



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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

## **School Calendar – Salem Campus**

**February 8, 2019**

Wed., Feb. 13 No Elementary Extended Day

### ***Looking ahead.....***

Mon., Feb. 18-Fri., Feb. 22

Mon., Mar. 4-Fri., Mar. 8

Fri., Mar. 8

Tues., Mar. 12

Wed., Mar. 13

Thurs., Mar. 21

### **NO SCHOOL–Midwinter Break**

Classroom Speech Festivals, Grades 1-6

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

Band, Choir, and Orchestra Concert, 6 pm

No Elementary Extended Day

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Schoolwide Speech Festival, 11:00 am

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Schoolwide Speech Festival, 12:30 pm

You will find all events, updates, and extracurricular activity schedules on our campus calendar at [www.salem.americanprep.org](http://www.salem.americanprep.org).

## **\*February Builders Theme: I Am a Builder When I Use My Words to Encourage Others**

Words are some of the most important tools we have as builders. Just think about how you feel when someone gives you a compliment. You feel happy and more confident. If you are feeling bad, a few words of encouragement lift you up and help you to overcome your sadness or frustration.

With words, a bad day can be turned into a good day. That is how much power words have and you have that power! As the saying goes, with great power comes great responsibility.

Here is a challenge for you. Every day this week, look for the good in others and compliment them. For extra points, try to compliment and encourage someone who might be having a bad day. Look at the change in their face, the smile that spreads across their face, and know that you helped put the smile there.

## **\*Builders of the Month**

Congratulations to our Builders of the Month for January. The following students were great examples of having positive thoughts:

Luke Ahrens	Haydn Carlstrom	Sidonna Davis	Madison Denning	Kairi Dixon
Tyler Ekstrom	Sadie Lee	Izzy Lingwall	Parker Mathews	Hyrum Moody
Jaymie Neil	Tessa Nielson	Lauren Nye	Ellie Peterson	Gunner Sabin
Tanden Shelton	Nathan Slater	Makayla Stewart	Hi'ilei Taula	Franco Zabala- Escudero

## **\*Lost and Found**

If your students are missing any items, please check the Lost and Found by February 15<sup>th</sup>. After the end of the school day on the 15<sup>th</sup>, all remaining items will be donated to charity.



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## **\*Donations for Day Care**

We are so grateful to everyone who donated items for our childcare facility at the beginning of the school year. It has greatly blessed the children's lives.

The children need some additional items. If you have any of the following items that you would be willing to donate, we would be grateful:

- Two-seater strollers
- Infant carrier pouches
- Backpack infant carriers
- Boppy pillow for infants
- Barbie house furniture
- Educational items
- New or gently used puzzles
- Manipulatives and fine-motor skill building activities

## **\*Homework Help**

Please do not stress out over homework alone. If your child is struggling with homework, please reach out to the homeroom teacher for elementary students and the subject teacher for secondary students.

## **CMC Math**

CMC uses number families to teach connective concepts in our lower grades. Number families are three numbers that have a mathematical relationship, consisting of two small numbers and one big number.

All students in a CMC class were sent home number family explanation sheets this week as a quick reference for parents and families. Always ask for help in CMC if you have a question. It can be tricky as a parent to understand the homework and we are here to help.

## **Saxon Math**

In addition to our CMC math program, we have Saxon courses. The first trick with Saxon is to know where to look for help. Right under the question number in the homework in small parenthesis is the lesson number connected to that concept. The students are shown how to go back and look at that lesson for help. If that is not working, there are other options. Each math student was sent home with a homework help flier this week with resources that have been shown to help ease the homework headache.

## **School Lunch for February**

It is time to order lunches for February. In fact, you can order until the end of the year! Our new menu includes kid-pleasing favorites like pepperoni and cheese pizza, mini chicken tacos, chicken nuggets, and mini turkey corn dogs. We still serve green salads, pasta salads, muffin/yogurt packs, and hoagies. Follow this link to order: <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net>. Please contact [lunch@apamail.org](mailto:lunch@apamail.org) with questions or concerns.



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## **\*Ambassadors**

Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade Winter dance was so much fun. Our students are very talented dancers. It was a beautiful evening for the dance. We appreciate the integrity of the students in following our professional dance standards and expressing proper social graces. They have learned much and were able to show off their skills.

As many know, we cancelled our Capitol trip due to weather. We are looking at options for our students either to reschedule our trip to the Capitol or do a Meet and Greet event with their representatives after the session. We will keep you posted on our progress.

## **Upcoming Events**

February 11<sup>th</sup>–February 15<sup>th</sup> will be HOPE week. This is a fun week where we focus on positive mental health. We have some strategies to help with bedtime health, social media and technology, and navigating good and bad things in our lives. We will not be having just a one-day event, but we will focus on little things every day.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade La Fiesta event will be held Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 11:15 am–2:10 pm. Ay yai yai! Arriba! Arriba! During this event, students will learn the importance of their GPA, respecting other cultures, ways to befriend others, and so much more! There will also be tasty food, such as chips and salsa and a delicious soup. Please contact Mrs. Denning at [ldenning@apamail.org](mailto:ldenning@apamail.org) with any questions regarding this event.

Everyone say YEE-HAW! Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the Western Hoedown on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 11:15 am–2:10 pm. At this event, the students will learn a fun line dance, learn the difference between the host and hostess and their responsibilities, how to stop bullying, and how to be a hard worker. Please contact Mrs. Denning as soon as possible if you are interested in this event.

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

## **Valentine's Day Policy**

Everyone has done such a great job of keeping our school free of treats! We will make Valentine's Day an exception to this rule. Please read the guidelines below on our Valentine's Day policy.

We focus on the builders theme of encouraging others during the month of February. We challenge the students to show they care by encouraging good deeds for others all during the month.

In regards to Valentine's Day, PARENTS DO NOT NEED TO PROVIDE VALENTINES OR TREATS. If students wish to exchange valentine cards or treats, they may within the following guidelines:

- All of his/her classmates must be included in the giving. The teacher will provide the number of students upon request.
- Any treats given must be able to be placed in a backpack and taken home (i.e. no doughnuts, cupcakes, cookies—only wrapped treats like a piece of candy.)
- Students will be instructed to place any cards or treats they receive into their backpacks to be taken home and enjoyed there.



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## **Change to Volunteer Recognition Pins**

In the past, we have given out our yearly volunteer pins at the end of the school year. We have made a change, so this year you will receive your volunteer pin as you complete your 20 hours of service to the school. You will receive a pin attached to a school lanyard and name badge that you may wear whenever you come into the building to volunteer. Remember that you will still need to sign in at the office. Thank you so much for all you do to help us here at APA!

## **Hope of America Choir**

(\*Please note this is an after-school activity where the school is providing a location to practice. Mrs. Padigimus is the best contact for anything related to Hope of America. Only students participating in Hope of America will be allowed to stay after school. There is no babysitting provided for siblings.\*\*)

It's finally here! You can now sign up to sing with the choir! The deadline to sign up is March 1<sup>st</sup>. The teacher name when signing up should be our parent volunteer "Chalyse Padigimus." Here is the link to sign up:  
<https://www.hopeofamerica.org/>.

Practices start on February 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:20 pm-3:00 pm, and will be held on Thursday each week school is in session until May. The performance practice and event will be on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Center in Provo, UT. We are super excited to work with your children in this awesome choir opportunity!

We need parental help, too! If you would like to join as an adult volunteer to help with weekly practices and perform with the children, let Mrs. Padigimus know. There will also be a SignUpGenius link sent out closer to the performance asking for volunteers to shuttle children to the final rehearsal practice on the morning of the performance.