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November 11th
Veterans Day-No School

November 14th
1st-3rd Field Trip

November 20th
4th-6th Field Trip

November 22nd
Spirit Day***

November 27th- 29th
Thanksgiving Break- No School

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/

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Monthly Builders Theme:

Showing Gratitude in Word and Deed

This month we find ourselves reflecting on what we are grateful for--and what we are going to eat for Thanksgiving dinner. As an introduction to our builders theme this month, I would like to offer this challenge: Can you think of 100 things you are thankful for? Try this exercise with your family. Close your eyes and focus on a blessing in your life. It's easy to begin by visualizing your family members and friends. Envision an image of each one in your mind. Offer a silent "thank you" to the person or object of your appreciation. How many things are on your list so far? 20? 35? 50?

Next start to think about things that you may take for granted like the sunshine, a warm bed, food in your home, your teacher's help on that assignment. Good is everywhere! Relax into the feelings of gratitude...take a deep breath…feel more gratitude as you recognize your 100 blessings.

William Faulkner said, "Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: it must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all." The latest brain research shows that feeling gratitude for 30 seconds six times a day (a mere three minutes!) will enable our neurons to fire and wire together around gratitude and we will more easily and frequently access more gratitude.

Gratitude has a positive impact in our lives by improving physical and emotional health as well as boosting self-esteem. Simply put, doing good *feels good*.

Hey! I'm grateful for that; I'll put that first on my list!

All School News

YEARBOOK ORDERS
Order your yearbook today
Elementary yearbook ID code: **12746220**
Jr/Sr High School yearbook ID code: **12389720**

Early Check Out
Thank you so much for your patience in checking out your students. We wanted to remind everyone of the cut off time for early dismissal. Please be in the building to sign your student out by the following time:
Mon, Tues, Fri - 2:45 pm
Wed, Thurs - 1:45 pm
Please allow yourself plenty of time when checking out your students.

Veterans Day Assembly
Veterans Day is a special and sacred day where we honor those who serve and have served our country. This day provides an opportunity to educate our students about the importance of honoring and thanking our local Veterans.

Students in the 1st-12th grades will be attending an assembly on Friday, November 8th. The first assembly will take place from 10:00 am to 11:00 am with the second assembly taking place from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. **All students need to be in FULL uniform, no polos.**

Due to the nature of this assembly, Students will **not** be able to be checked out during these blocks of time. If you need to take your student home early, please plan on checking them out before or after our Veterans Day assemblies.

All 1st-12th grade students have an opportunity to contribute in these assemblies, so if your student is able to attend, we ask that they be there.

The Wizard of Oz
The Wizard of Oz is coming to APA! Join us December 5-7 for the 85th anniversary celebration as our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders bring this epic tale to life. Run time for this show is one hour.

- Thursday 12/5 - 7:00 pm
- Friday 12/6 - 7:00 pm
- Saturday 12/7 - Matinee 2:00 pm, Final show 5:00 pm

Venue - APA MPR
Prices: Adults - $10, Students - $5
Tickets are limited, presales will begin November 18th at the banker!

Secondary Substitute
Want to learn more about American Prep, our curriculum, and methods? Want to be involved at the school and get paid at the same time? Come be a substitute for us. We are looking for more secondary substitutes!!
Please email Becca Batista at becca.batista@apavegas.org to sign up and receive more information.

Newsletter Help
Every Thursday we have wonderful volunteers who copy the newsletter, stuff the envelopes and pass them out to the classes. We need some more help. Please email heidi.lee@apavegas.org if you are interested in helping. This is done every Thursday starting at 8:00am for about 2-3 hours.

Elementary News

Elementary Academic Update: Reading University Change

The Reading University program was created in hopes of instilling a love of independent reading in our students. The Reading University List was compiled by parents over the years to provide families with a list of value-based literature and varied informational texts that reinforce positive character traits, strengthen vocabulary, and enrich our curriculum. However, the overall goal has always been to get our students reading!

We understand that there are MANY amazing books that are NOT on the Reading University list. Effective immediately, we will be changing our Reading University program to include ANY book your student(s) reads independently. We ask that you help them choose books that are at their reading ability, but if you are willing to sign off on a book that they've read, we are happy to give them credit for it! The required number of books to be read each term will not change and is determined by grade level. Please contact your student's homeroom teacher if you need clarification on how many books are required per grade level.

Please feel free to use the Reading University book list as a reference but, as of November 5th, 2019, your student may include any book that they have read on their Reading University log. We hope that this helps motivate them to read many more books!

