# American Preparatory Academy

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**** The asterisk throughout the newsletter indicates information that is new.***

## School Calendar – Salem Campus September 15, 2017

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| Tues., Sept. 19 | Cross Country Meet at Creekside Park in Alpine, 4:30 pm |
| Wed., Sept. 20 | Volleyball Away Games at Reagan, 4:30 pm and 5:15 pm |
| Thurs., Sept. 21 | Cross Country Meet at Bicentennial Park in Provo, 4:30 pm |
| | Smart with Art Begins, 2:20 pm |

***Looking ahead……***

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| Mon., Sept. 25 | *Volleyball Away Games at Lincoln, 4:30 pm and 5:15 pm |
| Wed., Sept. 27 | *Volleyball Away Games at Freedom, 4:30 pm and 5:15 pm |
| Thurs., Sept. 28 | *Cross Country Region Meet |
| Mon., Oct. 2 | *Picture Day |
| Wed., Oct. 11 | ***Noon Dismissal**, ALL grades (Elem. End-of-Term Grading) AM-Kindergarten attends, NO Lunches served |
| Mon., Oct. 16 - Fri., Oct. 20 | ***NO SCHOOL – Fall Break** |

**You will find all events, updates, and extracurricular activity schedules on our campus calendar at www.salem.americanprep.org.**

## *September Builders Theme: I Am a Builder When I Show Enthusiasm

Our Builders challenge for September was to have all students, staff, and parents memorize the Builders poem. If you have already accomplished this goal, then congratulations! If you still need to work on it, post it on your fridge and get busy!

We are excited about how our students embrace the Builders theme each month and work hard to develop the character traits that make up a true builder. Right now, we are focused on helping the students realize how important it is for them to build themselves! Working hard at their studies is their primary "job" while they are students. Just as their parents go off to their jobs every day, our students come to school, which is their job, and we teach them that if they take their job seriously and work hard, the pay-off will be amazing. They will have doors of opportunity opened to them! They will be able to pursue whatever path they choose and they will make a difference in the world.

Please join us in memorizing this poem and recite it with your children at home. It is a great platform for many family discussions!

## *Substitutes Needed

Do you want to learn more about American Prep, our curriculum, and methods? Would you like to be involved at the school and get paid at the same time? Come be a substitute for us! We have our teacher training Monday, September 25th through Friday, September 29th from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. If you are serious about becoming a substitute, please plan on attending these days to become trained. If you are interested, e-mail Jessica Barton at jbarton@apasalem.org.

## *Ambassador

We had a wonderful evening with families and friends at our Line It Up event. We shared dinner, visited with one another, and the highlight of the evening was the dance party. It was so much fun to see all of our parents dancing with their children and we look forward to our swing night in November. The money we earned Monday night will help with our campaign for Flags for Soldiers. Each pocket flag packet is $2.25. We are trying to earn enough money to have 500 pocket flags. If you would like to donate money to help with the cost of the flags, please contact Mrs. Denning at ldenning@apasalem.org. We are able to take cash, check, or credit card.

**Upcoming Events**

5th and 6th Grade FriendSHIP Event – **CHANGE – Wednesday, September 20th, 2017** from 11:30 am – 2:10 pm. Parent volunteers are needed for this event. Look for the SignUpGenius e-mail or e-mail Mrs. Denning at ldenning@apasalem.org.

7th – 8th Grade Barn Event – Thursday, October 12th, 2017. This event is one that our students really look forward to. We have a blacksmith who will be visiting us. We will be doing the Cowboy Cha-Cha and learning the power of words. We look forward to having parent volunteers who would like to spend some time at this event. This is an early morning event.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your students. If you have a question regarding the Ambassador program or any of the events listed above, please e-mail Mrs. Denning at ldenning@apasalem.org.

## *School Lunch

Parents, we have received many calls about your students not getting the meals that you ordered. The meals are delivered by an outside vendor and they are the ones who prepare the meals. They have asked that we make you aware that the meals are subject to change without notice. This happens when their suppliers change things on them and do not deliver what was ordered. Hopefully this will not happen often but they want you to be aware that they reserve the right to change the meals, as needed. However, the guarantee remains that your student will receive a healthy, nutritious lunch each day.

