



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

April Builders' Theme:  
I am a builder when I am utterly reliable  
May 10, 2018

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Friday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade ACT Aspire Testing
Wednesday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 <sup>th</sup> Reading University Assembly
Wednesday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Drive @ 12-4pm
Thursday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Assembly @ 8:15am
Friday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Trip
Friday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Field Trip
Thursday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year SWYK @ 5:00pm
Friday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder End of Year SWYK AM: <b>9am</b> PM: <b>1pm</b> *updated
Friday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Day*****
Monday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade End of Year SWYK @ 5:00pm
Tuesday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year SWYK @ 6:00pm
Thursday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade End of Year SWYK @ 5:00pm
Thursday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year SWYK @ 6:00pm
Friday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade End of Year SWYK @ 5:00pm

\*\*\*\*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)**

**Paper Jam!**

COME ONE, COME ALL! Our APA Musical Theater Club has been working so hard for months and performance days are here. Please come out and support our students in our FIRST APA Musical at Sierra Vista High School. THURSDAY, May 10th, FRIDAY, May 11th & SATURDAY, May 12th at 6pm.

**Sierra Vista High School**  
[8100 W Robindale Road](http://www.svhs.edu)

**Admission is FREE!** Bring the whole family one or ALL three nights. Good luck to our Musical Theater Club!

Snacks will be sold at the performances. Cash only.

### **April Builder Theme: I am a builder when I am utterly reliable**

*The Little Hero of Holland* is the perfect story to illustrate our builders theme this month. This young boy was ***utterly reliable - willing to hold on as long as it takes to get the job done.***

Holland is a country where much of the land lies below sea level. Only great walls called dikes keep the North Sea from rushing in and flooding the land. For centuries the people of Holland have worked to keep the walls strong so that their country will be safe and dry. Even the little children know the dikes must be watched every moment, and that a hole no longer than your finger can be a very dangerous thing.

Many years ago there lived in Holland a boy named Peter. One afternoon in the early fall, when Peter was eight years old, his mother called him from his play. "Come, Peter," she said. "I want you to go across the dike and take these cakes to your friend, the blind man. He went happily and stayed with the poor blind man a little while. Then he remembered his mother's wish that he should return before dark and, bidding his friend goodbye, he set out for home.

As he walked beside the canal, he noticed how the rains had swollen the waters, and how they beat against the side of the dikes. Just then he heard a noise. It was the sound of trickling water! He stopped and looked down. There was a small hole in the dike, through which a tiny stream was flowing. Peter understood the danger at once. If the water ran through a little hole it would soon make a larger one, and the whole country would be flooded. In a moment he saw what he must do. He climbed down the side of the dike and thrust his finger into the tiny hole. The flowing of the water was stopped!

"Oh no!" he said to himself. "The angry waters must stay back now. I can keep them back with my finger. Holland shall not be drowned while I am here."

This was all very well at first, but soon it grew dark and cold. The little fellow shouted and screamed. "Come here; come here," he called. But no one heard him; no one came to help him.

Peter tried to whistle, but his teeth chattered with the cold. He thought of his brother and sister in their warm beds, and of his dear father and mother. "I must not let them be drowned," he thought. "I must stay here until someone comes, if I have to stay all night." So he stayed there all night keeping the sea out.

Early the next morning a man going to work thought he heard a groan as he walked along the top of the dike. Looking over the edge, he saw a child clinging to the side of the great wall.

"What's the matter?" he called. "Are you hurt?"

"I'm keeping the water back!" Peter yelled. "Tell them to come quickly!"

The alarm was spread. People came running with shovels and the hole was soon mended.

They carried Peter home to his parents, and before long the whole town knew how he had saved their lives that night. To this day, they have never forgotten the brave little hero of Holland.

