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

School Calendar – Salem Campus

October 12, 2018

Mon., Oct. 15-Fri., Oct. 19

NO SCHOOL, Fall Break

Looking ahead.....

Fri., Oct. 26

Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences, **No School** for Elementary Students Only

Mon., Oct. 29

Fall Festival, 4:00 pm

Tues., Oct. 30

*Picture Retakes

Wed., Oct. 31

Noon Dismissal, ALL Grades (Professional Development)
AM-Kindergarten attends, NO lunches served.

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

***October Builders Theme: I Am a Builder When I Demonstrate Integrity**

C. S. Lewis wrote, “Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.” Have you ever heard of the story “The Emperor’s Seed?” This story portrays a compelling example of demonstrating integrity.

There was once an emperor who had no children and needed to choose a successor. Thousands of children from across the kingdom came to the palace and were surprised when the emperor exclaimed that he was going to choose one of them. He gave them all a seed. They were to go home to their villages, plant the seed in a pot, and tend it for a year. When they returned in a year, the emperor would judge their efforts and choose his successor.

There was a boy named Ling who received his seed and returned to his village. His mother helped him to choose a pot and put some soil into it. Ling watered his pot every day.

Once a week, the children of the village would get together to compare their plants. After a few weeks, there were signs of life in all but Ling’s pot. The weeks passed and Ling continued to water his pot every day.

After a few months, the pots really came to life. Some had trees starting to grow, some had flowers, and some had leafy shrubs. Poor old Ling still had nothing growing in his pot, leading the other children to make fun of him. Ling continued to water his pot every day.

A year passed and it was time to return to the palace to show what had grown and decide on the new heir. Ling was anxious as his pot still showed no signs of life. “What if they punish me? They won’t know that I’ve watered it every day. They’ll think that I’m lazy.” His mother looked him in the eye and explained that whatever the consequences were, he had to return and show the emperor his barren pot.

Ling and the other children entered the palace gates. By now, some of the plants were looking magnificent and the children were wondering which one the emperor would choose. Ling was embarrassed as other children looked at his lifeless pot and scoffed.



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The emperor came out and started to make his way through the crowd, looking at the many impressive trees, shrubs, and flowers that were on display. The boys all puffed their chests out and tried to look as regal as possible, hoping that they would be chosen as the heir to the empire. Then the emperor came to Ling. He looked at the pot and then he looked at Ling.

“What happened here?” He asked.

“I watered the pot every day, but nothing ever grew,” Ling muttered nervously.

Then he moved on. After a few hours, the emperor finally finished his assessment, looking at wonderful, grown plants. He stood in front of the children and congratulated them on their efforts.

“Clearly, some of you desperately want to be emperor and would do anything to make that happen, but there is one boy that I would like to point out as he has come to me with nothing. Ling, come here please.”

“Oh no,” thought Ling. He slowly sauntered to the front of the group, holding his barren pot.

The emperor held up the pot for all to see and the other children laughed. Then the emperor continued, “A year ago, I gave you all a seed. I told you to go away, plant the seed, and return with your plant. The seeds that I gave you all were boiled until they were no longer viable and wouldn’t grow, but I see before me thousands of plants and only one barren pot. Integrity and courage are more important values for leadership than proud displays, so Ling here will be my heir.”

Box Tops

Box tops are back! We are going to have another competition to see which class can bring in the most box tops. Please help support our school and children by collecting as many box tops as you can. Extended family and neighbors who do not have school-aged kids are a great resource for box tops. Please only send in box tops that have not expired. Have fun and happy clipping!

***Reading University**

The students at APA-Salem are amazing readers! Congratulations to our Reading University award winners for September:

Trenton Christian	Aren Hawkins	Rosalee Hicken	Eli Moody	Lilly Mourtgos
Maia Mourtgos	Carter O’Brien	Gavin Pierce	Ryker Scott	Shandee Shelton
JD Stroud	Sia Taula	Milo Weight	Paisley Youd	

***Builders of the Month**

Congratulations to our secondary Builders of the Month for September. The following students were great examples of being enthusiastic:

Kylie Clark	Roxy Hicken	Jacob Huber	Brittany Huff	Eddie Ibarra
Jackson Wheelwright				



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***Home Lunch**

For our students who bring a lunch from home, please remember to bring any needed utensils. We do not have extra utensils to give out.

***Ambassador**

A few of our 9th grade students will be visiting the 6th grade science class on October 24th, 2018, to go over presentation skills for their science fair projects. This is a great opportunity for our 9th grade students to share what has gone well for them at science fairs, as well as answer any questions the 6th grade students may have. It will be a wonderful opportunity for mentoring.

Coming up, the 5th-6th Grade FriendSHIP event will be on Wednesday, October 24th, 2018. Our students will have the opportunity to get to know one another and learn about being a friend. Friendships offer important opportunities to learn how to solve problems, observe the needs of others, and share experiences. This event needs seven volunteers. A SignUpGenius has gone out for this event. If you are still interested in helping with this event, please contact Mrs. Denning at ldenning@apamail.org.

Service Opportunity

Coming up, our holiday drive will be “Rock the Socks.” We want to give you a heads up now in case you see some great deals on socks. We will begin collecting socks on Monday, November 19th, 2018. We are always so excited to see how generous our campus is to the community that is in need. Please e-mail Mrs. Denning with any questions you might have.

Please e-mail Mrs. Denning at ldenning@apamail.org with any questions about the Ambassador program, along with opportunities to serve.

Yearbooks

Every year when the school year comes to a close, we have students and parents who want to buy a yearbook and they hope that there is a yearbook to purchase at the school. We do not have yearbooks to purchase at the school. The yearbooks have to be preordered through the company TreeRing.

Right now, you have the opportunity to purchase this school year’s yearbook and get 10% off of the price. This discount is available through October 31st. To order a yearbook, go to www.TreeRing.com/validate and enter the school’s passcode of 1013947202713106.

Healthy Home, Healthy Students, Healthy School

The cold, the flu, and the stomach bug season is upon us. Usually these illnesses, however uncomfortable they make us, are minor illnesses. The good news is that many of these common illnesses can be prevented with the right precautions. Please help us keep your students healthy by encouraging them to wash their hands frequently, to not touch their face, and to not share drinks or food from their dishes with anyone. Here at the school, we are doing our best to keep surfaces disinfected and encourage you to do the same at home. If your student has a fever, has thrown up, or is constantly coughing, we ask that you keep them home from school. We ask that a student be fever-free and vomit-free for at least 24 hours before coming back to school. By following these guidelines, we hope to decrease the spread of these easily transmittable illnesses.



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Fall Festival

Mark your calendars for the Fall Festival on October 29th from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm. There will be food, fun, and games for everyone, as well as a spook alley and silent auction. It will be a “spooktacular” event! We are looking for volunteers to help with the spook alley. If you are interested in helping, please contact Danina Thatcher at 801-633-2998 or danithatcher@yahoo.com.

School Lunch

The menus for October, November, and December are now available! You can now order online and the link for online ordering can be found here: <https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/>.

If you ordered free or reduced-price lunches in September and the ordering system is charging you full price, that may mean your application has expired. We were able to offer you free/reduced price lunch for the first 30 days of school, but if you want to continue to order free/reduced-price lunches, you will need to complete a new application. We sent letters and paper applications home to everyone. Please complete the application as soon as possible and return it to the main office. You may also complete the application online at <https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/free-and-reduced-price-meal-application/>.