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February 28th

5th Grade Maturation Night
5:30pm

March 1st

Secondary PTC-No School for
ONLY Secondary

March 1st

Spirit Day

March 1st

Elementary Olympics Begin

March 4th-17th

Elementary Classroom Speech
Festival

March 6th

K-3rd Builder Assembly

March 7th

4-6th Builder Assembly

March 8th

No School-Professional
Development

March 11th

No School

March 12th

ACT 11th Grade

*****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.



Monthly Builders Theme:

I am a Builder when I use words to encourage others. As we continue this month with our Builder Theme "I am a Builder when I use encouraging words," we would like to counsel our students to remember that courteous and encouraging words build, while critical and unkind words hurt and can have scarring effects. With parental support, we would like each of our students to consider taking, what we have termed through our Character Development pillar, the Friendship Pledge (from the book The Juice Box

Bully):

- I will speak up instead of acting as a bystander
- I will participate in activities that do not involve teasing
- I will forgive others if they make poor choices
- I will model good behavior
- I will accept others for their differences
- I will include others in "group" situations
- I will talk to an adult when there is an unsolvable problem
- I am powerful in making a difference in my school

All School News

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!

Cafe Zupas Senior Fundraiser!

Cafe Zupas is hosting a fundraiser for American Prep! Come down to the Cafe Zupas on Rainbow and Warm Springs on March 5th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Up to 25% of the proceeds will go to American Prep Seniors for their senior trip to Six Flags. Help us get to California!

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

Academic Update – Elementary Speech Festivals

We are so excited for our upcoming Speech Festivals! Every year at American Prep we have a Speech Festival. This gives all students a chance to practice their public speaking skills.

Students will be given a 2-minute window to perform a speech or poem for their peers that they have not learned in class. Every student will be required to perform in their classroom and then one student from each class will be chosen to perform at the school-wide festival.

The classroom Speech Festivals will be held from March 4th to March 15th.

The 4th-6th Grade School Speech Festival will be held Thursday, March 15th.

The Kindergarten-3rd Grade School Speech Festival will be held Friday, March 16th.

Your students should have received a flyer with more information, but if you have specific questions, please contact your student's homeroom teacher.

Secondary News

Las Vegas Private and Charter Spelling Bee

Congratulations to champion Linnea Jurvelin who won 1st place for 7th grade in the Las Vegas Private and Charter Spelling Bee! We are proud to call her our student!

ACT

On Tuesday, March 12th, all students in 11th grade will be taking the ACT. This college and career readiness assessment is now a part of graduation requirements in the state of Nevada. Information on preparing for this test has been shared with all 11th graders and their parents via email. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Steiner.

Transcripts

All students in grades 9-12 have had an opportunity to review their transcripts 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

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!

9th & 10th Grade Red Carpet Gala

We will be hosting a 9th & 10th grade Gala on Friday, March 22nd from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. This is a formal dance and no outside guests are allowed. See you there!

Prom

Listen up Juniors and Seniors, it's time for Prom!

Our Prom will take place on Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 at APA. Come in formal attire and join us for this special event from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Bringing a date is encouraged but not required! If you are bringing an outside guest, please fill out the guest request form and turn it into Mr. Hulet. Let's party!!!

Clubs

Pizza Thursday

Be sure to bring money for Marco's pizza on Thursdays! Pizza is available for 5th-12th graders. For 5th and 6th grade, a cart will come around to offer pizza to students that wish to buy. 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!

Middle School Speech and Debate

APA hosted our First Annual Speech and Debate Tournament Last week and was awarded First Place! Congratulations to the following event winners:

Congressional Debate

1st Place: Jonathan Tesfaye; 2nd Place: Kaleabe Andualem; 3rd Place: Sage Allred; 5th Place: Taylor Dean

Public Forum Debate

5th Place: Alana Nababedian & Sabiba Sabni; 6th Place: Olivia Tsang & Lincoln Comin

Impromptu

3rd Place: Kaleabe Andualem; 4th: Laydon Christensen; 6th Place: Taylor Dean

Original Oratory

1st Place: Alana Nababedian; 2nd Place: Jonathan Tesfaye; 4th Place: Sage Allred; 5th Place: Jacob Surber; 6th Place: Paola Sanjines

Poetry

2nd Place: Melodi Brooke; 4th: Taylor Dean; 5th: Olivia Tsang

*Thank you to all the parents and our high school team for assisting in our tournament, we couldn't have done it without you!