6th Grade Ambassador Event

Attention 6th grade students! Get ready to explore new places at the Take Flight Event next Thursday! During this event students will experience five stations at which the presentations will include dancing the hula in Hawaii, having a picnic in Paris, experience a tornado in Kansas, and more!

Please plan on an extended day. This event will go from 12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendar, because you don't want to miss this! If any parents are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Messer at madysen.messer@apavegas.org.

October K-6 Builder Award Recipients:

K-Hatch AM	Christian Aragon	K-Hatch PM	Abigail Morgan
K-Rambow AM	Taytum Prince	K-Rambow PM	Ian Zou
1st-Abbott	Ruth Mesker	1st-Doney	Tristan Boaz
1st-Torres	Eve Cajator	2nd-Gomez	Grace Mekonnen
2nd-Johnson	Hailey Cuthbert	2nd-Telfer	Amelia Jones
3rd-Deaver	Verrill Tan	3rd-Koscianksi	Daniel Chang
3rd-Nunn	Jarom Boaz	4th-Baber	Conner Gibson
4th-Burgess	James Failla	4th-Kewish	Joy Mesfin
4th-Rivenbark	Katelynn Morgan	4th-Robison	Champ Driggers
5th-Braybrooke	Brianne Trumper	5th-Carter	Jocelyn Gomez
5th-de Jesus	Abel Solomon	5th-Gibson	Lorenzo Paragas
5th-Pruitt	Jaleya Cruz	6th-Conti	Gavin Allred
6th-Gibson	Rachel Gardner	6th-Holloman	Alexander Palomo
6th-Ryan	Ian Robison	6th-Tam	Giovanni Shaker
K-3 Teacher:	Mrs. Hatch	4-6 Teacher	Ms. Patascher

Term 1 K-6 RU Award Recipients:

K-Hatch AM	Ari Nelson	K-Hatch PM	Nakai Gatewood
K-Rambow AM	Mariyah Manawat	K-Rambow PM	Aliyah Clark
1st-Abbott	Ivan Reynolds	1st-Doney	Violet Purdy
1st-Torres	Amy Batito	2nd-Gomez	Rahel Kassa
2nd-Johnson	Olivia Corn	2nd-Telfer	Berklee Melver
3rd-Deaver	Verrill Tan	3rd-Koscianksi	Hinton Dieu
3rd-Nunn	Elnathan Robel	4th-Baber	Angel Amador
4th-Burgess	Eliana Mekonnen	4th-Kewish	Saron Girma
4th-Rivenbark	Nathan Diec	4th-Robison	Alicia Nazzari
5th-Braybrooke	Olivia Stewart	5th-Carter	Antonio Newson
5th-de Jesus	Zach Strohfus	5th-Gibson	Gennese Reyes
5th-Pruitt	Abigail Torrance	6th-Conti	Hannah Gordon
6th-Gibson	Jacy Johnson	6th-Holloman	Amran Solomon
6th-Ryan	June Tintle	6th-Tam	Brady Morris

Secondary News

SafeVoice

We are excited to announce that APA now has access to SafeVoice. Your students were given the information during an assembly of how it works and the benefits. SafeVoice offers a hotline, mobile app, and website to report threats to the safety or well-being of students and staff. Reports submitted are received live 24/7/365 by trained Public Safety Communications Specialists who gather information and engage emergency responders if necessary and pass the report on to a team here at the school. Reports are anonymous unless the reporter chooses to share his or her name. An information sticker has been placed on the back of each of your student's ID cards.

The SafeVoice app is free on Apple or Android devices and can be accessed using the website www.safevoicenv.org. If you have further questions please contact Mr. Hulet or Mr. Jex. While this is a great tool to help support the safety and well-being of all those at our school, we want to continue to encourage students to make reports directly to a member of the school whenever possible.

Quarter Grade Report Cards

We have received a handful of questions regarding quarter grade report cards. In the Secondary, we will only be sending report cards home at the end of Semester one and Semester two. Quarter grades can be accessed by signing on to Infinite Campus. If you need help with Infinite campus please contact Mrs. Cindy Mayo (high school students) or Mrs. Stacie Gibson (junior high school students).

American Red Cross Blood Drive

American Prep will hold a blood drive with the Red Cross on Thursday, December 12. Please visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code AmericanPrep to sign-up. Students who are 16 or 17 may donate blood with parental consent and a signed waiver.

Academic Plans - Grades 7-9

All students in grades 7-9 received a detailed academic plan in their 4th period class during the month of October. These should have been reviewed, signed and returned. If you have not yet reviewed your student's academic plan, please do so as soon as possible and return it to the student's 4th period teacher.

AP Exams

If your student is enrolled in an Advanced Placement class, and you have not paid the exam fee of $94, it is now past due. Please refer to Infinite Campus for fee payment.

