



Wednesday, October 24 College Fair
 Thursday, October 25 College Logo Day
 Thursday, October 25 Elementary PTCs 3pm-7pm
Friday, October 26 Elementary No School PTCs 8am-1pm
Wednesday, October 31 All Students Early Dismissal 12pm/12:20pm
 Staff Professional Development
 Thurs. Nov. 1-Saturday. Nov. 3 Musical Production of *Fiddler on the Roof*
 Monday, November 12 Veterans Assembly 1pm

Hello American Prep Families,

Our Builder Theme for the month is “I Am A Builder When I Demonstrate Integrity”

Integrity. With a quick answer, most people would say that integrity means the same thing as honesty. Honesty IS part of it—but that is only one layer of integrity. When you show integrity, your actions are in line with what you know to be right and wrong. When you show integrity, you are guided by an internal code—and your actions are consistent with that personal code. Here’s a simple example—one that most of us at a uniform-wearing school can relate to. A couple of parents are chatting and one is overheard to say, “My child has been wearing the wrong shoes to school for three months and the teacher just barely said anything about it.” Demonstrating integrity? If this parent understood the dress code, and yet chose to send their student in the wrong shoes day after day (because no one called them on it) they were choosing to act counter to what they knew and understood to be right. In contrast, kudos to those parents and students who, with integrity, are making the choice to come appropriately dressed—even when they see others who are not and appear to be getting away with it. It’s a simple example—but a powerful one. Builders demonstrate integrity--in even simple choices. We are looking forward to the opportunity to explore this important builder trait this month!

September Builders of the Month – “I Am A Builder When I Show Enthusiasm”

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized in the Wednesday assemblies for Building with Enthusiasm:

Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade	6 th Grade
Suha Bahaji	Paea Siale	Raul Orozco	Ayden Hernandez	Amy Villegas	Cecilia Tucker	Brianna Franco
Samia Mberwa	Mele Leo	Kaleb Ruiz	Wesley Carpenter	Landon Moore	Troy Magana	Ryan Rodriguez
Penelope Rojas	Archer Hess	Delilah Roe	Jaqueline Ledo	Viliani Tahira	Adolfo Torralba	Zach Powell
				Giovanny Aguilar	Angie Rodriguez	Vinh Thanh Trong



<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>	<u>9th Grade</u>	<u>10th Grade</u>	<u>11th Grade</u>	<u>12th Grade</u>
Husna Safe	Karla Pasillas	Alysa Munson	Sudra Safi	Dulce Bravo	Nancy Pasillas
Mario Ortega	Jason Bravo	Ethan Archuletta	Zach Munson	Matthew Mclaughlin	Elijah Bailey

Veterans Assembly – Looking Ahead

One of our favorite traditions at American Prep is our Veterans Assembly. Each year we hold a very special assembly around Veterans Day to honor those who have served our country. *We hope all our families will invite their friends and family members who are veterans (anyone who has served in any branch of the military or armed forces at any time) to come to the assembly and be honored by our school.* Each guest will receive a special gift and we will have a special program to commemorate the day. The assembly will be held on **Monday, November 12th at 1PM**. Invitations will be sent home in elementary communication envelopes. If you only have secondary students attending APA, please have them stop by the office to pick up an invitation to give to a veteran.

This event is primarily for our students to be taught, through example and through their own participation, how to respect and honor our nation's veterans. We also want to show our gratitude to those who have served or are currently serving. Unfortunately, space is limited. Having the entire student body and our honored guests in attendance in the gymnasium meets our fire code capacity. Veterans are invited to bring two guests and will receive nametags confirming their admission. Please RSVP regarding a veteran's attendance to Ms. Wright (kwright@apamail.org) or Mrs. Hymas (jhymas@apamail.org) at the front office via email or phone at 385-351-3090.

Thanks for helping us make this a great event for our students and community!

Parent Student Handbook Spotlight

Class celebrations are centered around culminating activities that follow our units of study in history and science. Although we teach about many of our nation's holidays in our curriculum, we do not use academic time in class to celebrate them. Listed below are some of these holidays and the ways they are acknowledged:

Birthday Celebrations—Teachers will most likely mention a student's birthday during the school day of their birthday and have a special way of acknowledging that student. Parents may bring a treat for class members at lunch time. This is not something that needs to be done, but if parents choose to that is acceptable. (Please see VII. Parent Involvement Policy: Birthdays and Other Events.)

Halloween—It is important for teachers and parents to remember that **we don't celebrate or even acknowledge Halloween.**



Veterans Day—We celebrate Veterans Day with a school-wide assembly where we honor our invited veteran guests. The students also participate in writing activities that express their respect and appreciation to our nation’s veterans.

