

September

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October

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September 28th

9th-12th Grade Homecoming
6:30-8:00pm

October 2nd-4th

1st-3rd Maps Testing

October 3rd

K-3rd Builders Assembly
8:00am

October 3rd

Parent Senior Night
6:00-7:00pm

October 4th

4th-6th Builders Assembly
8:00am

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

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

The meaning of enthusiasm is “intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval.” The source of the word is the Greek, “enthousiasmos,” which ultimately comes from the adjective entheos, “having the God within.”

This week we talked about the characteristics of enthusiastic people. As you read the six traits below, think about yourself and where your strengths are. Pay attention throughout this week to the characteristics you could improve upon with practice.

Enthusiastic people **RADIATE ENERGY**. When these people walk into a room, heads turn and people gather. Their smile lights up a room.

Enthusiastic people are **CURIIOUS AND INTERESTED** in life. They love learning and live in a state of wonder, surprise, and delight.

Enthusiastic people **FOCUS ON THE GOOD** (even when things aren't). They emphasize what they can do rather than what they can't do.

Enthusiastic people **FEEL DEEPLY AND LAUGH OFTEN**. They show compassion for life's difficulties and use humor to help themselves and others through tough times.

Enthusiastic people **DO SOMETHING THEY LOVE** every day, no matter how small. They are passionate about their work, hobbies, craft, or the sports they play and it shows.

Enthusiastic people **SERVE A GREATER PURPOSE** than themselves. They have a desire to help others and build community.

<http://livingwithenthusiasm.com/characteristics.htm>

I challenge you to focus specifically on one of the characteristics above and become more enthusiastic! Invite every member of the family to participate and watch what happens to the atmosphere in your home.

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.

Elementary News

Elementary Academic Update - Infinite Campus

Parents please remember to check your student's grades and attendance through Infinite Campus. If you are unable to access infinite campus, please contact info@apavegas.org for assistance. Upon logging in, please review your contact information is correct or update it accordingly.

Through Infinite Campus, you have access to your students' grades and attendance.

Grades are updated weekly by teachers so please work with your student(s) to help them stay on top of their work and improve their academic success.

Please remember, teachers may send home missing work reports, but it is vital that you are checking on your student's grades, attendance, and assignments on a weekly basis as well.

Secondary News

It is Homecoming week! It has been so fun to see our high school students enjoy this spirit week with all the sweaters, jerseys, and funny ties among other things. We are looking forward to having a great time at the homecoming dance this weekend. We are excited for the class of 2023 to join in on the festivities next year as they move from Junior High to High School.

In the past weeks we have seen an increase in disciplinary issues. The two recurring issues arising are academic dishonesty (cheating) and issues on social media. Often times students cheat because they either don't understand the material or they did not take the time to do their own work. Please have an open dialogue with your students. If they are struggling to understand what they have been assigned please ensure that they seek help from our teachers. Also, we invite you to utilize Infinite Campus and other resources to ensure your student is completing their homework each night. At American Prep we assign homework every night. If your student consistently comes home indicating they have not been assigned any homework, please verify with their teachers. To assist you in this matter, there will be a weekly email that is automatically generated from Infinite Campus.

Parents, please refer to our policy regarding screen time and social media quoted below. Speak with your children regarding their use of social media. We can say with all confidence that if students are not involved in inappropriate use of social media they are being exposed to it. Do not wait until there is a major issue before guiding your student's use if not terminating it entirely. When we meet with parents about social media concerns, most of are surprised to know that their students have multiple accounts, circumvented family rules to access social media, and that they are saying and doing the things they are doing. Parents may be held responsible for their children's use of social media under Nevada's parental responsibility laws. As a school we have purchased a monitoring system for our server which alerts us when anything inappropriate is said or downloaded on our servers. We recently contacted your students to inform them that we have limited some functions on our servers as a result of multiple infractions.

"American Preparatory Academy recommends that families adopt a "no TV, no Video games" policy Monday through Thursday. Ample research has demonstrated that it is not beneficial for students to watch TV and play video games on a daily basis. Such activities contribute to physical ailments such as obesity, and other serious issues that inhibit the student's ability to learn. Additionally, American Preparatory Academy recommends a "no Social Media" policy for students until 11th grade. Recent evidence shows that there are potentially damaging effects on pre and young teens who engage in use of social media without the proper maturity and brain development. We encourage our families to take an active role in preventing these problems by providing opportunities for their students to exercise and study during the weekday evenings."

Parent teacher conferences will be held on Friday, October 5, 2018. School will NOT be in session. We are aiming for 100% participation in these conferences. Please take a couple minutes this day to meet with your student's teachers. We encourage students to be in attendance with their parents. The conferences will be first come first serve and be held in the gym and multipurpose room. All junior high, Latin, and elective teachers will be in the gym and all high school teachers will be in the multipurpose room. Conferences will run from 8:45am until 2:00pm. Teachers will have a lunch schedule. If you are concerned with missing them during their lunch please speak with them in advance. The schedules will be posted at the conference on Friday.

