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February 14th

Parents Night Out

4:00-8:00pm

February 15th

Spirit Day

February 18th-22nd

No School Mid-Winter Break

February 27th

Save The Kids: All about Social Media

7:00pm

February 28th

5th Grade Maturation Night

5:30pm

March 1st

Secondary PTC-No School for ONLY Secondary

March 1st

Spirit 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:

I am a Builder when I use words to encourage others

Have you ever thrown a rock or pebble into a pond or lake and noticed the little waves that ripple away from the center in circles? Courteous and encouraging words have that rippling effect on others that can result in good things. Mother Teresa said, "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." Echoes are like ripples; they go on and on. Take the time to be courteous and encouraging this week by honoring someone's accomplishment, expressing gratitude for something they say or do; offering a hug or a smile; or taking time to listen. One of my favorite examples of courtesy is having students hold the door open for me at school. Remember, courtesy and encouragement don't just enhance the lives of others; they create ripples in your life as well by strengthening your relationships, building trust, and spreading good cheer.

All School News

Volunteer Hours

Did you volunteer this past week with door decorating, Sadie's dance or any other event? Be sure to mark your hours on the Family Communication envelope (elementary students) or, for secondary students, please send your hours to Mrs. Lee at heidi.lee@apavegas.org. We always appreciate your help!

Testing Results

We have received several questions about testing scores relating to ACT, SBAC, PSAT/SAT and End of Course exams. We are happy to let you that you may access this information on our website by visiting this site: <https://vegas.americanprep.org/schoolperformancetesting/>

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

Term 3 K-6 RU Award Recipients:

K-Hatch AM	Kate Dalton	K-Hatch PM	Jace Banks
K-Rambow AM	Jade Maganis	K-Rambow PM	Ariana Savatgy
1st-Abbott	Summer Orgill	1st-Freer	Andrew Li
1st-Torres	Avree Hamilton	2nd-de Jesus	Jeiden Esguerra
2nd-Harris	Lucas Yemane	2nd-Gomez	Ellyana Woldmarim
3rd-Call	Eduard Barcenas	3rd-Deaver	London Kelly
3rd-Nunn	Liad Preisach	3rd-Robison	Jude Allred
3rd-Telfer	Fenet Ajema	4th-Burgess	Azalea Villalpando
4th-Gunn	Josiah Mella	4th-Hayes	Ruth Berhanu
4th-Morano	Emma Paonessa	4th-Rivenbark	Samantha Mehr
5th-Braybrooke	Abigail Luel	5th-Carter	Samantha Lloyd
5th-Gibson	Max Anderson	5th-Gwin	Ethan Long
5th-Pruitt	Kyra Kemple	6th-Conti	Nyree Balian
6th-Gibson	Nicholas Burgess	6th-Holloman	Vicky Chen
6th-Ryan	Arianna Furushima		

Secondary News

Upon our return from break we will be holding the secondary intervention parent teacher conferences. As time for our celebration of excellence meetings approaches, this is our opportunity to communicate our concerns regarding your students' academic success. If you are contacted by a teacher requesting a meeting it is expected that you attend. Our intention with these meetings is to collaborate with you to ensure that your student has every opportunity to achieve their academic goals.

Academic Plan 9th Graders

All 9th graders received an Academic Plan during 4th period on Monday. According to Nevada Revised Statute 388.205, development of an academic plan is required in grade nine. Please review the information and identify educational goals and career interests for your student. The plan is a typical progression, but changes may be made depending on individual student ability and performance. If you would like to schedule an appointment to review your child's academic plan in more detail, please email Ms. Steiner at shannon.steiner@apavegas.org to arrange a time. Otherwise, please sign and return the Academic Plan to your child's 4th period Character Development teacher by Friday, February 15th.

Website

Check out all the new content on APA's website! We have added a lot of information on the pages for junior high and high school, school performance, and academic planning. Visit vegas.americanprep.org to see what's new!

Secondary News

Transcripts

All students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will be reviewing their transcripts this week during Character Development. The student transcript is a critical piece as students prepare for college, and we want them to be 100% accurate. If you would like to review a digital copy of your child's transcript, please email Ms. Steiner at shannon.steiner@apavegas.org.

