



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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

School Calendar – Salem Campus

March 16, 2018

Mon., Mar. 19	*HOME Soccer Game, 4:30 pm
Wed., Mar. 21	*AWAY Soccer Game, 4:30 pm
Thurs., Mar. 22	*Drama Club’s Performance of “Annie, Jr.,” 7:00 pm

Looking ahead.....

Fri., Mar. 23	*Parent Waltz and Ice Cream Social, 7 th -9 th Grades, 7:00 pm
Sat., Mar. 24	*Drama Club’s Performance of “Annie, Jr.,” 2:00 pm
	*Drama Club’s Performance of “Annie, Jr.,” 7:00 pm
Mon., Mar. 26	*AWAY Soccer Game, 4:00 pm
	*Drama Club’s Performance of “Annie, Jr.,” 7:00 pm
Wed., Mar. 28	Noon Dismissal , ALL grades (End-of-Term Grading) AM-Kindergarten attends, NO Lunches served. Re-Enrollment Parent Meeting: Celebration of Excellence, 8:30 am
Thurs., Mar. 29	*AWAY Soccer Game, 4:00 pm Re-Enrollment Parent Meeting: Celebration of Excellence, 7:00 pm
Mon., Apr. 2-Fri., Apr. 6	*NO SCHOOL , Spring Break

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

***March Builders Theme: I Am a Builder When I Am Willing to Try and Believe in My Ability to Succeed**

Are you like the famous little engine from the classic children's book *The Little Engine That Could* by believing “I think I can—I think I can—I think I can,” or do you doubt your abilities to overcome the challenges that come your way? Our “I can” belief is self-efficacy, or our belief in our ability to succeed.

Research reveals that there is a positive, significant relationship between children’s self-efficacy beliefs and academic performance. Self-efficacy influences what activities students select, how much effort they put forth, how persistent they are in the face of difficulties, and the difficulty of the goals they set.

Students with high self-efficacy are more likely to attempt a task and will work harder and persist longer in the face of difficulty. They expect to do well and believe they have the skills to do so. Students with low self-efficacy toward a task are more likely to avoid it and not expect to do well. Thus, they often do not achieve at a level that is equal to their abilities.

The connection between self-efficacy and achievement gets stronger as students advance in school. By the time students are in college, their self-efficacy beliefs are more strongly related to their achievement than any measure of their ability. If we wish to develop high educational achievement among our students, it is essential that we help them build strong self-efficacy as early as possible.



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Re-Enrollment Meetings: Celebration of Excellence

Our meeting times for parents to attend our annual Celebration of Excellence re-enrollment meetings have been announced. **Please plan to attend ONE mandatory meeting** that fits your schedule. Registration materials will be available to families *after attending the meeting*.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to the meeting of your choice, as the meeting will start promptly at the designated time. Families arriving late will not be admitted and will need to return on another date and time.

These meetings provide parents with a brief overview of the programs and purpose of American Prep. Attendance at one of these meetings is required and registration packets will only be handed out to those families that attend. The remaining meeting times are:

Wed., March 28th at 8:30 am

Thurs., March 29th at 7:00 pm

***Reading University**

Congratulations to our Reading University award winners for February:

Haydn Carlstrom	Carson Dickens	Aurora Halladay	Charles Hansen
Kolby Johnson	Will Malloch	Tessa Nielson	Milaidy Pineda-Rivas
Charlotte Richards	Abigail Short	Isabel Simpson	Quincy Watson
Ella Wood			

Ambassador

The Ambassador's culminating event for our 7th-9th grade students is a Ball. This is not a formal event, but an event where students can practice what they have spent this year learning and mastering. At our parent dance night, we will go over what you can expect regarding the Ball and the appropriate attire for both ladies and gentlemen. We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Waltz and Ice Cream Social.

Some of the upcoming Ambassador events are:

- March 22nd, 2018: This is our last stationed event for our 7th-9th grades. It is our Top Hat and Tails event that helps students brush up on their social skills in preparation for the culminating balls on April 21st and 22nd and the 9th grade ball that will be held in May. Please e-mail Mrs. Denning if you are interested in helping with this event.
- March 23rd, 2018: Parent Waltz and Ice Cream Social with their 7th-9th grade students. This is a wonderful event and we are looking forward to learning the waltz and having some time to socialize with our students and parents.
- After spring break, we will begin our final service project. We will be completing the Flags for Soldiers campaign. Please look for upcoming information on how you and your family can support this program.

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.



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***Attract the Best and Keep the Best!**

We all know that American Prep's greatest asset is our teachers. We want to attract the best and keep the best! For that reason, Friends of APA has created a unique way to say "thank you" by forming the Builders Club. The Builders Club is a program that provides bonuses and staff compensation for our teachers. We invite all of our parents to become members of the Builders Club by making monthly donations for each student that attends APA. We want to reward our teachers so we can retain them and provide an excellent education for our students well into the future.