Adapted from *Etta Austin Blaisdell and Mary Frances Blaisdell*

### **Memorial Day Poppies:**

Memorial Day is approaching and in the spirit of this national holiday, APA will be selling poppies (small red flowers) for \$1.00 each, suggested donation, starting on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. We are requiring all students to wear a poppy while attending our annual Memorial Day assembly. If you are able, please send a \$1 donation to pay for this poppy. We understand that not all families are able to donate. If you are able to donate more than \$1 that would be appreciated. ALL proceeds will be given to the local Veteran's office. Please send cash or change, or check written out to VFW-Post 10047 to the front office or secondary office. All money can also be put in the envelope provided and placed in the Family Communication Envelope or given to the office.

### **APA Friends & Family Outing- LAS VEGAS LIGHTS**

**WHEN:** MAY 19th, 5:30pm TAILGATE & 8PM KICK OFF

**WHERE:** CASHMAN FIELD

**WHO:** LAS VEGAS LIGHTS SOCCER & APA FAMILIES

**LET'S FILL THE STADIUM!!** APA Friends and Families night at our Las Vegas Lights Soccer game on May 19th. APA Friends and Family have special discount pricing and everyone receives a **FREE** Soccer Scarf. You must use the special **LINK** to purchase your discounted tickets and receive the **FREE LIGHTS** scarf. Pass this link on to friends and family.

**[WWW.LIGHTSFC.COM/AMERICANPREP](http://WWW.LIGHTSFC.COM/AMERICANPREP)**

### **Volunteer Assembly**

Have you volunteered this year? We would LOVE to celebrate YOU; parents, family, and friends. Please come to our volunteer assembly on May 17 at 8:15am so that we can show you our appreciation. Please park after carpool. Small brunch will be served.

### **Helldorado Parade - SATURDAY, MAY 12th**

It's that time of year again, time for the annual **Helldorado Parade**. This year we will have two float entries in the parade; Our **Upper High School** students will have a **"Builders"** themed float, while the **MUSICAL THEATER CLUB** will have a float themed after this year's musical production **"Paper Jam"**. Both floats will be accompanied by our **APA CHEER** squad. Please join us this Saturday (05/12) at 10:00AM in Downtown Las Vegas for a morning of food, fun and friends all while supporting our students participating in this event. You are sure to have a good time!

### **POGO Pass**

POGO Pass has partnered with American Preparatory Academy to offer families a discounted price. The pass allows the holder to visit various attractions around the Las Vegas Valley for one price and saves individuals and families money as part of the bundle. Attractions include the Children's Discovery Museum, The Lion Habitat, Cowabunga Bay, and entry to two (2) 51's games to name a few. The POGO pass usually goes for \$99.95, but has been discounted to \$39.98 with our affiliate code. If you would like to purchase these passes, please follow the link listed below:

**[https://www.pogopass.com?affiliate\\_code=APA2018](https://www.pogopass.com?affiliate_code=APA2018)**

### **Paver/Landscaper Needed**

APA is looking to install 4x8 and 8x8 pavers where the gravel currently is placed in the playground area. If you are a landscaper or work for a paving company and need volunteer hours, please reach out to Whitney Lloyd at **[Whitney.Lloyd@yahoo.com](mailto:Whitney.Lloyd@yahoo.com)** or text at 702-756-6685 for more details. We need your help!

## **ELEMENTARY NEWS (K-6)**

### **Academic Update – End of Year Testing:**

We are nearing the end of the school year and we are so excited for the upcoming Summer Break!

During these last few weeks, it's critical that your student(s) be in school as much as possible as we will be using this time to complete our State Testing as well as our In Program assessments to determine if students reached mastery on their homeroom curriculum.

The Testing Schedule is subject to change however, below you will find the Elementary Testing for the remainder of the year:

May 7<sup>th</sup>-May 11<sup>th</sup>: MAPS Testing (Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

May 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>: Placement Testing for Reading Groups (Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

May 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: ACT Aspire Testing (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

May 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: Placement Testing for Math Groups (Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

May 28<sup>th</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup>: Core Knowledge Testing (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Students planning to return to APA next year must complete their Core Knowledge Testing and their Placement Testing so they can be placed in reading/math/spelling groups for the 2018-19 school year.

