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January 4th
Spirit Day

January 7th-11th
1st-3rd Map Testing

January 17th
Kindergarten Map Testing

January 18th
No School-Professional
Development Day

January 21st
No School- Martin Luther
King 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.

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:

Think Positive Thoughts About Myself and Others

Our thoughts have great power to determine the course our lives will take. Our thoughts are something we have control over, and by controlling our thoughts, we have the ability to chart our life's course! Have you ever thought about how we get to choose our own thoughts?

We are endeavoring this month to help our students understand the great power of their thoughts. In today's world this is especially critical, as children have many, many inputs into their minds that they have to deal with. We know that students who develop a reasoned response (in their mind) to difficult situations are children who successfully navigate life's many challenges.

For example, when an elementary student is asked to move a card, they are confronted with their own imperfection. A child who has a healthy, reasoned response in their mind may reason, "Well, this is embarrassing, I hate moving cards, everyone makes mistakes and moves cards sometimes." This reasoning indicates they are well on their way to developing the resilience required in difficult times. A teenager who sees something negative about themselves on social media and who has an automatic, reasoned response such as, "Wow that person really must have a problem to be spending time trying to bring me down. Life's too short to deal in this negativity" – and then takes a step to distance themselves from the situation – is a teen developing resilience.

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it."

This phrase is a great way to remind ourselves that changing the way we think about something can have a major impact in our lives. Learning to analyze and improve our thinking and our self-talk will help us all to direct our lives on a positive path.

This month we will work on teaching the students how to change their thoughts, to choose their thoughts, and to pay attention to their "self-talk". Next month, we will talk about how our words follow our thoughts and reflect what we are thinking, for good or for ill. We must first focus on having positive thoughts, which will then lead to positive words, and then to positive actions. Join us in this worthy endeavor of improving our thoughts, and developing reasoned responses!

All School News

Checking out your student

Do you need to pick your student up early for a doctors or dental appointment, leaving town, or other needs require an early pickup?

Carpool procedures begin at 1:45pm on early dismissal days and 2:45pm on regular days. Students will not be released from class after 1:45pm or 2:45pm respectively. You will be asked to go through carpool to pick up your student.

Times for early checkout -

Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 2:45 pm

Wednesday, Thursday - 1:45 pm

WANTED: MISSING VISITOR BADGES

Our visitor badges have gone missing! WE NEED THEM BACK! Do you happen to have a visitor badge in your car, your purse, or at home? Please return them to the front office. We would appreciate it. Thank you.



Order your yearbook

Yearbooks may be purchased online at YBPay.lifetouch.com Deadline is April 4, 2019.

Please use the follow yearbook ID codes:

Elementary code: 12746219

Secondary code: 12389719

Extra options for yearbooks are available as well. Look for the yearbook flier in your Family Communication Envelope or attached to the newsletter.

Elementary News

Math Night

Attention Parents, Students, and anyone interested!

APA's 2nd Annual Math Night is coming soon. We need volunteers to help man some fun and exciting math game stations. All materials will be provided - all we need is YOU! Math Night 2019 will be held on February 4th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please feel free to contact Shauna Harris at shuana.harris@apavegas.org. Math Night is going to be FUN-tastic! We hope to see you there! Please see below for filer.

RSVP to laurie.saposhnik@mathnasium.com

Secondary News

Winterim has begun. It is great to have everyone back to school and enjoying this unique learning environment. Many parents are curious regarding Winterim classes and the expected work load. Without providing a class by class description it is difficult to summarize, however, we will do our best below to answer the frequently asked questions. Your students will see less homework during Winterim. The majority of classes complete their work during class time. Additionally, students go from eight (8) periods to four (4). Students' third period class each day is spent working on specially designed packets with math, Latin and science work. These packets are created to reinforce the topics taught during the first semester and prepare students for our second semester. The packets MUST remain at school and are specifically paced to ensure that students are 100% engaged in learning during that 3rd period for the entirety of Winterim. The work is REQUIRED. Students may receive a 1/4 elective credit for the work they complete during their Winterim classes. If you have further questions regarding Winterim, please contact Mr. McElroy.

We also want to take this opportunity to review carpool, late arrivals, and school uniforms. Please do NOT make arrangements to pick your student up at the "front curb" to circumvent carpool. This is a violation of school policy. Only those who have made prior arrangements with administration can utilize that curb. If your student is late to school or late to class, they will be assessed a tardy. Every effort must be made to make up this time. You will be contacted by Mrs. Mayo regarding tardy's. Per our promotion guidelines, failure to adhere to this policy it may effect your student's priority enrollment.

Finally, as the weather turns colder we are seeing an increase in sweatshirts and jackets at school. Students must remove non-uniform items prior to attending classes. Students in non-uniform items will not be permitted in class. This is also the time of year in which pants and skirts become a little shorter and tighter as kids get older and taller. Please ensure that your student is dressed according to the professional requirements as outlined in our uniform guidelines.

Seniors!

