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September 13th
Spirit Day***

September 14th
Senior Sunrise
6:00am

September 19th
K-6 SWYK Assembly
8:05am

September 27th
Professional Development-No School

October 11th
Builders Carnival
5:00pm-8:00pm

Banker Hours:
7:30am - 8:30am and 2:30pm - 3:30pm M, T, F
7:30am - 8:30am and 1:30pm - 2:30pm W, T

***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/

AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

Monthly Builders Theme:

Build with Enthusiasm

APA is such a great place to be! Our students are A-W-E-S-O-M-E! Our teachers and staff are A-MA-ZING! Our parents are OUT-STAND-ING! Perhaps as you just read the previous sentences, the chants and cheers we do here at school come to your mind. If they didn't, ask your children if they know these school cheers so they can teach them to you. These cheers bring enthusiasm to our day. The rhythmic chants that flow from classrooms and breakout rooms are an affirmation of excited learning. They affect emotional animation and energy as well as being quite contagious. Ask your children to teach you a few of our cheers so that you can bring this same enthusiasm into your home

All School News

Household Income Verification Form
Please see attached paperwork to get your student a CASUAL DRESS day!

Family Communication Envelopes
Family Communication Envelopes will be going home with K-8 students today. These envelopes are given to the youngest sibling in your family. The envelope contains our APA weekly newsletter as well as additional, upcoming items. Students in high school may pick these up at the secondary office.
Parents, please sign the envelope each Thursday evening and return it the next day on Friday. Elementary students return envelopes to their teacher. Junior high students can drop theirs off in the bin located in the secondary office. Parents may record their volunteer hours on the front of this envelope. Please contact Mrs. Lee at heidi.lee@apavegas.org if your 'youngest sibling' student (K-6 only) did not bring home an envelope last week.

Thank you!
A special shout-out to Cindee Lodigiani and other drivers who gave out water bottles and Gatorade to staff members during carpool. It was much appreciated on those hot days. Thank you for your support!

School Tours
School Tours will be held at 8:00am on the dates found below. We encourage you to invite anyone who may be interested in enrolling their children at APA in the future to attend.
Sept. 26, Oct 17th, Nov 21st, Dec 19th, Jan 23rd, Feb 27th and April 2nd

All School News

Attendance

If your student will be absent from school, please email attendance@apavegas.org. You may also call the office at 702-970-6800. However, please note that email is the preferred way to communicate attendance.

Forgotten Items

Lunches, learning plans, instruments, dockets, pencil pouches.... Bring all forgotten items to the front office, with their name clearly displayed on the item. Items will be deposited into the Elementary, Jr. High or High School bin in the front office. Between 10:00 - 10:30am, bins will be distributed to the appropriate office. (High school lunches, grade 9-12, will be placed in the HS cafeteria on top of the microwaves.) Students will be responsible for coming to the office to look for their forgotten items. Please talk with your students about where they can find their items. Thank you so much for your patience and your support to APA.

SBAC Scores 2018-19 School Year

If your student were in 3rd-8th and 10th grades last year you should have received their SBAC Scores in the mail last week. These scores are reflective of the tests they took at the end of last year, not on the work they have done so far this year.

Carnival SAVE THE DATE!

Come one, come all! Our Annual Builders Carnival will be OCTOBER 11th. Food, free games, prizes, bounce houses and LOTS OF FUN!!!!

Elementary News

Elementary Academic Update:

The goal of the Reading University program is to instill a love for independent reading in our students. Our RU booklist provides value-based literature and varied informational texts that reinforce positive character traits, strengthen vocabulary, and enrich our curriculum.

Students are required to read a specified number of books each term from the Reading University book list and according to their grade level requirements. The following guidelines apply:

1. Students may read books at grade level, one grade level below their level, or at any level above their grade level.
2. Students in Kindergarten and First Grade have the option of self-reading or being read to.
3. Only books that are on the RU list qualify for this program.
4. Students may not read a book for credit more than one time.
5. Students may choose one "Free Choice" book that is NOT on the RU list each term.

The Reading University list was created and compiled by our awesome families over the many years APA has been open.

