



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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

School Calendar – Salem Campus

March 23, 2018

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 AWAY Soccer Game, 4:00 pm
Thurs., Mar. 29	Re-Enrollment Parent Meeting: Celebration of Excellence, 7:00 pm

Looking ahead.....

Mon., Apr. 2-Fri., Apr. 6	NO SCHOOL , Spring Break
Mon., Apr. 9	*HOME Soccer Game, 4:30 pm
Wed., Apr. 11	*HOME Soccer Game, 4:30 pm

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

What are six dots, six bumps, and six bumps in different patterns, like constellations, spreading out over the page? They are numbers, letters, and words. Who made this code? None other than Louis Braille, a French 12-year-old boy who was blind. His work forever changed the world of reading and writing for the blind.

Louis became blind by accident when he was 3 years old. All of a sudden, Louis needed a new way to learn. He stayed at his old school for two more years, but he could not learn everything just by listening. Things were looking up when Louis was ten and he got a scholarship to the Royal Institute for Blind Youth in Paris. Even at the Institute, most of the teachers just talked at the students. The library had 14 huge books with raised letters that were very hard to read. Louis was impatient.

Then in 1821, a former soldier named Charles Barbier visited the school. Barbier shared his invention called "night writing," a code of 12 raised dots that let soldiers share top-secret information on the battlefield without even having to speak. Unfortunately, the code was too hard for the soldiers but not for 12-year-old Louis!

Louis trimmed Barbier's 12 dots into 6, ironed out the system by the time he was 15, then published the first-ever braille book in 1829. Did he stop there? No way! In 1837, he added symbols for math and music. Now practically every country in the world uses braille. Braille signs help blind people get around in public spaces, and most importantly, blind people can communicate independently without needing print. Louis proved that if you have the motivation, you can do incredible things.



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***Elementary Talent Show**

An elementary talent show will be held this year. All students in kindergarten-6th grade are welcome to audition on April 10th or 12th right after school in the multi-purpose room. Your audition piece should be no longer than 1 minute and 30 seconds. All students wishing to participate need to be accompanied by an adult to their audition or make arraignments with your director to audition alone. You may sing, dance, tumble, do karate, or even show a video of yourself doing something incredible. The sky is the limit. See you there!

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

***Sibling Enrollment**

If you registered online for sibling enrollment and you have not received an acceptance e-mail, please e-mail Mrs. Turco and she will check on the status of the enrollment. Mrs. Turco's e-mail address is cturco@apasalem.org.

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.

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!



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***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.

Below is a brief overview of appropriate attire for the Ball.

- These are not formal dances. Professional dress is required. This means below-the-knee dresses for girls. The best way to check this is to have your daughter kneel with her head held high. The dress should hit the floor. Then have your young lady stand and touch down to her toes. Her dress should not ride up so far that it is dangerously close to seeing her underclothing. The next trick is having her put her thumbs in the crease of her armpit and having her pointer fingers come together. The dress should come to the bottom of the pointer finger. For the shoulders, the student should hold up 3 fingers and crisscross her arms to the opposing edge of the shoulder. This is the minimum of how far off the shoulder the dress should fall.
- Dresses are very personal to each student. Dress checks can be very uncomfortable if corrections need to be made. Please take the time to go over this with your student prior to them coming in for their dress check. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Denning at ldenning@apasalem.org or (801)465-4434.
- Young men are also required to pass off their outfits. Some examples for this are button-down shirts, slacks, belt, tie, dress shoes, and socks that match the color of their shoes.
- Dress checks for both young men and young ladies will be held only on April 9th, 10th, and 13th.
- REMEMBER, this is supposed to be professional attire, not prom attire.

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.

***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. 26	Mar. 27	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 30
Turkey Sandwich or Hummus Platter	Vegetarian Pesto Pasta or Ham Stackers	No Lunch Noon Dismissal	Chef Salad or Turkey Stackers	Ham Sandwich or Muffin/Yogurt Pack

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***Renegade Youth Club**

On Saturday, April 14th from 1:00-5:00 pm, there will be a “Keep it Real” day camp held in the gym! Put on by Renegade Youth Club leaders, this camp is about honoring your path to greatness through the daily media choices you make. There will be games, challenges, treats, and team-building activities! Multiple schools are invited. This is for students in grades 7-12 and online registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/keep-it-real-day-camp-tickets-44239335042>. Donations are accepted (\$5.00 minimum suggested). To learn more about who is running the camp, check out Renegade Youth Club’s website at <http://www.renegadeyouthclub.com/>.

***Heroes for Zambia**

As you may know, Friends of APA helps to support an American Preparatory Academy in Zambia, Africa. Unfortunately, the school has been closed due to a cholera outbreak because of inadequate bathrooms. Jill Welch, a dedicated and talented APA parent, has graciously volunteered to lead us in raising \$20,000 to provide the school with sanitary latrines. We are SO excited and appreciative!

Heroes for Zambia is both an individual student fundraiser between April 30th and May 4th and a Fun Run on May 18th at the Andy Ballard Arena in Draper. There are multiple opportunities to be involved with Heroes for Zambia.

From April 30th-May 4th, students can contact their friends and family to donate to Heroes for Zambia. When students reach certain donation levels, they can earn rewards like free sock day, spirit wear day, casual dress day, free homework passes, etc. For example: If a student earns \$20, they may earn jean day, spirit wear day, and free sock day.

On May 18th, we will gather as a community and celebrate at our Fun Run/Silent Auction. You must register for the race to run. Students who register for the race automatically achieve the \$5 incentive level to earn the free sock day and are able to wear their T-Shirt to school on Friday, May 18th, the day of the race.

Please save these dates and plan to participate! If you have any questions, suggestions, sponsors, or time to volunteer, please e-mail Jill Welch at kjillwelch@gmail.com.

***Lost and Found**

Please check the Lost and Found for any missing items. The Lost and Found will be cleaned out during spring break.

Corrected Soccer Schedule 2018

Day	Date	Time	vs.	Home/Away	Location
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	20 W 1120 N, American Fork
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	2199 W 900 N, Lehi
Wednesday	4/18/18	4:30 PM	Renaissance	Away	To Be Determined
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