If you need to order lunches, our website is https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lane at llane@apasalem.org or 801-465-334 ext. 125

| Sept. 18 | Sept. 19 | Sept. 20 | Sept. 21 | Sept. 22 |
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| Turkey Cranberry Sandwich | Southwest Pasta Salad | Turkey Deli Wrap | Chicken Caesar Salad | Roast Beef Sandwich |

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. ***Meals are subject to change.

## *School Service Projects

At this time, we seem to be asking a lot of our builders, but we are going to ask for a little bit more. We feel so incredibly lucky to be in an area of the country that is not in a state of crisis. We have had two devastating hurricanes come through our country in the past month. There have been huge wildfires that have devastated so much of our beautiful northwest. At American Preparatory Academy, we strive to be builders in every way and now we want to think about those affected by these disasters. Our students will be writing thank-you cards to the many firemen who have been working so hard to fight fires not only in Utah, but all over the western United States. To help those in need, we have partnered with a local group called Hurricane Helpers. This group was able to send four trucks of supplies to Texas and we would like to be a part of their efforts in Florida. Items donated would not count for volunteer hours but would be an awesome way to discuss the way we build in our communities. If you would like to drop-off items, please take donations to Mrs. Short in the elementary office beginning Monday September, 18th. Everything needs to be NEW or UNOPENED. Items marked with a star are greatly needed.

*Adult diapers
*Batteries
*Bug spray
*Tylenol and ibuprofen
*Water
*Wet wipes
Baby bottles
Baby formula and food
Body wash
Cleaning products
Deodorant
Diaper rash cream and powder
Diapers & wipes
Disinfectant cleaner
Dog and cat food
Duct tape
Energy bars and jerky
Face masks
Feminine products
First aid kits
Hair brush
Hand sanitizer
Hand soap
Large trash bags
Non-perishable snacks (granola bars, beef jerky, crackers, etc.)
Paper towels
Pillows
Razors
Ready-to-eat food
Shampoo and conditioner
Shaving cream
Socks (new)
Toilet paper
Toothpaste and toothbrush
Underwear (new)

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Barton at jbarton@apasalem.org or Mrs. Short at eshort@apasalem.org. Thank you so much for all you do for us and for our community!

## *Curriculum

Do you love to read? Are you interested in what is out there in children's literature? Are you interested in helping the Reading University program? We need readers to preview possible additions to the R.U. list. Please contact apareadinguniversity@gmail.com for more information in signing up for this committee.

If you have any empty milk boxes from Costco, please bring them in. They are helpful for organizing reading and math curriculum sets.

## *Vision Screening

Vision screening will be held Thursday, September 28th, 2017. If your child has glasses or contact lenses, please be sure your student brings them to the screening so we can get accurate results. Thank you for your help!

## *FSO

A big thank you to all of our parents participating in ShopWithScrip and buying gift cards! You are amazing!

Don't miss out on an amazing way to help us earn money for our playground. Sign-up today for both ShopWithScrip and PrestoPay to take part in some EASY ways to donate to our Playground fund, shop for your family, and get rebates and e-cards IMMEDIATELY! Coming up on September 18th, there will be some HUGE rebates from some surprise retailers, but the only way to have access to these rebates is to be signed up with ShopWithScrip and PrestoPay. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com and enter our enrollment code 3D99AC893L436 to get started! See the flyer for more details and contact LeMira at lemira.wheelwright@gmail.com with any questions.

Our next on-hand store will be held this Wednesday, September 20th from 7:45-8:45 am and from 2:00-2:30 pm. Our next order for physical cards will be placed on September 25th.

**Volunteer Opportunity**

If you would like to help with ShopWithScrip, contact LeMira at 801-473-2966. It is easy to do from home or with kids!

## *Professional Qualifications

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

## *District Parent Involvement Policy

At the conclusion of each school year, end-of-year assessment data is reported and organized into a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA). The CNA includes demographic, attendance, and assessment data. Also included in the CNA are the results of the annual parent survey. This survey evaluates, among other things, the satisfaction of parents with the quality of the academic program and their opportunities to participate in the schools. American Preparatory administrators annually invite select staff and parents from each school to participate in a District/School planning meeting. This committee reviews the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and analyzes areas for potential improvement. District/School plans are developed with goals, action steps, and budget relationships. District and school parent involvement policies are evaluated for effectiveness. School, parent, and student compacts are also examined by this committee for recommended changes.

## *School Parent Involvement Policies

School parent involvement policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks. These handbooks are distributed annually to parents and will soon be accessible on the APA website under the campus drop-down tabs.