



I am a builder when I am willing to try and believe in my ability to succeed

"Puff, puff, chug, chug," went the Little Blue Engine. "I think I can- I think I can- I think I can...." "Hurray, hurray," cried the funny little clown and all the dolls and toys.... And the Little Blue Engine smiled....

– W. Piper, *The Little Engine that Could*

Lessons we can learn from the "The Little Engine that Could"

- Help a fellow student or co-worker. Encourage and believe in their ability to succeed.
- If you don't try something you'll never know if you can do it. Go outside of your comfort zone and believe in your ability to succeed.

Upcoming events

- March 13 - Daylight Savings Time starts
- March 14-18 - Staff Appreciation Week
- March 14 - Love and Logic Parent Class, 6:30pm-8pm
- March 16 - National Latin Exam, 12:45pm-2:10pm
- March 16 - **No Afterschool Programs**
- March 16 - Parent Empowerment Night, 7pm
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 17 - Spring Orchestra Concert, Small Gym, 6-8pm
- March 19 - Gear Up Parent University, 7:45am-10:30am
- March 19 - Attendance School, 8am-11am
- March 21 - Love and Logic Parent Class, 6:30pm-8pm
- March 22 - **Early Dismissal - ALL SCHOOL** (12:30 pm, 12:55 pm) **& No Afterschool Programs**
- March 23 - Blood Drive, Small Gym
- March 24 - Spring Band Concert, Large Gym, 6pm
- March 24 - 10th Grade Food Handlers Permit Class
- March 25 - Madrigals rehearsal, Libby Gardner Hall, 7pm-8pm
- March 26 - Madrigals and 5th Grade Honor Choir Performance, Libby Gardner Hall

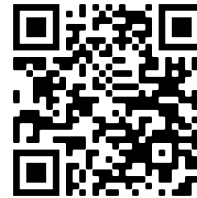
School Contact Information

- 385-351-3090
- Press 1 for Elementary Office
- Press 2 for Junior High Office & Secondary attendance
- Press 3 for High School Office

Virtual Parent Empowerment Night - Human Trafficking - March 16, 7pm

Did you know there were 182 reports of human trafficking IN UTAH in 2020? And over 400 cases since 2007 IN UTAH. This is not happening just in other places, this is happening on our streets. Sex trafficking, labor trafficking, male, female, old, young. Do you know how to spot it? Please join us virtually to learn what is human trafficking, how do you spot it, how to arm yourself against it, and how to report it. This presentation is brought to you by our community partner, 3 Strands Global Foundation. This is a subject that will go over some information that is sensitive in nature and may not be appropriate for elementary aged children. Your child will receive two tardy credits for each adult that is in attendance. We will begin at 7pm sharp on Wednesday, March 16th at this zoom link:

- <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/87963377893>
- Meeting ID: 879 6337 7893
- One tap mobile
- +16699006833,,87963377893# US (San Jose)
- +12532158782,,87963377893# US (Tacoma)



GEAR UP Parent University

What does it take to get your student to college? How do we pay for college? What are scholarships? What is FAFSA? How do I talk with my teenager and have good conversations with them? If you have ever asked yourself one of these questions, Parent University is for you! We invite parents of students in 7th-12th grade to our Parent University on Saturday, March 19th from 8:00am-10:15 am. We will have three workshops that you'll be able to attend. No prior registration is necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Unsworth at munsworth@apamail.org. This is for PARENTS only.

10th Grade Food Handler's Permit Class - March 24

APA is offering a Food Handler's class to our 10th grade students again! The next class will take place after school – Thursday, March 24th from 2:20-3:45pm as well. Students will also have the opportunity to serve food at 2-3 school events to gain a real-world experience to put on their resumes. Once the course is completed, students will receive their food handlers permits, as well as a letter of recommendation for their next job application.

