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September 21st

NO SCHOOL
Professional Development Day

September 27th

K-6th Grade SWYK
8:00am

October 2nd-4th

1st-3rd Maps Testing

October 5th

7th-12th Grade NO SCHOOL
Parent Teacher Conferences

October 5th

Builders Carnival
5:00-8:00pm

October 10th

PSAT 8th-11th Grades

October 11th

Picture Makeup Day

****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. Spirit wear can be purchased online, at: <http://www.americanprep.org/store/>

The APA Spirit Store will now be open every WEDNESDAY. Please use this day to drop in and purchase needed uniform and spirit items! We are open during two different time slots: 8:15 AM - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM



Monthly Builders Theme:

Building with Enthusiasm

As we reflect on Building with Enthusiasm this week, please ponder this poem. The author, Mr. Larson gives us the perfect recipe for wholehearted enthusiasm. I like that he focuses on recognizing our strengths and then most importantly, he encourages us to reach out and give to others.

Promise Yourself

by Christian D. Larson, teacher and author

To be so strong that nothing
can disturb your peace of mind.
To talk health, happiness, and prosperity
to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel
that there is something in them
To look at the sunny side of everything
and make your optimism come true.

To think only the best, to work only for the best,
and to expect only the best.
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about
your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past
and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times
and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no
time to criticize others.
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and
too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in
loud words but great deeds.
To live in faith that the whole world is on your side
so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

All School News

Save the Date! Builders Carnival! Friday, October 5th: 5pm to 8pm!

We need your help! If you can help us with volunteering, sponsor a booth, game booth donations or other donations (see last page for more information) please follow the sign-up genius link and add your name. For questions email: FSO@apavegas.org. **SIGN UP GENIUS LINK:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48a8ab29a3fd0-apasponsorgame>

Fingerprinting Update

If you were fingerprinted with us at the beginning of the year, we are currently working on reviewing the background checks and printing badges. Becca Batista will be reaching out to you once everything has been completed and set in place. Please do not let this stop you from volunteering in the meantime. You are still more than welcome to come in and help the office or teachers.

If you would still like to be fingerprinted please email Becca.batista@apavegas.org to receive more information.

Carpool Reminder

All parents, as acknowledged in the Parent Compact Agreement, have promised to abide by school policies and procedures regarding student drop-off and carpool.

APA's intent with carpool operations is to make sure the hundreds of vehicles passing through carpool are able to move quickly and safely. The cooperation of drivers with carpool staff will help ensure that students are dropped off and picked up in a timely manner. It's critical that drivers follow directions given by APA staff in order to maintain the momentum of traffic flow. Failure to follow the traffic directions of APA staff may result in carpool privileges being restricted.

If at any time there is an emergency, urgent need to pick up students early, or any special accommodations, please advise APA Administration of the need in advance.

Parents must have their carpool number visible in their car when they pick up their child. If they do not have a carpool number with them, we cannot let the child in the car.

Secondary News

PSAT/NMSQT Test

Wednesday, October 10th will be a testing day for all students in grades 7-11. This is the national administration for the PSAT/NMSQT test for all 10-11th graders. We have also elected for students in 8th and 9th grade to take the PSAT 8/9 which is designed to provide early feedback on the skills and knowledge needed to be successful on the PSAT/NMSQT. Our students in 7th grade will attend a rotation of classes designed to help them prepare for all standardized testing later in the year.

Students in grades 7-11 will be released at 1:05/1:15 to their normal carpool locations. Students in grade 12 should stay tuned for further information about a special senior activity happening that day in lieu of testing. Any questions, please contact Ms. Steiner at shannon.steiner@apavegas.org

Senior Acceptances

We are so excited that some of our seniors are already being accepted to college! Please check out our new College bulletin board near Mrs. Mayo's desk where we will be tracking all those acceptances. We are also sharing the information during morning announcements. Seniors and parents, please let Ms. Steiner know about any and all college acceptances! We are so proud of our students!

ASVAB Test

APA will be offering the ASVAB test for the first time this year. The test will be administered on **Friday, October 5 from 9am-12pm**. This is during Parent Teacher Conferences, so there is no school that day. The test is meant for students in 10th, 11th and 12th grade who are interested in or curious about a career within the military. It is completely optional, but students need to register by sending an email to Ms. Steiner at shannon.steiner@apavegas.org

To learn more about the test or to decide if this test might be right for you, please visit this website: <https://www.asvabprogram.com/>

September 9th-8th Grade Barn Event

Last week our 8th grade students put on their cowboy hats and bandanas for all of the fun at the Barn BBQ Event! Our students did a wonderful job practicing skills such as listening during conversation, the importance of teamwork, how to seat a lady, and how having a positive attitude makes a big difference when the going gets rough! A big thank you to our parent volunteers who helped our event to be a success! Parents make sure to test your student's knowledge on the following station quiz questions!

