



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

April Builders' Theme:

I am a builder when I use kind and courteous words

April 26, 2018

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Monday-Friday, April 23 rd -30 th	3 rd -6 th Grade SBAC Testing
Friday, April 27 th	Spirit Day
Monday-Thursday, April 30 th -May 3 rd	7 th -12 th Grade End of Course Testing
Wednesday, May 2 nd	K-6 th Builder Assembly
Friday, May 4 th	K-6 th Parent Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL
Monday-Friday, May 7 th -11 th	K-3 rd MAP Testing
Monday-Friday, May 7 th -11 th	AP Testing
Wednesday-Friday, May 9 th -11 th	7 th , 9 th , and 10 th Grade ACT Aspire Testing

***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)

April Builder Theme: I am a builder when I use kind and courteous words

If you've ever had an unkind word spoken to you, you know that words can do more damage than sticks and stones. Physical wounds heal over time, but wounds from harsh words can last forever. One conversation can have the power to change a life—either for better or for worse. Consider this story of two men lying in a hospital room:

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, and where they had been on vacations.

Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by hearing about all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene. One warm afternoon, the man by

the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band, he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words. Days, weeks, and months passed.

One morning, the nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed.

It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse, "What could have compelled my deceased roommate to have described such wonderful things outside this window?"

The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She went on to say, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

The author of this story is unknown, but the message is clear. Focusing your conversations on kind and encouraging words doesn't only change the way *you* see the world, but it affects how those around you see their world as well. Next time you find yourself complaining or saying unkind things, change your words and see if you can change your situation. Words are a sort of superpower; like Superman. The sooner you learn to use them for good, the happier your life will be!

Paper Jam!

Look for your FREE tickets to our upcoming school musical, *Paper Jam!* Bring your family and support our incredible cast at this delightfully family friendly production, May 10, 11, and 12. Doors open at 5:30, Sierra Vista High School Auditorium off Buffalo.

Tickets will go home the week of the play, doors are open to the public. 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

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

ELEMENTARY NEWS (K-6)

Academic Update – Olympics:

During Term 4 our elementary students participated in the APA Olympics. The students are judged in their homerooms in different categories. Some of these categories include: Choral Responding, Class Lines, Participation, Learning Positions, Attendance, and Spirit of the Olympics. Each category is judged out of 10 points and the students are given scores weekly. The top 3 class winners in each category won a prize. This was a fun event to motivate our students during this long third term! The winning classes were:

K-3:

Bronze – Mrs. Robinson’s 3rd Grade Class

Silver – Mrs. Call’s 2nd Grade Class

Gold - Ms. Gomez’s 1st Grade Class

4-6:

Bronze – Mrs. Carter’s 5th Grade Class

Silver – Mrs. Hambleton’s 4th Grade Class

Gold - Mrs. Burgess’s 4th Grade Class

WAY TO GO all of our students for their AMAZING performance this past term!

SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

7th- 8th Grade Ball Season May 4th-5th

The Ambassador Leadership Committee cordially invites your student to the New York City Ball.

*Mr. Hightower, Mrs. McLeod and Ms. Winovich's 4th period classes will attend:
7th grade reception and ball on Saturday, May 5th, 2018 from 12:00-2:30 PM.
Parents arrive for the the Parent Honor Dance at 2:10**

*Mr. Borders, Mr. Schell and Mrs. Tintles's 4th period classes will attend:
7th grade reception and ball on Saturday, May 5th, 2018 from 3:30-6:00 PM.
Parents arrive for the the Parent Honor Dance at 5:40**

*8th grade instructional dinner and ball is on Friday, May 4th, 2018 from 6:00-10:00 PM.
Parents arrive for the Parent Honor Dance at 9:40**

**The Parent Honor Dance is an opportunity for parents to dance with their student at the ball, and for students to demonstrate the formal dance techniques they've learned throughout the year.*

Attendance at these events are part of your child's 4th period grade. If conflicts exist please contact Mrs. Hill or Mr. Dugovic at: Natalie.Hill@apavegas.org and Kyle.Dugovic@apavegas.org as soon as possible.