While Food Handlers permits generally cost \$30, APA offers this course for only \$15. Plus, students gain an incredible level of real-world experience, to fill out their resume for their next job application. Interested students should sign up with the Character Development Office or email solsen@apamail.org. Spots are limited, so sign up soon!

New Sibling Enrollment Lottery for 2022-2023

We have begun the 2022-2023 NEW STUDENT enrollment process and we are accepting applications for new siblings (including kindergarten students) and transfers. Please remember that new Kindergarten students must be 5 on or before September 1st to qualify for enrollment: there are NO exceptions to this rule. If you are currently on the waiting list to transfer to a new campus or enroll a new student, you MUST fill out a new application for the 2022-2023 school year. Please visit <https://www.americanprep.org/enrollment/utah-enrollment/> to complete the application. For questions or concerns about enrollment or registration for K-12th grade, please contact Mrs. Lautaimi Registrar at llautaimi@apamail.org or call the school at (385)251-3090

APA Multicultural Festival

Hello Parents, APA is preparing for our Annual Multicultural Festival on April 16th, 3-5pm. We will have food, performances, vendors and lots of fun! All students and families are WELCOME. We are looking for families to come and present information about their country of origin. We will provide a table to use and you may bring whatever you'd like as a visual representation. You are also welcome to bring cultural food

for people to sample or food to sell. If you choose to bring food, you will need your own serving materials and a way to keep the food at the desired temperature. If you would like to participate, please email lpetherbridge@apamail.org. We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event!

Student Uniforms

Students need to be in the correct uniforms, for their grades. Name tags are a part of the uniform and students must wear them every day at school. If a student is missing their name tag, they can purchase a new one at the front office for \$5. Click on the link for the uniform guide <https://www.americanprep.org/topic/uniforms/>

Instructors Needed

Our Campus is in need of Instructors. We gladly welcome our APA families or friends that would like to come and be a part of our elementary team. If you are interested, click the link to fill out an application. <https://bit.ly/3t67NBj>

Childcare Employment Opportunity

American Preparatory Academy provides a low-cost childcare service for all of their employees and is housed within the WV2 campus. Not only is this program affordable but it is also a high-quality childcare experience for their children. Our staff say that due to this incredible service, they can now afford childcare, and have a peace of mind that their children are being very well taken care of. This service allows them to provide an amazing education for your children!

We are in desperate need of Childcare Providers to care for their children in our program. The positions can be full time or part time, between the hours of 7:00 - 4:30, Monday - Friday. This is a great way to give back to your child's teachers by caring for their children while they spend tireless hours teaching your children. If we are not able to fill these positions, we may not be able to continue to offer this amazing service to our teachers. If you would be interested in working in our staff childcare program and are qualified for this position, or know of someone that is, please contact Jennifer Brown at jennifer.brown@apamail.org or go to our APA website (<https://www.americanprep.org/careers/>) and fill out an application.

Elementary Yearbooks - are on sale now for \$16

- Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com
- Enter the school code 14215
- Or call 1-877-362-7750

There is a \$1.99 processing fee for all online orders. If you would like to avoid paying the fee, you can call the number, or pay at the elementary office. The last day to order will be Friday, April 1st, 2022

APA Reading and Math Lesson Video Bank

Did you know that there are videos for our math lessons on the APA website? This way, if your student is sick for a few days or if they just need another repetition of the teacher teaching it, to get their homework done, they can get the help they need. Just click on the math level your student is and click on the lesson, located on the left-hand side. <https://www.americanprep.org/math-and-reading-lessons/>

After School Programs

Hello American Preparatory Families!

We're looking forward to our Sistema Ensemble and our high school performances of Little Women. Our students have worked diligently to showcase their talents and we are very proud of them!

Congratulations to our Sistema students that completed 100 and 200 homework assignments. They all received a special certificate this week. Well done! Our goal is to complete 20,000 homework assignments afterschool by the end of the school year. We have completed over 12,000 assignments thus far. We will have a no missing homework incentive from term 4 on Friday, April 1st. Please check your child's learning plan daily to help them to stay current with their assignments.