With our many weeks off and the summer break approaching, we truly appreciate your support in having your students attend school while it is in session, especially as we work to complete our testing for the upcoming school year.

## **SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)**

The end of the year is upon us. Over that last year we have seen some amazing growth by our students. We have been so impressed by the work that we have accomplished. Teachers have put in countless hours of lesson prep, test and paper grading and deep contemplation of how to best help our students. With all that has been accomplished it is hard to believe that there is more to come. At American Prep, we do not slow down until the last days of the year. Your students' presence is required at school. If they are not here, they are missing vital information for their continued success. We will have exams at the end of most classes. In part these exams go towards determining student placement next year. Please help your student by ensuring that they are present each day as we fit in as much information as possible. Please look in future newsletters for information regarding our end of year excitement including our knowledge bowl, staff vs student competitions, culminating concerts and our talent show. Thank you all for your support this year. Let's finish this final leg sprinting through the finish.

### **End of Course Testing**

Many of our secondary students participated in End of Course testing this week. These tests have taken the place of the Nevada High School Proficiency tests, which were previously a graduation exit requirement. The Department of Education has provided a plan over multiple years to institute these new tests. This year, APA elected to utilize the Integrated Math exam in an effort to more closely align our math curriculum with the state testing standards. Many of our students reported

feeling challenged by concepts they had not yet learned. We want to communicate and clarify that the scores which they have earned on the test will not be reported on their transcripts. The state used a cut score of 400 for passing last year however, this was based on an undisclosed scale and not on correct points out of total points possible. American Preparatory Academy will not be using any cut score or scaling the student scores based on their performance on this test. It will be a participation only grade. If you have further questions, please contact Ms. Steiner at [shannon.steiner@apavegas.org](mailto:shannon.steiner@apavegas.org)

Please see this link below for more information on the planned roll out:

[http://www.doe.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/ndedoenvgov/content/High\\_School\\_Graduation/Documents/NVHSGradReq17\\_18\\_2.pdf](http://www.doe.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/ndedoenvgov/content/High_School_Graduation/Documents/NVHSGradReq17_18_2.pdf)

### **AP Courses**

We are very excited to be expanding our AP courses during the 2018-2019 school year. It is critical that students and parents interested in taking AP courses attend our AP Info Breakfast next Saturday, May 19 from 8:30-10am. AP courses have increased workloads, fees, and culminating exams. We want to be sure all expectations are clear prior to students signing up for these courses. The list of AP courses being offered included: Psychology, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, European History, US History, Government, Calculus, Statistics, English Language, and English Literature. Following the breakfast, students will make an appointment to meet with AP teachers to finalize their AP enrollment and receive their mandatory summer packet. If you cannot attend for any reason, please contact Ms. Steiner at [shannon.steiner@apavegas.org](mailto:shannon.steiner@apavegas.org)

### **High School Career Night**

APA's High School Career Night will take place on Thursday, May 17th from 5:30-7:00pm. We will have visitors from aviation, business, hospitality, medicine, real estate, culinary, fire department, and more! Please stop by to talk with our Career Night visitors and learn something about their fields. Questions? Please contact Ms. Steiner at [shannon.steiner@apavegas.org](mailto:shannon.steiner@apavegas.org)

## **CLUBS AND ATHLETICS**

### **Swim Team**

Congratulations to Enzi Han who recently competed in the NIAA Sunset Regional Prelims as a member of Sierra Vista's swim team. Enzi qualified for the NIAA Sunset Regional Finals this Friday. If you see Enzi around wish her luck in the upcoming competition!