Please complete the Cap and Gown sizing survey that was sent to you ASAP. You will be receiving your Senior Tri-Board in the next couple weeks. Please see the information in the Guide to Graduation that was shared with you at Senior Parent Night in October and recently sent via email. You may also google "Senior Tri-Board" for more ideas. Families can complete the Tri-Board together or parents can do it as a surprise for their graduate. These will be due back to school by Friday, May 3rd.

Clubs

Book Swap with Literature Club!

APA's very first Literature Club is hosting a Book Swap!! Bring in a secondary level, school appropriate book and get a different book in return.

From January 7-10th, you may bring the book to club members during **2nd lunch only** OR you can drop it off in Mrs. Jackson's (formerly Stirling) room (105). You will be given a ticket in return. On January 11th, bring your ticket to lunch and choose a new book from our selection. Donations are also welcome.

Questions? Email Mrs. Jackson at jackie.stirling@apavegas.org

We the People

The "We the People" team performed admirably this past Saturday in our schools very first time participating in this event. Team members: Nien Tran, Giada Pernice, Joy Gamnerdsiri, Joshua Pinones and Ameer Haque received many compliments from the judges regarding their knowledge of America's Founding Fathers and founding principles. Joshua Pinones and Nien Tran were given special recognition from the judges and received a "Excellence in Unit Award" for their response to a question regarding Presidential Orders.

Entrepreneur Club

The Entrepreneur Club in conjunction with the Senior Class, donated Two Hundred and Fifty (\$250) Dollars in (much needed) goods to Project 150 this week; these monies represent ten (10) percent of the funds that these groups have raised through various fundraising activities (participation in the "Helldorado Parade" and the Parents Night Out event) and their commitment to give this portion of the proceeds to a charitable cause.

Pizza Thursday

Be sure to pre-order your Marco's pizza for Thursday near the secondary office every morning or at lunch. We currently offer Cheese and Pepperoni and the cost is \$2 per slice or 3 for \$5. This fundraiser is brought to you by your speech and debate team. If you have any questions please email Tiara Bergquist at tiara.bergquist@apavegas.org. Thank you for your support!

Athletics

Elementary Basketball

Elementary Basketball will start on Jan 12, 2019 (8am until 11am) in the APA Gym. The first morning we will be assessing ability, organizing teams, and informing the players and parents about our plans for our program. The primary purpose of this program is to introduce the sport of basketball to those youngsters (both girls and boys) in 3rd through 6th grade who have had little or no previous experience.

- The emphasis is on individual skill-development, with an introduction to team-building.
 - The program is \$75 for the six-week league - Jan 12, 19, Feb 2, 9,16, Mar 2. This fee may be paid to Online Banker, to Mrs. Stacie Gibson, or bring a check to mtg.
 - All games and practices will be conducted on APA's cross-courts.
 - The height of the basket will be nine feet and a compact basketball will be used.
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- VOLUNTEER COACHES are requested.
 - If you would like to help with this program or have any questions relative to this exciting program, let me know at dave.bliss@apavegas.org.

High School Basketball

Next Game - No games this week, but the Eagles Boys' team sports a 13-5 after finishing second in the ARIZONA HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT in Bullhead City, AZ. The next game will be next Wednesday, Jan 9th vs nationally-ranked Findlay Prep from Henderson at 7pm. Location: *Findlay Prep* - 1165 Sandy Ridge Ave, Henderson, NV (Henderson International School).

JV Boys and Girls Games - Then on Friday, Jan 11th, the Boys' JVs (4:30 pm), the Girls'(6pm) and Boys' (7:30pm) varsities will be concluding their series with Sandy Valley. The next HS Charter Games will be Jan 12th.

CHARTER GAME SCHEDULE - for the next two weeks:

Sat, Jan 12	11:30 am	APA Grey vs DA Pebble @ APA
	12:30 pm	APA Navy vs DA Cactus @ APA
	1:30 pm	APA Lady Eagles vs Pinecrest @ APA
	2:30 pm	APA Red vs DA Fire Mesa @ APA
	3:45 pm	APA White vs Pinecrest @ APA
Tues, Jan 15	5:00 pm	APA White @ Tark
Sat, Jan 19	11:30 am	APA Red vs Sky Pointe @ APA
	12:30 pm	APA Grey vs Silver Sands @ APA
	1:30 pm	APA Navy vs DA Pebble @ APA
	2:30 pm	APA White vs DA Pebble @ APA
	3:45 pm	APA Lady Eagles vs Pinecrest @ APA

Math Night

**American Preparatory Academy is
hosting it's 2nd Annual Math Night in
partnership with Mathnasium**

**Join us at APA on February 4th 5:30PM –
7:30PM**

Engaging math games from grades K- 6 to be provided for the entire family to enjoy playing together. Rewards for the kids and take home activities will be provided. Parents who attend have the opportunity to win a \$50 Amazon Card!

Food will be available for purchase.

**Please RSVP by January 28th to
Laurie.Saposhnik@mathnasium.com**

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