Please make sure your child has their instrument with them every day. We are beginning to learn Spring Concert music and every student needs to be able to participate to be able to perform in the concert. If you see your child, come out to the car with their instrument, please make sure that it is brought inside and not left in the car. The cold winter temperatures could cause harm to the instruments and some might even crack or break due to the weather. I suggest placing their instrument by their backpack as they are getting ready for bed to make sure that it does not get forgotten.

Dates to Remember

- March 16 - No Afterschool Programs (No Sistema and No Collegium Hall)
- March 22-NO Sistema-Early dismissal for professional development
- March 25-End of Term 4 (ALL missing work must be turned in this day to be eligible for the "no missing homework" incentive)
- March 31-Bach Buck Store
- April 1-Term 4 "No Missing Work" Incentive Day
- April 4-8-Spring Break- No School and No Sistema
- May 19-Mandatory Dress Rehearsal for Spring Concert 3-5:30pm
- May 20-Spring Celebration Concert 6pm-Limited tickets available and must be reserved.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Annual Fun Run - American Preparatory Education Foundation

We will be holding our annual Fun Run Fundraiser on Saturday, May 7th at Daybreak Lake in South Jordan. The Fun Run is our biggest fundraising event of the year. Not only is it important for raising funds for a great cause, but also as a community building event.

This year we have chosen to raise funds for the APA Teaching Excellence Fund, a private reserve that helps us to attain and retain great teachers. As a charter school we receive less money than the local public schools do, and unlike the public schools, we are not able to raise property taxes to bring in more money when it's needed. Great teachers play an invaluable role in the lives of our children, and although we will never be able to pay them what they are truly worth, through the APA Teaching Excellence Fund, we can try to get them closer.

We are looking for sponsors and silent auction donations. If you would like to sponsor our event or make a contribution to the silent auction, or if you know a local business that would, please contact us at funrun@americanprepfoundation.org or (801)661-1928. In the past we've received items from APA parents, local businesses, University of Utah, BYU, Utah Jazz, theaters and more. If you have a connection to anyone from those organizations or others and would be willing to ask for a donation or sponsorship, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have a connection, but would prefer that our committee reach out to them, please contact us. We have a lot of fun activities and incentives planned for our students. We are very excited about it! The links to register, become a business sponsor, are at <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/annual-district-fun-run/> Thank you for being a part of this fundraiser. We are very appreciative of you!



USBE Special Needs Scholarship Opportunity

School districts and Charter schools are required by Utah Law, 53A1a-704(10), to inform parents of students with IEPs enrolled in public schools, of the availability of a scholarship to attend a private school through the Carson Smith Scholarship Program. The Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship Program (CSS) provides tuition assistance for those who would qualify for special education and related services in public schools, preschool eligible special needs students enrolled in ineligible private schools. The scholarship is for students through 12th grade (3-21 year of age), whose parents choose an eligible private school. For more information on the scholarship, deadline schedule and funding schedule, please visit <https://www.schools.utah.gov/specialeducation/programs/carsonsmithscholarship>

School Lunch Update - <https://www.americanprep.org/3-8-22-school-lunch-update/>

We hope your students are enjoying the meals provided by the school lunch program! We wanted to make parents aware of how elementary lunches are served. To facilitate easy delivery, the main dish and fruit are put in a bag, along with the snack that is sometimes included. The vegetable milk and condiments are not included in the bag, but are provided in the caddy or cart. The lunch staff carefully tracks and adjusts the vegetable servings to provide enough for each student who would like them. If there is a shortage of milk, vegetables, or condiments, students are welcome to go to the lunchroom to get what is needed. We welcome parent feedback, and have a new form for parents to let us know about their concerns or problems. If you choose to include your contact information, the lunch staff will follow up with you, or you can complete the form anonymously. <https://forms.gle/Ae6ULgLHorTKcwiki6>