If you know of books that you feel set examples for our students to follow as they develop personal character, form relationships, overcome hardships, determine right and wrong, and deal with life, these would be great additions and you would like to have those books added to the Reading University List, please fill out the "Book Referral Form" on our website (https://vegas.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2018/02/RU-ELEMENTARY-Referral_fillable.pdf)

We are always excited to get new books added to our Reading University lists!

Academic Update – Jeans Friday Incentive

Here at APA, our students work hard! We appreciate all of their hard work and effort to come to class prepared and complete their homework every night. We want to reward those students who have gone to their classes prepared for the last two weeks, and who have no missing assignments!

Students who have earned this incentive will be receiving a coupon on Thursday, September 19th. If your student brings home this coupon, they are invited to wear jeans with a white oxford shirt and vest/sweater or with a navy-blue polo on Friday, September 20th.

A Few Guidelines:

1. This is not a "free dress day".
2. Uniform top (white oxford with sweater/vest or blue polo) may be worn with full-length denim jeans (any color, in good repair with no holes; no skinny jeans please). They may also wear khakis.
3. Any closed toe shoes may be worn.
4. Students who have NOT earned this incentive but come in jeans will be sent home to change their clothes.

August K-6 Builder Award Recipients:

K-Hatch AM	Athena Henry	K-Hatch PM	Pedro Amador
K-Rambow AM	Sawyer Wells	K-Rambow PM	Betanya Ayneshet
1st-Abbott	Luisa Taulanga	1st-Doney	Jane Carlson
1st-Torres	Aria Harris	2nd-Gomez	Trent Lew
2nd-Johnson	Jayden Xu	2nd-Telfer	Ibrahim Marroquin
3rd-Deaver	Jaxson Medina	3rd-Koscianksi	Yaphet Gezahegn
3rd-Nunn	Avree Harris	4th-Baber	Ruth Gezahegne
4th-Burgess	Dylan Ng	4th-Kewish	Makaila Farley
4th-Rivenbark	Eldana Kassa	4th-Robison	Trinity Driggers
5th-Braybrooke	Samantha Bonn	5th-Carter	Charlotte Jensen
5th-de Jesus	Summer Lomax	5th-Gibson	Ashley Guerrero
5th-Pruitt	Emma Paonessa	6th-Conti	Kaylie Kuba
6th-Gibson	Alexis Wasylyk	6th-Holloman	Talaya Allen
6th-Ryan	Xavier Valencerina	K-3 Teacher:	Mrs. Johnson
4-6 Teacher	Ms. Rivenbark		

Secondary News

Health and Hygiene

On Wednesday, September 18th, we will be dividing our secondary (grades 7-12) male and female students into separate rooms to cover a few sensitive topics. The female students will be meeting with Mrs. Clark (secondary health teacher) and learning about personal hygiene. We will be specifically discussing the proper disposal of feminine hygiene products. The topic of menstruation will be addressed.

The boys will be meeting in a separate room with Mr. Hulet and Mr. Jex. They will be discussing personal hygiene as well as the appropriate use of social media. Topics will include the consequences of cyberbullying and sexting. **If you would like more information or would like to request that your student be exempted in this learning opportunity, please contact a member of the Secondary administration team**

Advanced Placement Exam Fee

If your student is enrolled in an Advanced Placement class this year, the exam fee payment deadline has been moved up to November 1, due to new College Board guidelines. If you have already paid your student's exam fee at orientation or back to school night you are covered. For those who have not, all fees are posted in Infinite Campus. If you believe you may be eligible for a fee waiver, please contact your student's counselor.

College Acceptances!

We are so excited that some of our seniors are already being accepted to college. We will be tracking all acceptances and sharing the information during morning announcements. Seniors and parents, please let your counselor know about any and all college acceptances. We are so proud of our students!

College Visits

APA will host a small college fair for 10th, 11th and 12th graders on Wednesday, October 9th during 4th period. Additionally, admission reps from CSN, UNR, UNLV, Dixie State and Grand Canyon will all be on campus in the coming weeks to meet with seniors. BYU will be hosting Admissions presentations in the Las Vegas community on September 24th and 25th. Please contact your student's counselor for more information.

