routines. Day 3 will be the final tryout in front of the judges. Students must attend all 3 days of the tryout sessions. Exact tryout times and instructions will be given at the mandatory parent meeting.

***If you have a first grader THIS YEAR, they ARE eligible to tryout because they will be in 2nd grade in the Fall! Please attend the parent meeting and learn more!

MANDATORY Parent Meeting to Register For Tryouts:

Monday, May 7th 8:30 AM Parent Meeting Option 1

Monday May 7th 6:30 PM Parent Meeting Option 2

*Parents **must** attend one of these two meetings in order to register their cheerleader for tryouts. There will be no late registrations, and no registration for students whose parents do not attend a meeting. A parent or guardian must attend this meeting and sign cheer parent contracts in order to receive a registration packet for each cheerleader.

This is for COMPETITION teams only. Spirit team sign-ups will be in the FALL of 2018!

2018 SUMMER CAMPS

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

American Prep Cheer Camp - SAVE THE DATE!

June 18-22 every day from 9 AM-12PM. Boys and girls, ages 5-14!

Get out of the house this summer, and join us for another fun & inspiring one-week summer camp! \$150 for the week (early bird pricing)! Sibling discount of \$25 for each additional sibling attend camp. Many more details to come - but reserve these dates right now!