Thanksgiving Day—The Builder theme for the month of November focuses on being grateful and expressing that gratitude through word and deed.

Religious Holidays (Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, Ramadan etc.)— These holidays will be discussed as part of the curriculum and to help students understand what others in our school are doing and experiencing. We may sing songs from these or other similar holidays as part of the curriculum in our music classes.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—The contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr. are discussed around this day.

Presidents Day—We talk about Presidents around Presidents Day.

Valentines Day—We focus on the Builder theme of “caring and sharing” during the month of February. We encourage students to show they care by doing good deeds for others all during the month. Often, the school participates in a school-wide service project during February.

Memorial Day – Students perform and participate in a school-wide assembly and learn about the meaning and history of this holiday. Students, parents and staff have the opportunity to participate in a “poppy fundraising drive” to benefit veterans.

Halloween Costumes? Not At School! What a Treat!

A few parents have asked if they need to provide costumes for their students for later this month. Good news! The answer is “no.” Most parents are relieved to know this. If you are one who has anticipated this celebration at prior schools and are disappointed at this news, let me explain. In our quest to remain focused on our mission of academic achievement and character development for every student, we guard our time resources very closely. VERY closely. We look at every activity and every program and evaluate it carefully on how effectively it helps us achieve these goals. Because of this, we typically do not celebrate holidays in the way that other schools traditionally do. Don’t panic! This does not mean we don’t have fun! We celebrate our students’ learning with grade level celebrations that happen regularly as fun, culminating activities that go along with our units of study in history and science—but we do not use academic time for holiday parties or costume parades. Halloween isn’t celebrated at school. Neither is Christmas. There are only a few holidays that celebrated or acknowledged during the school year. For more information on these, please refer to your Parent/Student handbook.

Volunteer Corner

We have been so grateful for ALL our amazing volunteers! See the opportunities below or contact your child’s teacher or one of our offices to discover even more ways to help!



Specific volunteer opportunities are as follows:

- Musical – We need help selling concessions, tickets, organizing costumes, etc. We would LOVE to have you volunteer to help with Fiddler on the Roof! It's going to be a great show and we need your help. Contact Mrs. Patterson at npatterson@apamail.org with the time you are willing to help.

Musical – Fiddler on the Roof

The West Valley II Drama & Music Departments proudly present “Fiddler on the Roof,” a family-friendly tale described by Music Theatre International as a story, “Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story centers on Tevye, a poor milkman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic detail, *Fiddler on the Roof's* universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness.”

Tickets will go on sale next week! Watch your email for further details for this amazing show! Our students have been working hard and will not disappoint! It's sure to be a full house every night! They sound and look truly amazing! Don't miss this great event! We will have 4 performances open to the public.

Show Dates are:

Thursday, November 1

Friday, November 2

Saturday, November 3

Each night's performance will begin at 7:00pm, with doors opening at 6:30pm as well as a matinee on Saturday. Tickets will become available for purchase online next week.

We will also be selling concessions after school, before the show, and during intermission.

Ticket prices are \$7 for students and \$9 for general admission.

We look forward to seeing you at the show!

Elementary News

6th Grade Ambassador News

Welcome Aboard the APA FriendSHIP was a success! Students were able to practice and master very important skills about being a true friend. How to write a thank you note, meet and greet, navigate a reception line and ask intelligent questions were some of the lessons taught during this event. Thank you to all parents for your support by making sure your student could attend this event. **A big thanks to all of our amazing parent volunteers!**



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Sistema Notes

We have had such a fun couple of weeks! First of all, we want to thank everyone for their support of the Sistema Carnival. It was our best one yet with over 200 in attendance and drumroll please.....we were able to raise over \$2800. Thank you thank you for making this possible. It was a fun community event for all!

Wednesday, October 24th we will have our first student showcase performance at 5 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room. Your child will come home with an invitation next week if they will be participating. If your child is participating, please come watch them so that they have an audience to play to.

We will have NO SISTEMA on the following dates:

- October 15-19th - Fall Break
- October 25-26th - Parent Teacher Conferences

Sistema String's next performance will be on Friday, October 26th. If your child is in Sistema Strings, THEY SHOULD BE PRACTICING DAILY to be ready for our trip to Logan and performance with the Utah State University Symphonic Orchestra. Please email Mrs. Christensen with any questions about this trip tchristensen@apamail.org

Thank you again for your support. We love our students and love hearing the beautiful music they are making!