ASVAB

American Prep will administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test on Friday, October 4th from 9am-12pm. There is no school for secondary that day as it is during Parent Teacher Conferences. If your student is considering joining the military, please contact Ms. Steiner at shannon.steiner@apavegas.org to sign up for this helpful assessment! It is open to students in grades 10-12.

Athletics CLICK HERE to view our website

HS Girls' Volleyball

The HS Girls' Varsity Volleyball team (1-4) has played better and better with each game, winning their first contest last week in the SWIAC Tournament. Here are the games for the next week for both the JV and Varsity HS VB teams:

- Wed, Sep 11 at Pinecrest-Cadence - 225 Grand Cadence Dr, Henderson, NV 89015 JV @ 5 pm; Varsity @ 6 pm
- Thurs, Sep 12th at Doral Academy - 610 Crossbridge Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89138 JV @ 4 pm; Varsity @ 5 pm
- Wed, Sep 18 at HOME vs Somerset Losee @ 5 pm (Varsity only)
- Fri, Sep 20 AT HOME vs Am Heritage Academy @ 5 pm (Varsity only)

Middle School Girls' Volleyball

The MS Lady Eagles (4-0) won their two games at Mater Bonanza. They are idle this week, preparing for the start of the Charter season.

- Sep 19th, the MS Eagles will open the Charter Season at Legacy Traditional. Time TBD

HS/MS Cross Country

The Eagle runners were terrific last Mon, Sep 9th, as they opened the Charter season in defense of the NCSAA crown they won last season. The HS posted a perfect score with their runners finishing 1-2-3-4-5.
Booker Comin bested teammate Beckett Melver by 15 seconds for first place. Other runners that excelled for APA in their age groups were CJ Colwell, Emma Lukach, Mary Catherine Finley, Bridger Melver and Natalie Barborka.

HS/MS/ELE Soccer

We are still adding anyone who would like to practice with our Soccer Team in anticipation of next spring's Charter Soccer Season.

- **At Desert Breeze Field #1**
  - MS - (6th grade - 8th grade)- Monday (4 -5:30 pm) and Wednesday (3-4:30 pm)
  - HS - (9th grade - 12th grade) - Tuesday (4 -5:30 pm) and Thursday (3-4:30 pm**)**
- **At APA Gym**
  - ELE - (3rd grade - 5th grade) - Wednesday and Thursday - 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Please make sure you get your physical and fee paid on Infinite Campus. Each student will need to bring a soccer ball, shin guards and a full water bottle to practice. Please wear white shorts and white socks. The students will receive two practice shirts next week. Any questions - see Coach Bliss.

Tennis

The Tennis Program got off to a rousing start with thirteen students meeting for the first practices at Rhodes Ranch on Mon, Sep 9th. Having those great facilities to play on, in addition to having Coach John McElroy makes this program well worth the money. We are still accepting students so just contact Coach Bliss if you want to play

Lacrosse

We are excited to launch a lacrosse program at APA. Although the official season of lacrosse season doesn't begin until January, we wanted to get things rolling a little sooner. There will be an official meeting soon, but here are a few things to know about our program: Mr. Ernie Elliott will be the Manager and the coach will be Steve Herman.
Some useful information for those interested in purchasing equipment— Lacrosse Pro Shop is a local business to try on and purchase gear. https://www.vegaslacrosse.org
Hope to see you Thursday, but if you can't make it and still want to play - call 702-238-6787,
email lacrosse@apavegas.org or see Coach Bliss.

Mountain Biking Club

If you are interested in joining APA's great new adventure, let Coach Bliss put you in touch with one of our fastest-growing clubs.

Victory Martial Arts

If your youngsters might be interested in joining one of APA's newest after-school activities. Call 702-251-5425 and Coach Matt Rogers will set you up.

Archery

If you have any interest in participating in the APA Archery Club, let Coach Bliss know.

Clubs

Random Acts of Kindness Club
Attention secondary students! The first meeting for RAK CLUB is this Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Atrium. See you there!