### **APA Boys' Basketball: Hard. Smart. Together.**

We will be having informational meetings for any boys interested in competing in the APA Boys' Basketball program next season next Tuesday & Thursday. The meeting for the High School team will be held on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the gym. This meeting is for boys who are currently in high school or who will be entering high school next year – those in 8th-11th grade currently. We will be discussing participation on our summer team, attendance at our summer camps, and our general expectations heading into next year (our first year in the NIAA). This meeting **IS MANDATORY** for anyone interested in trying out for our summer team.

The Elementary and Junior High boys meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the gym. This meeting is for boys who are currently in grades 2 - 7. We will be discussing attendance at our summer camps and our general expectations heading into next

year. This meeting is not mandatory, but you will receive valuable information and have the opportunity to ask our coaching staff questions about the program. Please come! Any boy interested in playing on any of our competitive teams at any level should attend with at least one parent. If you have any questions, please contact [tony.brinsko@apavegas.org](mailto:tony.brinsko@apavegas.org) OR [darrell.larsen@apavegas.org](mailto:darrell.larsen@apavegas.org)  
Go Eagles!

**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](http://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](mailto:shannon.steiner@apavegas.org)

**2018 SUMMER CAMPS**

JUNE	CAMP	GRADE in FALL	DATES	TIME	COST	CONTACT
	Musical Theater	3 - 12	June 11-15	9am-3pm	\$200	annie.tintle@apavegas.org
	Cheer	K - 8	June 18-22	9am-12 noon	\$150	ldugovic@apamail.org
	Math/Reading Boot Camp (2 weeks)	1 - 6	June 18-22 June 25-29	9am-12 noon	\$125	shauna.harris@apavegas.org
	Speech & Debate Camp	5 - 8	June 25-29	9am-3pm	\$150-\$200	tiara.Bergquist@apavegas.org
	Basketball	2 - 12	June 25-29	9am-2pm	\$150	Jamese.bell@apavegas.org
	Band	7 - 12	June 25-29	9am-12 noon	\$85	claudie.borders@apavegas.org

  

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CAMP	GRADE in FALL	DATE	TIME	COST	CONTACT	
Everywhere is a Stage: Building Blocks of Performance	2 - 9	July 16- 20	9am-12 noon	\$125	Nakeesha.hayes@apavegas.org brianna.call@apavegas.org	
Basketball Beginners	3 - 5	July 9 - 13	1:30pm-4:30pm	\$100	Basketball Academy Camps:	
Basketball Advanced	5 - 8	July 10-14	8am - 12 noon	\$150	For more information please contact	
Basketball Intermediate	4 -6	July 16-20	1:30pm-4:30pm	\$125	tony.brinsko@apavegas.org	
Basketball Elite	9 - 12	July 17 - 21	8am - 12noon	\$175	Or darrell.larsen@apavegas.org	
Volleyball	4 - 12	July 23-27	9am-12 noon & 1pm-4pm	\$150	meriah.jex@apavegas.org	
Hip Hop	K - 12	July 30-Aug 3	9am-3pm	\$200	ldugovic@apamail.org	

  

<p><b>REGISTRATION LINK</b>  <a href="https://vegas.americanprep.org/camps/">https://vegas.americanprep.org/camps/</a></p>	JULY
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### **Musical Theater Summer Camp: JUNE 11-15**

Does your student love *The Greatest Showman*, *Shrek*, *Newsies*, and the exciting world of live theater? If so, 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](mailto: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-12PM (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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/8377+W+Patrick+Lane,+Las+Vegas,+NV+89113)

**INSTRUCTORS:** Claude Borders ([claudie.borders@apavegas.org](mailto:claudie.borders@apavegas.org)) and Sean Wyatt ([sean.wyatt@apavegas.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:brianna.call@apavegas.org) or Ms Hayes [nakeesha.hayes@apavegas.org](mailto: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 - [meriab.jex@apavegas.org](mailto:meriab.jex@apavegas.org)*

Staff and sibling discount!!

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

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