- What experiment did the man try at the party? What were the results? (He just listened! And yet, his peers noticed his charisma and great articulation)
- What is one of the most frequent mistakes in the business world? (Ineffective Listening)
- What are three things you can do to improve your listening skills? (Plan to listen, Show that you are listening, Be a cooperative listener)
- What is an open-ended question? (a question that requires a response more than yes or no)
- How do you, the gentleman, know when a lady is comfortable and you may be seated? (She rests her back against the chair)
- Who leads the way to the table and chooses where to sit? (The Gentleman)
- What does the lady have to do at the end of the buffet line? (WAIT for the gentleman who offered the courtesy of letting you go first)
- What is the job of the gentleman in relationship to the chair? (to hold the weight of the chair)
- What is the job of the lady in relationship to the chair? (to position/guide the chair to the right place)
- How can difficult life situations affect us in a positive way? (it can motivate us to be positive and put forth our best effort)
- What happens to iron when it's heated to extremely hot temperatures? (it is malleable and changeable)
- When is our attitude important? (it is always important because it can affect the outcome of any situation)
- What color of ink do you use to write a proper thank you note? (use blue or black ink)
- What do you write out in the bottom right hand corner of your thank you note? (the date)
- Name three people you could write a thank you note to and why. (answers will vary)

7th Grade Leaders 4 Life- September 12th

On Wednesday September 12th, the 7th grade students participated in the Leaders for Life Opening Ceremonies Event. At the event the students learned how to demonstrate positive character traits, strong leadership skills by thinking out of the box, and respectful behavior. In addition, students learned and reviewed proper “meet and greet” protocol and were taught how professional body language is a key factor in making a good impression. Test your students’ knowledge with the following questions:

- What is character? (Your reputation; the sum of your individual traits; the moral standard that determines your conduct)
- What determines your character? (Your choices)
- What is the difference between a blowtorch and the Olympic Torch? (The blowtorch is a useful tool and the Olympic Torch is a symbol intended to inspire others.)
- How do your choices represent a torch for others? (A torch inspires and leads. Good choices set an example to those around you and encourage others to make good choices too.)
- What does it mean to think “Out of the box?” (It means to brainstorm, consider all the possibilities and not give up!)
- Is following someone else’s strategy a form of cheating? (No, it is putting into practice winning strategies. Copying an answer you do not know is cheating.)
- What is “in the box” thinking? (Only considering the one obvious option and quitting if it doesn’t work.)
- What are the Gold, Silver and Bronze rules for accepting recognition? (Gold – be gracious; Silver – be confident and mature; Bronze – be kind)
- What is your right hand called when eating and socializing? (Eat, Meet and Greet hand)
- Where should your drink always be? (In your left hand)
- What are your only two possible answers when someone offers you refreshments? (“Yes, please.” or “No, thank you.”)
- What did the sergeant want you to know? (How to sit, stand and speak to make a good impression.)
- What is the best “Meet and Greet” jingle to use when you don’t know what to say to someone you’ve never met? (Hello, my name is __ (first and last) __ I don’t believe we’ve met.)
- If using good posture is a skill, what must you do to become better at it? (Practice)

9th-12th Tailgate Party and Lunch- September 26th

During Lunch on September 26th we will be having a Tailgate PARTY! All students will go to 2nd lunch that day. Student Government has been hard at work planning a great time! Students are encouraged to bring cash to purchase tacos, snacks, and Bahama Bucks.

9th-12th Homecoming Dance- September 28th *A TWIST OF AUTUMN*

9th-12th Grade will be having a Homecoming Dance! We will be having a themed dance on Friday, September 28th. The dance will be held from at 6:30-8:00 p.m. **Pick up and drop off will be at the east staff entrance doors.** Pick up for the Homecoming Dance will be at 8:00 PM. **PLEASE be on time to pick up your 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.

If you would like to bring along a non- American Prep student, please fill out a dance guest pass. These will be due Wednesday, September 26th, to Mr. Hulet before 4 PM. You can pick up a copy in the Character Development Office.

Student Government asks that students come to the dance dressed casually.