News for Secondary Students & Families

Attention Parents of Senior Students

American Preparatory Academy counseling team HIGHLY recommends that you and your student tour one or two college campuses during our fall break, starting October 16th. If you're unable to attend with your student, we encourage them to network with other students and go as a group. In addition to getting a general tour we recommend setting an appointment to meet with the department your student is interested in majoring in (e.g. Chemistry, Engineering, Business). They can offer stronger advice and expertise about what your student should expect. Lastly, we suggest that you visit with the financial aid office to learn about cost of attendance plus what possible scholarships or work-study programs might be available. All these efforts help your family make the best choice about college. College applications are due the December 1st. Don't miss this great opportunity during the week to visit a college campus!

Saturday School

Saturday School are set days and times to make up tardies. Secondary students who have more than three tardies in each class will need to attend Saturday School to remove the No Grade off their report card. Students need to stay for a half hour and pay \$5 for each tardy for the current term. When you decide to make tardies up the following term, the time and fee is doubled. Payment can be made at the Jr. High or High School office.

Saturday School starts at 8 am. You must be on time to make up tardies. Students must be in full uniform when attending Saturday School. We highly encourage students to eat PRIOR to attending. There is no food or drinks allowed in classrooms. During Saturday school students must wear full uniform and must work quietly or read. If



a student is talking or sleeping they will be excused and they must attend another day. No electronics are allowed in attendance school.

Saturday school hours will be posted in the secondary offices and/or published in the newsletter. Typically, it is held Saturday mornings from 8am to 11am for the second half of the term. No students will be admitted late to Saturday school.

Saturday School Dates & Times

September 29th - 8am to 11am

October 6th - 8am to 11am

October 13th - 8am to 11am

College Week

APA will hold its annual college week October 22nd – 26th. We are excited to help students engage in activities that will help them set their sights and renew their goals of attending college. Experts tell us that attending college helps students to not only earn a better living, but they are also more engaged in their community and are more active in raising happy and healthy families. We have an activity every week, with the highlight activity of our College Campus Visit on Tuesday where every secondary student will get to tour one of Utah's amazing Universities.

- **Monday:** College Week Kick-Off Assembly during 4th period
- **Tuesday:** College Campus Visits--**Please make sure you have signed your student's permission form and have arranged for their lunch according to the permission form.**
- **Wednesday:** College Fair--College Reps will come talk with students individually as needed during 4th period.
- **Thursday:** College Logo Day and Lunchtime Game Day--Students may wear t-shirts or sweatshirts with a **college** logo on it of a university they are representing with their khaki pants or skirts. Students should wear the regular uniform if they do not want to participate in College Logo Day.
- **Friday:** Staff Story Day--The students will get to hear about their teacher's college experiences and ask pertinent questions during 4th period.

11th Grade Overlook Hike

Next Wednesday, October 10, our 11th grade students have an amazing opportunity to spend some time in the mountains with the beautiful fall leaves. We'll be taking all of our students to Millcreek Canyon where they will hike the Salt Lake Overlook trail. After the hike, the students will roast some marshmallows and hot dogs over a campfire. We're going to leave the school at 12pm and we'll be back by 4:30. This is always one of the best events of the year. Permission forms are due by Friday October 5. If you'd like to be a parent volunteer, contact Ms.

Nash at MNash@apamail.org.



12th Grade Senior Sunrise

Our Student Government Leaders have been hard at work planning our annual Senior Sunrise! This event will be on Wednesday, October 10th. We're going to meet at the school at 6:15am. We'll hike to the top of Ensign Peak, take pictures, write down some goals and then come back to the school for breakfast. This is a really fun bonding event for all of our seniors. See you there!

Senior Shirts

Senior shirts are now available for purchase in the high school office for \$15! The proceeds of these shirts will go towards the senior class gift to APA. They are approved spirit wear items, which means they can be worn the first Friday of every month, as well as other designated days throughout the month. These would be a great gift for your senior, or a great item for a parent to show support for your class of 2019 graduate! Stop by the high school office to get one today!

Fees

All fees are currently past due. Please stop by the office to pay fees for your student(s) in 7th-12th grade as soon as possible.

Collegium Hall News

We would like to welcome all secondary students to attend Collegium Hall. Collegium Hall is a study hall that provides tutoring, snacks, and activities for your teens. Math teachers are available to tutor students in Collegium Hall.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays - 3:30-6:30 pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays - 2:30-5:30 pm

Clubs

In addition to Collegium Hall, there are many after school clubs available for students in 7th-12th grade. Stop by the after school office or email one of the after school directors for additional information.

If your student decides not to participate in an after school program, parents need to pick up students by 3:35 pm.