AP Exams

For students enrolled in Advanced Placement, you may now pay your fees for AP exams on our online banker or with the banker in the elementary office. Fees for AP Exams must be paid by **Friday, March 29th**. You cannot earn college credit unless you pass the AP Exam with a score of 3, 4 or 5. It is our expectation that all students enrolled in an AP class will take the exam.

Below are the testing dates:

AP Government - Mon, May 6 @ 8:00am
AP English Literature - Wed, May 8 @ 8:00am
AP European History - Wed, May 8 @12:00pm
AP Psychology - Thurs, May 9 @ 12:00pm
AP US History - Fri, May 10, 8:00am
AP Biology - Mon, May 13 8:00am
AP Physics C - Mon, May 13 @ 12:00pm
AP Calculus AB & BC - Tues, May 14 @ 8:00am

CONGRATULATIONS HS & MS SOLO ENSEMBLE MUSIC FESTIVAL WINNERS!

Eight High School and four Middle School string students participated during the first two weekends in February at the state-wide **SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL**. This adjudicated contest was the culminating event of Ms. English's Winterim SOLO & ENSEMBLE classes. The Music Festival was held at Clark HS and sponsored by **THE NEVADA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION**. APA student prizes from this festival are nationally recognized as an academic achievement!

APA Music Festival winners:

HS Ensemble event, Friday night, Feb. 1st, our APA string octet received a (2) excellent rating on their Bach *Brandenburg Concerto No.3*. (Cayeton Norton, Aaron Tong, Reni Wu, Charleen Leong, Megan O'Leary, violins; Sarah Dudley, Cody Strohfus, cello; Logan DeLong, bass).

HS Solo event, Saturday, Feb. 2nd: Reni Wu, Megan O'Leary, Violin Solos receiving a (1) Superior rating; Logan DeLong, Bass Solo (1) Superior rating.

Charleen Leong, Aaron Tong, Violin Solos receiving (2) Excellent ratings; Cody Strohfus, Cello Solo (2) Excellent rating; Sarah Dudley, Cello Solo (3) Good rating.

MS Ensemble event, Saturday, Feb. 9th: APA string quartet received an excellent rating on their R. Meyer's *Sabara Crossing* (Andrew Paton, Aiden Hanik, James Lillian, violins; Ben Dudley, bass)

MS Solo event: Saturday, Feb. 9th: Violin Solos and Bass Solo all receiving (1) Superior ratings: Andrew Paton, Aiden Hanik, James Lillian, Ben Dudley.

All of the soloists performed their pieces by memory, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Graves, (HS) and in their formal (concert) uniforms, adjudicated/judged by members of the Las Vegas Philharmonic. Again, Congratulations!

Clubs

PARENTS NIGHT OUT - February 14th

Valentine's day is almost here! You have the opportunity to drop the kids off at APA from 4pm-8pm so they can have fun while you enjoy an evening out. APA's Entrepreneur Club will watch your kids as part of a fundraiser for Project 150 and the Junior class. You have fun, the kids have fun and Project 150 is supported. Cost is \$5 per student/per hour. See flyer in this week's newsletter for all the details. If you have any questions, please contact heather.winovich@apavegas.org or frank.grealish@apavegas.org. Waivers will be required when students are dropped off.

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!

Speech and Debate

Kicking this year off with hard work, enthusiasm, and plenty of vigorous intellectualism, our speech and debate team has been prominent in the forensic space! Four tournaments have been attended these past two months, including two national circuit tournaments: Arizona State University and Golden Desert UNLV. Ending the series of local league tournaments this year and making way for State and District competition, APA won first in small school sweepstakes at Spring Valley High School. **Congratulations** to Jason Nuridjanian, Kimberly Wellington, and Randy Moreno for placing in Congress debate, Lincoln-Douglas debate, and Humorous Interpretation, respectively.

New Improv Club

Secondary students interested in joining our APA Improv group, "Off the Cuff," are welcome to come to our first meeting on Friday, Feb 15th in the Atrium. Students who took the Winterim Improv class have no club fee, new participants have a \$15 performance shirt fee. You can pay at the BANKER or our ONLINE Banker on the school website. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Tintle . annie.tintle@apavegas.org

Improv Night!

APA Unscripted, Thursday, February 28th, 6:00 pm in the Atrium. Tickets are \$5 at the door, we will have concessions and plenty of laughter to go around!

Hip Hop is BACK!!!