Parent Volunteers-

Sign up to:

purchase food and bring to the school	help clean up on Friday 5/4 or Saturday 5/5	help set up 4/30-5/4
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-8thgrade1	http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-79th4	http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48aea72ca0f58-79th1

Parent Involvement – Parents may bring their students into the venue or drop them off at the **EAST STAFF ENTRANCE DOORS**. **Parents should not plan to stay** but plan to return for the Parent Honor Dance at the designated time. The *Parent Honor Dance* is an opportunity for the students to demonstrate respect & gratitude to their parents. Fathers will escort their daughters and sons will escort their mothers to the dance floor for a basic waltz. Uncles, aunts, siblings, family friends, grandparents or chaperones may substitute for parents if needed. **Bring your Camera!!** Both parents are invited. Often the parent not dancing is assigned camera duty during the honor dance.

Please do not take pictures in the photographer's professionally prepared area.

Invitation and RSVP- Your students received an invitation, RSVP, and parent information in 4th period. RSVP cards are a part of your child's 4th period grade. If you do not receive an invitation please email Mrs. Hill or Mr. Dugovic.

If a day of emergency exists contact Mrs. Hill or Mr. Dugovic Remember, attendance and punctuality are gestures of respect to your host or hostess. **Students may not bring friends or other guests to this event.** This event honors our accomplished APA students and recognizes their participation in APA's Character Development curriculum.

Required Dress- At this event, **PROFESSIONAL DRESS** is expected for both the ladies and the gentlemen. The goal is for everyone to feel comfortable.

Ladies may wear a nice Sunday dress, skirt or modest party dress with dress shoes (no flip flops, canvas or tennis shoes). Dresses must cover the edge of the shoulder and have a modest neckline. Dress length must reach the middle of the knee; floor length dresses are not recommended.

Gentlemen may wear khaki pants or dress pants with a dress shirt, tie and a belt. Black dress shoes are expected. A vest, sport coat or suit coat is optional. We hope these items may be readily found in your closet or easily borrowed. If help is needed with clothing, please contact Mrs. Hill or Mr. Dugovic at your campus.

Ladies Dress Check- At American Preparatory Academy we do a Ladies dress check for a few reasons. We teach what make an outfit professional, make sure students are dressed properly for the occasion (not overdressed or under dressed), and get rid of any day of stress figuring out what to wear to the dance. All of these skills will help your student in the future with college and job interviews.

Ladies dress check is a part of your child's 4th period grade. Please communicate with us if you need more time finding a dress or if you need to borrow one from the school. Dress check for the ball will be held on April 27th during 4th period in the gym. Students should plan on bringing their dress to school or by emailing Mrs. Hill a photo. Ladies who are attending the music festival in California please take the time to come and see Mrs. Hill or Ms. Steiner the next week.

Questions- If have any questions about the ball, please email Mrs. Hill and Mr.

Dugovic at: Natalie.Hill@apavegas.org and Kyle.Dugovic@apavegas.org as soon as possible.

CLUBS AND ATHLETICS

APA Key Club's Blood Drive

Please help support the APA Key Club's blood drive, partnering with the Red Cross. The drive will be held at APA on Wednesday, May 16 from 12-4pm. You can register by visiting redcrossblood.org and using the sponsor code AMERICANPREP. You must be 18 to donate blood. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Steiner at shannon.steiner@apavegas.org

Speech & Debate- Middle School

The APA Middle School Debate had the opportunity to attend a tournament at UNLV last Saturday (April 21st). All of the debate students that attended were able to observe a Mock Policy Debate by the third best debate team in the country! We had a successful turnout with our team having three students place for Best Speaker in their Public Forum debate rounds. Those students were Alana Nahabedian (First Place), Jonathan Tesfaye (Second Place), and Ari Feiler (Third Place). We also had one team place 2nd overall in Public Forum, Congratulations to Alana Nahabedian and Sahiba Sahn! We are so proud of our amazing team this year! This was our last tournament for the year but we look forward to working hard for next year. If you are interested in attending a speech and debate summer camp at APA this year please contact Tiara Bergquist at tiara.bergquist@apavegas.org.