TRI-M MUSIC HONORS SOCIETY
Are you in High School AND enrolled in a full-time music class: HS Band, HS Orchestra or HS Choir? Do you maintain an A in your music class and at least a B average in all other subjects? Would you like to share your knowledge and talent in music with others in service projects in and outside of APA? Would you like to know about and have access to thousands of dollars in college scholarship money reserved exclusively for TRI - M members? If this is YOU, we are already forming our Club structure and projects we would like to pursue, every Wednesday after school 2:15 – 3:00 pm in R. 261-262.
Speak with APA Tri- M co-presidents Andrew Paton & Zach Matthews for more information/ideas or come to our Wednesday meetings and bring your instrument. (Ms. English - Advisor).

Pizza Thursday
Be sure to bring money for Marco's Pizza on Thursdays! Pizza is available for 4th-12th graders. For 4th, 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!

Elementary Speech and Debate
We are excited to extend our speech and debate club to the 4th and 5th grade students that are interested. We will meet on Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 in room 204. See you this Thursday! Club fee $40. Pay to the banker. Check out our instagram @apa_speech_and_debate and more information can be found at https://sites.google.com/apavegas.org/speechanddebate

Middle School Speech and Debate
The Middle School (6-8) Speech and Debate meetings will be held on Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 in room 204. We will see you this Thursday! Club fee $100. Pay to the banker. Check out our instagram @apa_speech_and_debate and more information can be found at https://sites.google.com/apavegas.org/speechanddebate

High School Speech and Debate
Our High School Team will be competing at Foothill High School on September 27th and 28th! Volunteers are needed to come judge and will receive double volunteer hours. Please email tiara.bergquist@apavegas.org for more information. Meetings are held every Friday from 3:30-4:30 in room 204. Club fee $100. Pay to the banker. Check out our instagram @apa_speech_and_debate and more information can be found at https://sites.google.com/apavegas.org/speechanddebate

Dance Fitness
Dance Fitness is a new after school activity here at APA for grades 4-12. It is a wonderful way for your students to get a little extra fitness in as they dance around with their friends. Dance Fitness is every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30, taught by Ms. Thunell a certified fitness instructor and dance teacher here at APA. Fees are $30 for the quarter or $100 for the entire year.

THE BOX TOPS PROGRAM IS CHANGING
3 WAYS YOU CAN STILL HELP!

AN EASY WAY TO EARN CASH FOR AMERICAN PREP!

Look for the pink Box Top on hundreds of participating products. Each is worth 10¢ for your school!

1 CUT OUT & TURN IN

Physical Box Tops are being phased out, but unexpired Box Tops can be cut out & placed in a box at the welcome window or in the elementary office.

BUY Box Tops Products ▶▶▶ **CUT** out the Box Top from each package ▶▶▶ **SEND** your Box Tops to school

2 DOWNLOAD & SCAN RECEIPTS

Download the NEW Box Tops app, then scan your store receipts* to find participating products. The app will automatically credit American Preparatory Academy Box Tops earnings online. *Your receipts must be scanned within 14 days.

BUY
BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

SCAN
YOUR RECEIPT

EARN
CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

3 TURN IN YOUR RECEIPTS

Don't want the hassle of downloading apps & scanning receipts? Just turn in your grocery receipts to the collection box at the welcome window or the elementary office & we will scan them for you!

Go online to www.btfe.com/products for a complete list of participating box tops products.

IMPORTANT

We are asking ALL parents/families to fill out the attached Household Income Verification Form application, even if you do not qualify or plan to participate in the National School Lunch Program (Only fill out one application per family).This information is kept confidential and is important to APA as we seek funding for our students. Please fill out the attached form, in its entirety, and return to the Elementary, Jr. High or High School office and all students in your household will earn a CASUAL DRESS DAY on Tuesday, October 8th.

Income Eligibility Guidelines

Effective from July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

Household Size	Reduced price meals -- 50% Fee Waiver				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-weekly	Weekly
1	23,107	1,926	963	889	445
2	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602
3	39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759
4	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917
5	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074
6	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231
7	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388
8	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546
9	88,523	7,378	3,689	3,406	1,704
10	96,700	8,060	4,030	3,721	1,862
11	104,877	8,742	4,371	4,036	2,020
12	113,054	9,424	4,712	4,351	2,178
13	121,231	10,106	5,053	4,666	2,336
14	129,408	10,788	5,394	4,981	2,494
15	137,585	11,470	5,735	5,296	2,652
16	145,762	12,152	6,076	5,611	2,810
17	153,939	12,834	6,417	5,926	2,968
18	162,116	13,516	6,758	6,241	3,126
19	170,293	14,198	7,099	6,556	3,284
20	178,470	14,880	7,440	6,871	3,442
For each additional family member add	8,177	682	341	315	158
Household Size	Free meals -- 100% Fee Waiver				