Clothing **MUST** follow these guidelines:

- a. Clothing should be hemmed and free from excessive tears, rips, and holes, and **NOT SAGGING**
- b. Clothing must cover undergarments and the back. **This includes not wearing leggings as pants.**
- c. **All clothing must cover shoulders. No exposed bellies or bare midriiffs. Pants, 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 or offensive graphics or words
- clothing that is overly tight, revealing, or extremely short
- **NO shorts, crop tops, leggings, or yoga pants**

If you're interested in volunteering for clean up email CD@apavegas.org

9th-12th Grade Homecoming- Spirit Days

9th-12th Grade Students will receive "spirit points" for their grade, for every student who participates in the following dress-up days:

Monday September 24th: Sweater Weather Day

Students can wear any sweater they would like with their uniform button down, tie, and bottoms

*No hoodies

*No inappropriate or offensive graphics or words

Tuesday September 25th: Sports or College T- Shirt Day

Students can wear any sports T-Shirt they would like with their uniform bottoms

*No tank tops, crop tops, or muscle shirts

*Shirts should not be too tight, see through, or low cut

*No inappropriate or offensive graphics or words

Wednesday September 26th: Class Color T-shirt day

9th grade students should wear a grey T-shirt with their uniform bottoms

10th grade students should wear a blue T-shirt with their uniform bottoms

11th grade students should wear a white T-shirt with their uniform bottoms

12th grade students should wear a red T-shirt with their uniform bottoms

*No tank tops, crop tops, or muscle shirts

*Shirts should not be too tight, see through, or low cut

*No inappropriate or offensive graphics or words

Thursday September 27th: Tacky Tie Day

Students can wear any tie they would like with their uniform

Friday September 28th: Free shoes and/or free socks/APA Spirit Shirt Day

Students can wear any pair of shoes or socks they would like with their uniform

Students can also choose to wear an APA Spirit Day Shirt with their uniform bottoms

*No open toed shoes

This year we will be tallying "spirit points" by grade. The grade with the most "spirit points" at the end of the year will receive a **NO UNIFORM DAY!**

Clubs

Speech & Debate

Speech and Debate will be having a tournament next week at Desert Oasis High School on Friday, September 28th and Saturday, September 29th. Come and support your speech and debate team! It's not too late to join. Our next meeting will be on Friday, October 5th right after school in the junior high school cafeteria until 4:30.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bergquist at tiara.bergquist@apavegas.org

HIP HOP Class After School

Students will be learning new combinations and hip-hop technique each day of the week. Classes will begin on 10/1 and conclude on 11/9. All skill levels are encouraged to attend. Come on out and have some fun!!!

Choose how many classes you would like per week.

1 class per week-\$60

2 classes per week-\$75

3 classes per week-\$110

****PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES FOR SPECIFIC AGE GROUPS:**

1st-4th grades

Mon/Tues/Fri 3:30-4:15pm

Wed/Thurs 2:30-3:15pm

5th-12th grades

Mon/Tues/Fri 4:30-5:30

Wed/Thurs 3:30-4:30

****You will receive a payment link upon completion of registration.**

Please fill out this form (<https://goo.gl/forms/S7qQtj2QOCZJoiW82>) if you will be signing up for hip hop class for the month of October. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Bell at jamese.bell@apavegas.org

Athletics

Girl's Volleyball

Last Saturday, the Varsity Lady Eagles opened NCSAA league play with a hard-fought contest vs Club Rage and started fast with a 25-20 win. Despite some inspired play by the girls in the last set, the Rage emerged victorious, winning 25-14, 25-6, 25-19. The MS team also won their first game vs Doral, 25-20, but lost 25-13 and 16-14. On September 18th, both teams traveled cross-town to Founder's Academy and returned to their winning ways. The Varsity won a thrilling contest, coming from behind to defeat FA by 7-25, 25-10, 18-25, 27-25, and 15-4. The MS followed suit, winning 25-21 and 25-13.

Games the remainder of the week are as follows:

-MS Plays:

- 9/20 - AWAY at American Heritage (2100 Olympic Ave at E Patrick and Sandhill) at 4 pm
- 9/22 - HOME vs Doral Pebble at 10 am

-Varsity Plays:

- 9/20 - HOME vs The Adelson School - JV at 4 pm and V at 5 pm.
- 9/22 - HOME vs Club Ace of Spades at 11 am.

Cross Country

After a great showing in the Moapa Valley Invitational last Saturday, the harriers returned this week for a great week of practice. And this weekend - EVERYBODY will be running somewhere!

Last week, both the Varsity and MS teams ventured north to the Moapa Valley Invitational and a step up in the level of competition. The MS team was unfazed, however, and accomplished their second impressive win, with both Levi Lander and Beckett Melder finishing in the top five, less than a minute off the winning pace. Varsity competed well but finished in fourth place succumbing to perennial state power, Moapa Valley. Here is the schedule for the rest of this week.