2018 SUMMER CAMPS

Musical Theater Summer Camp: JUNE 11-15

Does your student love *The Greatest Showman*, *Shrek*, *Newsies*, and the exciting world of live theater? Then APA's first ever Musical Theater Summer Camp is the perfect thing for them.

Dates: June 11-15

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm M,T,W,TH,F

Place: APA LV Campus

Who: ANY Clark County student who wants to join!

Cost: \$200.00

Register your student at the following link today. Payment link and final payment will be due May 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Tintle. annie.tintle@apavegas.org

Link: <https://vegas.americanprep.org/camps/>

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!

Summer Learning Boot Camp- ELA and Math

Are you looking for some FUN this summer break? Want to work on your math or reading skills or just want to boost your current levels? Do you like to play games? Then check out APA's new Summer Learning Boot Camps! Two camps are being offered this year to all incoming 1st - 6th graders. The camps are two weeks in length starting on June 18 and ending on June 29. Hours are from 9am - 12pm, and are held at APA's Patrick Lane Campus.

The MATH boot camp will focus on concepts such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, money, geometry, plus so much more!

The ELA boot camp will focus on items such as reading strategies, inferencing, main idea, writing, plus so much more!

JUNE 18-29 (Monday-Friday)

9am-12 noon

\$125 for 2 weeks

Register now for this exciting opportunity!

Registration Link: <https://vegas.americanprep.org/camps/>

APA SUPER SUMMER BAND CAMP: June 25-29

Make Friends, Have Fun, Improve, and Perform Great Music!

ACTIVITIES: Improve your performance, practice in a relaxed atmosphere, perform band and ensemble music, individual instruction, music theory games, and a final concert.

WHEN: June 25-29 9AM-12Noon (Extended hours available 12-3PM)

WHO: Open to any APA student with at least one year of band experience and entering grade 7-12.

COST: \$85 for the week. Add \$50 for the extended afternoon hours (total \$135). Sibling Discount \$50 for the week.

REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE: <https://vegas.americanprep.org/camps/>.

LOCATION: American Preparatory Academy, [8377 W Patrick Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89113](#)

INSTRUCTORS: Claude Borders (claudie.borders@apavegas.org) and Sean Wyatt (sean.wyatt@apavegas.org). Email us for more information.

"Back to the Basics" Basketball Skills Camp: JUNE 25-29

"We will not accept you as you are. Instead, we will show you a vision of what you could be and help you achieve it!"

Place: APA LV Campus [8377 West Patrick Lane](#)

Who: Grades 2nd-12th (entering these grades in the 2018-19 school year)

ANY Clark County student who wants to join! All skill levels invited to attend!!

Cost: \$150.00

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm M-F

****Early bird drop off and late stay available for an additional fee. Inquire via*

email- jamese.bell@apavegas.org

Space is very limited!!

Staff and sibling discounts available!!

Register your student via the link below. Payment will be due June 20th.

Link: <https://vegas.americanprep.org/camps/>

Everywhere is a stage: Performance Prep - July 16-20

Performance Prep is a summer camp that will focus on the dynamics of performing. The goal of this camp is to provide each student with the tools needed to bring a performance piece to life. It will also provide specific tools to enhance the children's performance through voice fluctuation, body movements, and developed stage presence.

Time: 9am-12noon

Cost: \$125, includes camp T-shirt

Age Group: 2nd - 9th grade(entering in the fall)

Registration Link: <https://vegas.americanprep.org/camps/>

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Call brianna.call@apavegas.org or Ms Hayes nakeesha.hayes@apavegas.org

Volleyball Summer Camp: July 23-27

Where: APA LV Campus

Who: Grades 4th - 12th (Entering in the Fall) AND Any clark county student who would like to join

Cost: \$150.00

Grades: 4-8 are at 9 am - 12 pm

Grades: 9-12 are at 1 pm - 4 pm

***Early bird drop off and late stay available for additional fee inquire via email - meriah.jex@apavegas.org*

Staff and sibling discount!!

Register your student via the link below. Payment due June 1, 2018

Link: <https://vegas.americanprep.org/camps/>

QR Code for Summer Camp Information