Winterim

Secondary students received their Winterim registration forms and a copy of the Winterim catalogue during 4th period on Friday, November 1. The registration date on the top of the form indicates when students will be able to register. All classes are first come, first served. Each day during the registration window from Nov 4-Nov 15, an updated email will be sent to all students with the courses that are full. We recommend that students select several back-up courses and pay close attention to the grade levels and fees associated with the courses. Students with later registration dates may wish to wait to complete their form to ensure they are not selecting a class that is already full. **Once the form is submitted, there will be no changes made to selections.** All Winterim schedules will be dispersed during the week of November 18 with fees due by Tuesday, November 26 through Infinite Campus. For students in AP classes, please make note of the AP schedule listed on the front of the catalogue and indicate AP for the appropriate period on your Winterim registration form.

The following will outline the Winterim registration process:

--Fill out the provided registration form including your 2, 3, and 4 choices.

--Please note that the catalogue is listed in order of each period (the first group of classes is for 1st period, the second for 2nd period, and the third for 4th period. All students will have 3rd period study hall)

--Not all classes will be provided for each period or for all grades.

--Full classes will be emailed at the end of each day.

--Submit the registration form to your counselor by 9:30am on the date provided on your registration form.

--Registration forms will NOT be accepted before your registration date

--Registration forms will not be accepted unless submitted as outlined above.

--There will be NO online or email registration.

Athletics CLICK HERE to view our website

Volleyball

Congratulations to both the HS and JH Girls' VB teams for a terrific year. HS ended their season with a thrilling win over Calvary Chapel, a team that defeated the Eagles two weeks prior. JH finished with a great 7-2 record, losing a tough game in the 1st Round of the NCSAA Tournament

APA Soccer

Soccer concluded their fall with two scrimmages. APA Varsity (picture below) dropped a 6-0 soccer game to Coral Academy last Wednesday. This was APA's first actual game and the teams played hard while showing the results of a good fall practice. Thx to Coach Gomez for his good coaching.

The APA Youth team also had an Intrasquad scrimmage last Friday and the results were exciting. Coach Leal did a wonderful job coaching our young players.

LACROSSE -UPDATE!

A lesson will be held this Saturday at 1:30 pm with Coach Herman at Oxford Park (700 N Anasazi Dr.)
SAVE THE DATE! First Scrimmage - next Saturday, November 16th at noon.
We have already had 12 players sign up, but are in need of more, so come on out! We'll work with your schedules and we'll help you find equipment. If you'd like more information, contact Team Manager Ernie Elliott at erniewelliott@gmail.com or Coach Bliss dave.bliss@apavegas.org

Mountain Biking Club

If you are interested in joining APA's great new adventure, contact Coach Papa at vegaspapa1@gmail.com

Bowling

If you are in 6th-12th grade and are interested in bowling, contact Coach Bliss. This will be a coed league. Bowling will start after the first of the year, but practices will start in November/December.

APA Basketball Tryouts

If you are planning on playing basketball this year:

- High School Tryouts
  - GIRLS' - SAT, NOVEMBER 9th - 9AM-11AM
  - BOYS' - SAT, NOVEMBER 9th - 12 NOON-2 PM
- Jr. High Tryouts
  - GIRLS' - TUE, NOVEMBER 12TH - 3:30-5 PM
  - BOYS' - WED THU, NOV 13TH & 14TH - 2:30-5 PM
- Elementary-Coed league starts mid-January

Clubs

Pizza Thursday

Cards now accepted in the High School Cafeteria! 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!

Junior High Cheerleaders

Save the Dates and support your Junior High Cheerleaders!

1. Friday, December 13th, 1-4pm APA discounted Flip N Out Xtreme Day! $20/each
2. Mini Eagles Winter Cheer Camp, 12/16-12/20, after school. Open to all male and female kinder through 6th grade students.

Participants receive a shirt and bow and will perform a cheer, dance, jumps, and stunts in a halftime at a basketball game! $100 each or $75 for siblings and current cheerleaders

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

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

- Congress Workshop on Thursday from 2:05 to 3:30
- Extemp Workshop on Wednesday from 2:05 to 3:30
- Original Oratory Workshop on Tuesday from 3:05 to 4:00
- Lincoln Douglas Workshop on Friday from 3:05 to 4:00

Dance Team Fundraiser

Help APA Dance Team raise funds through our rummage sale November 16th! If you would like to donate items to sell we will be accepting smaller donation items on Nov. 13th Wednesday 2:30-5pm or Nov 15th Friday 4-6pm. Any large item donations can be dropped off on Nov 15th Friday 4-6pm in the high school cafeteria.