High School Speech and Debate

APA recently held a school wide debate tournament for all 9th - 12th grade students. All students were required to participate and one winner per class was awarded a \$50 amazon gift card as a reward. Congratulations to the following winners: Emmanuel Jose, Rahel Siefe, Jessica Barborka, Nick Strohfus, Charlize Chen, Mary Tekle, Jackson Greene, Jason Nuridjanian, Max de Jesus, and Alexandra Roberts!

The final rounds of debates will be held this **Saturday, March 2nd at APA**. Volunteer Judges are needed. Please consider coming to help out. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4fa8ad29a4f58-bigquestions>

Hip Hop is BACK!!!

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!! REGISTRATION CLOSSES FRIDAY AT 6PM!

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

Both Varsity Teams Win Championships

The American Prep Varsity Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams both defeated Doral Academy last Tuesday, Feb 26th to win their respective Charter League championships. Neither game was a contest, as the Lady Eagles prevailed by a 41-17 score and the Boys by 70-35. The future is extremely bright with the Ladies only losing two seniors and the Boys only losing one player for the next school year.



Senior Night

Tuesday night also marked Senior Night, as Cayeton Norton, Clifton Norton and Dinah Jones all concluded their Eagle careers with championship performances.

The emotional occasion also was celebrated by five Cheerleaders. They were Tsion Beshah, Kaylee Conklin, Lulu Gonzalez, Betiel Tewelde, and Faith Yohannes.

Middle School Basketball

All five of APA's MS teams qualified for the Charter League MS Playoffs and the MS White team was able to go all the way to the Championship of the MS Varsity Silver Division. Despite being the lowest seed in their division, the White club blew Somerset-Losee away by the score of 45-32. The Eagles were led by Ryder Bryan, Arya Shahbazy, and Dylan Herman. They will be great additions to next year's HS team. Great job by all the Eagles!

BASKETBALL AWARDS on March 7th

WHO: All HS and MS Basketball Teams, both boys and girls

WHAT: Potluck, Finger-Foods, and Desserts

WHERE: MPR

WHEN: March 7th at 7 pm

All families are invited and asked to bring Potluck, Finger-Foods, or Desserts

Elementary Basketball

Elementary Basketball (Girls and Boys 3rd thru 6th grade) will conclude its six-week basketball experience this Sat, Mar 2, 2019 in the APA Gym. T-shirts and participation certificates will be handed out, in addition to the normal skills, drills and games. Don't miss this last morning of hoops!

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. Practice has been fast and furious, as the Eagles get ready for play in the Charter League. The Eagles will have a Varsity team and two MS teams starting play in a couple weeks.

Athletics

Mountain Bikers Club -

APA's Mountain Biker's Club is off to a great start with Trent Morter finishing in 2nd place in the 7th grade division at the first mountain bike race of the season.

If you have any interest in receiving information about APA's newly-organized mountain bikers club, please contact Aaron Papa at vegaspapa1@gmail.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

It appears that APA will be offering a Spring golf program at Spanish Trail Golf Club, about fifteen minutes from our campus. **BE ON THE ALERT FOR MORE INFORMATION NEXT WEEK.**

TENNIS - Starts March 13th

APA's Tennis Program will pick up again, starting March 13th. There will be sign-up sheets in the lunch-rooms and everyone who participated last fall will be receiving an email this week.

Just as was done last fall, there will be two sessions a week for four weeks, for both girls and boys, for all levels. We will again be utilizing the fantastic facilities at Rhodes Ranch and benefiting from the great coaching by Coach John McElroy, tennis pro at RR. So get your racquet ready for a great spring of tennis! Email Coach Bliss with any questions - dave.bliss@apavegas.org.