MS this weekend

- Middle School will be competing on Friday in the Red Rover Invitational, running either a professionally timed 1.5 mile time trial or against other MS teams from the NCSSA league who have been invited to attend.
- Our Elementary team will also be racing against 12 other elementary schools.
- The races will take place at 4:30 pm on Friday at Frias Elementary School in Southern Highlands (5800 W Broken Top Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89141).

HS this weekend:

- High School will be at Frias Elementary on Friday to help at the race and support the ES and MS kids
- Then, HS kids will race at Lake Las Vegas on Saturday morning. They will be running in the Varsity B race at 10:00 am and need to be on site at 8:30 am for warmup and to watch the 2 Varsity A races.

Paperwork

Parents are encouraged to keep getting their physicals and participation fees taken care of so their youngsters can continue to participate.

Basketball Tryouts

We have had a lot of questions regarding the tryout dates for the other sports, especially basketball. Those dates will be forthcoming but will not occur before Fall Break. We are planning on fielding the following teams - Boy's and Girl's Varsity, Boy's and Girl's JV, Boy's and Girl's MS, Coed Elementary.

Builders Carnival

Volunteer Opportunities

Dunk Tank -

6 Volunteers for 35 min shifts

Bounce Houses -

6 Volunteers for 35 min shifts

Prize Booth -

6 Volunteers for 35 min shifts

Can Drink and Water Booth -

6 Volunteers for 35 min shifts

Pre-Made Cotton Candy Booth -

6 Volunteers for 35 min shifts

Floating Volunteer -

(to volunteer wherever needed at any time, within the time you signed up for. To be available to help game/food booths with long lines. Will be directed by FSO: Brit Dye or Lea Glenn) -

12 Volunteers for 35 min shifts

Sponsor Booth Availability

Hot Dog Booth - Sponsor to provide:

*200-250 hot dogs, buns, condiments: i.e. ketchup + mustard), hot dog trays

*hot dog warmer/something similar

*serving utensils

*easy-up tent

*3 volunteers per 1.5 hour shift (2 shifts; 4:50 pm to 6:30 pm + 6:30 pm to 8:10 pm or until food is gone, whichever comes first)

OR

*Monetary/supply donation of approx total cost: \$150 to \$220

Cost breakdown:

240 All Beef Hot Dogs \$75

240 Buns \$40

2 Condiments Pack \$20

Food Trays \$15

Hot Dog Machine Rental (optional) \$80

Cotton Candy Booth -Sponsor to provide:

*200 pre-bagged cotton candy

*cotton candy machine [for fresh cotton candy on glow cones which will be provided by the school])

*2 volunteers per 1.5 hour shift (2 shifts; 4:50 pm to 6:30 pm + 6:30 pm to 8:10 pm)

OR

*Monetary/supply donation of approx total cost: \$230

Cost breakdown:

Pre made Cotton Candy (www.rainbowcottoncandy.com) \$130

Cotton Candy Machine \$100

Game Booth Donations

Dunk Tank - Your donation. Find a dunk tank rental, reserve on day of event, pay, send us all the info and we can coordinate drop off/pick up.

OR

*Monetary/supply donation of approx total cost: \$250- we will reserve and coordinate drop off/pick up.

Obstacle Bounce Course - Your donation. Find obstacle bounce course rental, reserve on day of event, pay, send us all the info and we can coordinate drop off/pick up.

OR

*Monetary donation and we can set it all up! Monetary/supply donation of approx total cost: \$250 to \$300

Face Painting Booth - Looking for a great face painter/airbrush who would like to donate their services for the night!

OR

*Monetary/supply donation of approx total cost: \$250

Other Donations

***Generators**

***Audio Equipment**

***Raffle Prizes** - Own a business? Know a friend or family member who owns a business? Would you/they like to donate to our Raffle prizes?? All donations are tax deductible! Please bring your donation to the Elementary office by Wednesday, October 3 or contact FSO@apavegas.org to arrange pick up.

***Bottled water -**

20 packs of - 8 fl oz bottles 80 pk. Approx cost: \$8

20 packs of - 16.9 fl oz bottles 45 pk. Approx cost: \$4

Please bring your donation to the Elementary office by Thursday, October 4 by noon.

***Prize Booth Prizes** - Your donation in prize booth prizes. Looking for big and small items! Your donations will count towards your service hours! Please bring your donation to the Elementary office by Thursday, October 4 by noon. See Sign-Up Genius for prizes needed.

SIGN UP GENIUS LINK:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48a8ab29a3fd0-apasponsorgame>