To join the Builders Club, go to <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/apa-builders-club> and complete the form. If you prefer to donate in person each month, you can donate at the front office.

***School Lunch**

Parents, the menu is posted for the rest of the school year! Please take a moment and order your lunches as far out as you can. Ordering now will help your student to not miss any lunches, as things tend to get a bit crazy at the end of the year. To order lunches, please go to: <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net>. If you have questions, please let Mrs. Lane know at llane@apasalem.org or 801-465-334, ext. 125.

Mar. 19	Mar. 20	Mar. 21	Mar. 22	Mar. 23
Turkey Sandwich or Hummus Platter	Roast Beef Sandwich or Ham Stackers	Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl or Muffin/Yogurt Pack	Southwest Salad or Turkey Stackers	Roast Beef Sandwich or Muffin/Yogurt Pack

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

***Looking for a Rewarding Opportunity? Zambia Needs You!**

As you may know, we have an American Preparatory Academy in Zambia. Unfortunately, the school has been closed due to a cholera outbreak because of inadequate bathrooms. At a recent Friends of APA board meeting, it was proposed that if we could raise \$20,000, we could provide the school with sanitary latrines.

We have an opportunity to do just that! Jill Welch, our past Fun Run coordinator has graciously volunteered to take on the challenge. We are so excited and appreciative! We will be having an all-campus fundraiser and Fun Run for Africa on May 18th at the Andy Ballard Arena in Draper, and FM100.3 has committed to emcee the event.

Please consider giving a little of your time and talents for this wonderful event. We are looking for volunteers to help with many facets, including marketing and communication, awards and prizes, fundraising ideas, silent auction, the Fun Run, and more.

It is a great opportunity to serve, get to know others, and contribute in a meaningful way. Please click here to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0548a5ad23a5fd0-funrun>. If you have any questions or suggestions, please e-mail Jill Welch at kjillwelch@gmail.com.



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Sixth Grade R.U. Reader's Choice Challenge

Our sixth-grade students will be reading to determine the 2017-2018 Sixth Grade Book of the Year award! At the end of the reading period on **April 16th**, students who have read at least four books from the list and turn in the reading log will be invited to a pizza party and will be able to campaign for their favorite book. Any student who participates will vote and a winner will be declared! Remember, all books read count toward R.U. reading. Those reading all of the six books will qualify for a special prize. The books are: *The Fog Diver*, *The Fourteenth Goldfish*, *Framed*, *The Lost Prince*, *Masterminds*, and *Restart*.

*AmazonSmile

How would you like to make money for the school and get three times your impact? Amazon is tripling the donation rate on your first AmazonSmile purchase now through March 31st! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/45-4568023, not the regular Amazon site. Choose "American Preparatory Education Foundation" as your charitable organization and Amazon will donate to our school. The merchandise and prices are the same!

*Inspirations Regional Winners

We have some awesome students here at APA! The following students won their divisions with Inspirations on the regional level and they will move on to the State finals.

Music: Logan Slaughter

3-D Art: Aren Hawkins and Lucas Jensen

Photography: Kassia Galusha

Visual Arts: Shaelynne Martinez, Brinn Bishop, and Kaisha Passey

*Box Tops

Our box top snowmen grew really big with the help of our fabulous students and their families. Thank you to everyone that supported us with this endeavor. The winner was Mrs. Geertsen's class. We will be having another competition in April, so keep saving those box tops!

Soccer Schedule 2018

Day	Date	Time	vs.	Home/Away	Location
Monday	3/19/18	4:30 PM	Renaissance	Home	APA-Salem: 1195 S Elk Ridge Dr, Salem
Wednesday	3/21/18	4:30 PM	Maeser	Away	Maeser: 320 W 600 S, Lindon
Monday	3/26/18	4:00 PM	Freedom	Away	Westridge Elem.: 1720 W 1460 N, Provo
Wednesday	3/28/18	4:00 PM	Lincoln	Away	Lincoln: 1582 W 3300 N, Pleasant Grove
Monday	4/9/18	4:30 PM	Lakeview	Home	APA-Salem: 1195 S Elk Ridge Dr, Salem
Wednesday	4/11/18	4:30 PM	Reagan	Home	APA-Salem: 1195 S Elk Ridge Dr, Salem
Monday	4/16/18	4:00 PM	Ascent	Away	Ascent: 1999 W 900 N, Lehi
Wednesday	4/18/18	4:30 PM	Renaissance	Away	Renaissance: 3435 N 1120 E, Lehi
Monday	4/23/18	4:30 PM	Maeser	Home	APA-Salem: 1195 S Elk Ridge Dr, Salem
Wednesday	4/25/18	4:30 PM	Freedom	Home	APA-Salem: 1195 S Elk Ridge Dr, Salem