Who: APA K-12th graders

When: Every Saturday from March 2nd – April 27th

Time: 11:00am-2:30pm

(with the exception of 4/13 for Spring Break week when NO CLASS will be held!)

Showcase April 27th

Cost: \$80.00 (staff discount available. see link below)

Space is limited!! There will only be

(20) K-3 slots, (30) 4th-6th slots and (30) 7th-12th slots available for the workshop!

Sign up below!!

Public Pricing Page:

<https://secureinstantpayments.com/sip/cart/event.php?EID=3571>

Staff Discount Page:

<https://secureinstantpayments.com/sip/cart/event.php?EID=3572>

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to email jamese.bell@apavegas.org

Athletics

High School Basketball

Varsity Boys Team Goes to 16-7

The American Prep Varsity Boys' Basketball Team played one of their best basketball games of the year this past Monday in defeating the Adelson School, 71-70 in Summerlin. Adelson is a 2A school headed to the NIAA State Championships, so the win was impressive. Sophomore Jalen Brimley-Fair, playing in his first HS game, scored 29 points, including 7-14 from 3 pt. range in the win. The Varsity Boys' next game will be the Charter School Semi-Final game vs SLAM at a date still to be determined.

Varsity Girls

The APA Varsity Girls' team also defeated the Adelson School team by a score of 35-27 with Dinah Jones, Giada Pernice, and Emily Surber excelling on the court. The Lady Eagles are also playing for the Charter HS Championship.

Middle School Basketball

All five of APA's MS teams qualified for the Charter League MS Playoffs this past week and, in spite of some inspired play on the part of every team, the MS White team is still alive. They defeated two teams to reach the Championship Game on Feb 22nd at 6pm at the Tarkanian Center. They are led by Arya Shabazy, Ryder Bryan and Dylan Herman. Great job by all the Eagles!

GAMES THIS WEEK:

Thur, Feb 14 -

4 pm - APA Frosh vs Founders JV

5:30pm APA Varsity Girls' vs Founders Varsity

7pm - APA JV vs Founders Varsity

Fri, Feb 15 - Charter League Games - TBD

Sat, Feb 9 - 8-11 am Elementary Basketball

LOCATIONS

Founders Academy - 5730 W Alexander Rd, LV, NV 89130

Elementary Basketball

Elementary Basketball (Girls and Boys 3rd thru 6th grade) will continue this Sat, Feb 16, 2019 (8:00am to 11:00am) in the APA Gym. The last session will take place in two weeks, March 1st. This Saturday we be teaching the skills and drills necessary for the fundamental basketball participation. We will also play our league games.

Boys Varsity Volleyball Sign-Ups

Coach Chris Schelin and his assistants have been very pleased by the great turnout for both levels (HS and MS) of Boys' VB. We will continue tryouts on Thursday, Feb 14th from 2:30 pm until 4pm. If you are interested in either level, please contact Coach Schelin atbrotherschelin@gmail.com or visit Coach Bliss in his office.

Mountain Bikers Club -

If you have interest in any information APA's newly-organized mountain bikers club= contact Aaron Papa at vegaspapa1@gamil.com.

Soccer Program

The response for APA soccer has been terrific and it looks like APA will field several soccer teams this fall in the NCSAA Soccer League. (Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys, Middle School coed and Elementary Coed). Because many interested players are participating in club soccer at the moment, the next event for APA soccer will occur in late March or early April. These events will be half day clinics for each of the above. Stay tuned for more information.

GOLF IS ON THE HORIZON

Be on alert for more information next week.

Track

Unfortunately, APA will NOT be able to field a Track Team this year because of the inability to gain access to a safe, regulation track. Liability issues appear to be the stumbling block in most instances. We apologize to those students affected, but we have made every attempt to rent/borrow a track from many different schools and recreation centers. In the meantime, we will make every attempt to acquire usage of a track for next season.

Tennis - Back by Popular Demand

APA's Tennis Program will pick up again in March with two sessions a week for four weeks, for Girls and Boys, for all levels. An email will go out from Coach McElroy to everyone who indicated an interest or attended the lessons in Tennis last Fall. We will once again be utilizing the fantastic facilities at Rhodes Ranch, so "jump on board" for a great spring of tennis! Email Coach Bliss with any questions - dave.bliss@apavegas.org.