Secondary News

Senior Parent Night

APA Senior Parent Night will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018 from 6:00-7:00pm in the Atrium. This is a required meeting for all seniors and parents. We will be discussing several important dates as well as college applications, financial aid, graduation, and other exciting upcoming senior events! Please plan to attend!

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

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/>

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 midriffs. 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

Clubs

HIP HOP Class After School

HIP HOP Class After School Students will be learning new combinations and hip-hop techniques each day of the week. Classes will begin on October 1st and conclude on November 9th. 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

In order to COMPLETE registration 3 steps must be followed:

STEP 1- Please fill out this form

<https://goo.gl/forms/S7qQtJ2QOCZJojW82> in it's entirety.

STEP 2-Pay here for classes selected (Registration will close on Monday, October 15th or when classes are filled!)

<https://secureinstantpayments.com/sip/cart/event.php?EID=3327>

(NOTE: Please make sure you pay for the correct number of classes you selected on the registration form...i.e

Mon & Wed.=2 classes per week)

STEP 3-Email a copy of your receipt to jamese.bell@apavegas.org

Once all these steps are completed you will receive a confirmation email letting you know your registration was successful.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Bell at jamese.bell@apavegas.org

Speech & Debate

High School Speech and Debate will have a tournament this Friday and Saturday at Desert Oasis High School. Come out and support your team! This Friday, our team members will be wearing yellow ties. Please make sure to wish them good luck! We are in need of several judges. There is no experience necessary and this is a fun way to earn those volunteer hours! Even if you can come for only 1 hour, we would greatly appreciate it! Please email Coach Tiara Bergquist for more information tiara.bergquist@apavegas.org.

MUSIC & THEATER 4TH-6TH GRADE

From zero to hero, sign up now for the musical **HERCULES!**

Who: 4th, 5th, & 6th Graders

When: 2 rehearsals weekly (Tues. & Thurs.)

Nov. 6th-Jan.26

Cost: \$100.00 production fee per cast member

IMPORTANT DATES:

-October 15: Parent Meeting for registered cast members only @ 3:45 pm in the Atrium by Elementary Office (Music Room)

-October 29 & 30: Auditions - Official cast tryouts, 3:30-5 pm in the Atrium **(NO PARENTS ALLOWED)**

******Please register online TODAY on Google Forms (the link that was on the flyers is not working, use the one below):**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1WH4K5kI6AeuBCv6E3KKasCoFw9QzOW9b8uxrFsIn9C8/viewform?ts=5b7e3037&edit_requested=true

Questions: annie.tintle@apavegas.org

Athletics

High School Pom Squad Tryouts are coming up this week! {OCTOBER 1, 2, & 4!}

This is for grades 9-12 only. This dance team will perform: pirouettes, turns, leaps, splits, kick-lines, high energy halftime routines, and intricate choreography. Styles of Dance include: hip hop, classic pom, jazz, & team dance. COMMITMENT: Anyone trying out for this team needs to be prepared to commit to a weekly after school practice every Friday as well as being present to perform at home basketball games. We will also be competing in the Competitive Pom category at competitions (alongside our Stunt/Cheer teams) here in Vegas. (Please do not attend tryouts and take a spot on the team if you cannot commit to practices and games.) **FEE: \$600 - This covers performance gear, practice gear, and competition fees.**

TRYOUT DATES:

October 1: 8:15 AM or 6:00 PM – Mandatory Parent Meeting

(choose time that works for you)

October 2: 3:15 – 5:30 - Learn Tryout Materials

October 4: 2:15 – 4:00 – TRYOUTS with judges

Cross Country

APA had several Cross Country running teams compete this weekend and represent the school splendidly! 3 teams of Elementary kids raced on Friday night and did great!

The Kindergarten/1st grade team placed 1st out of 13 teams led by Christian Bagley, Mason Dye, Cash Jensen, Berklee Mever and Max Comin.

The 4-5th grade team took 2nd place out of 13 teams led by Bridger Mever, Cole Sanjines, Hunter Thunnell, Cobie Grace and Maizie Comin.

The High School team also competed on Saturday morning at the UNLV invitational and placed 6th out of 12 teams. Individually, Booker Comin took 12th place overall, Beckett Mever 30th, Mark Bagwell 32nd, Bodhe Mever 37th and Trevor Bagwell 77th out of 140 runners.

This week both the MS and HS teams compete at the Coronado Weekday Invite on Tuesday and should fare very well!

Congrats to all of the runners on all 3 teams!

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>