	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-weekly	Weekly
1	16,237	1,354	677	625	313
2	21,983	1,832	916	846	423
3	27,729	2,311	1,156	1,067	534
4	33,475	2,790	1,395	1,288	644
5	39,221	3,269	1,635	1,509	755
6	44,967	3,748	1,874	1,730	865
7	50,713	4,227	2,114	1,951	976
8	56,459	4,705	2,353	2,172	1,086
9	62,205	5,184	2,593	2,393	1,197
10	67,951	5,663	2,833	2,614	1,308
11	73,697	6,142	3,073	2,835	1,419
12	79,443	6,621	3,313	3,056	1,530
13	85,189	7,100	3,553	3,277	1,641
14	90,935	7,579	3,793	3,498	1,752
15	96,681	8,058	4,033	3,719	1,863
16	102,427	8,537	4,273	3,940	1,974
17	108,173	9,016	4,513	4,161	2,085
18	113,919	9,495	4,753	4,382	2,196
19	119,665	9,974	4,993	4,603	2,307
20	125,411	10,453	5,233	4,824	2,418
For each additional family member add	5,746	479	240	221	111

2019 - 2020 State Public Charter School Authority

Household Income Verification Form

Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

STEP 1 List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper)

Definition of **Household Member**: "Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related."

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Grade	Student? Yes	Student? No	Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway
				☐	☐	☐	☐
				☐	☐	☐	☐
				☐	☐	☐	☐
				☐	☐	☐	☐
				☐	☐	☐	☐

Check all that apply

STEP 2 Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR?

If NO > Go to STEP 3. **If YES >** Write a case number here then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

Case Number:

Write only one case number in this space.

☐ I do not wish to disclose this information. By choosing this option, I understand that the school may not receive funding or program support.

STEP 3 Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

☐ I do not wish to disclose Household Income and I Understand that by choosing this option the school may not be eligible for Federal grants.

Are you unsure what income to include here?

Flip the page and review the charts titled "Sources of Income" for more information.

The "Sources of Income for Children" chart will help you with the Child Income section.

The "Sources of Income for Adults" chart will help you with the All Adult Household Members section.

A. Child Income

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please include the TOTAL income received by all Household Members listed in STEP 1 here.

Child income $ ____ How often? Weekly ○ Bi-Weekly ○ 2x Month ○ Monthly ○

B. All Adult Household Members (including yourself)

List all Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income (before taxes) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work	How often? Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Public Assistance/ Child Support/Alimony	How often? Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income	How often? Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○
	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○
	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○
	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○
	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○

Total Household Members (Children and Adults) ____

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member X X X X X ____ Check if no SSN ☐

STEP 4 Contact information and adult signature.

"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information.

Street Address (if available) ____ Apt # ____ City ____ State ____ Zip ____ Daytime Phone and Email (optional) ____

Printed name of adult signing the form ____ Signature of adult ____ Today's date ____

INSTRUCTIONS Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children

Sources of Child Income	Example(s)
- Earnings from work	- A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
- Social Security - Disability Payments - Survivor's Benefits	- A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits - A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits
-Income from person outside the household	- A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money
-Income from any other source	- A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

Sources of Income for Adults

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income
- Salary, wages, cash bonuses - Net income from self-employment (farm or business) If you are in the U.S. Military: - Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) - Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	- Unemployment benefits - Worker's compensation - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - Cash assistance from State or local government - Alimony payments - Child support payments - Veteran's benefits - Strike benefits	- Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) - Private pensions or disability benefits - Regular income from trusts or estates - Annuities - Investment income - Earned interest - Rental income - Regular cash payments from outside household

Do not fill out For School Use Only

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24 Monthly x 12

Total Income

How often?

Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
○	○	○	○

Household Size

Categorical Eligibility ☐

Eligibility:

Free	Reduced	Denied
○	○	○

Determining Official's Signature **Date**

Confirming Official's Signature **Date**

Verifying Official's Signature **Date**