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

School Calendar – Salem Campus

October 11, 2019

Mon., Oct. 14–Fri., Oct. 18	NO SCHOOL , Fall Break
Mon., Oct. 21	*Boys' Basketball Tryouts, 3:30 pm
Tues., Oct. 22	*Spring Musical Parent Meeting, 3:20 pm
Wed., Oct. 23	Picture Retakes
Fri., Oct. 25	4 th -6 th Grade Field Trips Fall Festival, 6:00 pm
Looking ahead.....	
Tues., Oct. 29	*Spring Musical Auditions, 3:10 pm *Boys' Basketball Game, 4:30 pm
Wed., Oct. 30	*Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences, Noon Dismissal for Elementary Students Only, AM-Kindergarten attends
Thurs., Oct. 31	*Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences, Noon Dismissal for Elementary Students Only, PM-Kindergarten attends
Fri., Nov. 1	* NO SCHOOL , Professional Development

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 Am Perfectly Honest**

A woodcutter had been hard at work all day, cutting down trees to sell for firewood. It was nearing sunset, but he wanted to cut down one last tree before going home for the night. Coming across a sturdy elm that grew beside a deep pool, he set to work. But he was so tired that, after a few strokes, his ax slipped out of his hands and fell with a splash into the deep black water.

"How could I be so careless!" the woodcutter cried. "I'll never see my ax again!" And he stood by the water in despair.

Now a mermaid happened to be nearby, and heard the woodcutter's lamentations. Quick as thought, the creature appeared before him and asked him what was wrong.

"I've lost my only ax in the water," the woodcutter groaned. "I can't afford to buy another, and now my children will go hungry. What can I do?"

"Wait here," the mermaid replied, and she dove to the bottom of the pool. When she came back to the surface, she held in her hand an ax made of pure gold.

"Is this the ax you lost?" the mermaid asked the woodcutter.

"No, that one isn't mine," the honest man answered.

The mermaid dove again to the bottom of the pool and came up with a shining silver ax. "Then this one must be yours," she said.

"No, that one's not mine, either," sighed the woodcutter. "Mine was just a plain iron ax with a wooden handle."

For the third time the mermaid dove to the bottom of the pool, and this time she came up with an old, worn iron ax.

"That's the one!" cried the woodcutter joyfully. "How can I ever thank you?"



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“My friend,” said the mermaid, “your honesty deserves a reward. Take all three axes home with you, and your children will never go hungry again.”

When the delighted woodcutter reached home, he told his family what had happened. Now the woodcutter had a brother who, when he heard the story, said to himself, “Why should my foolish brother have better luck than me? Tomorrow I’ll try the same trick, and I’ll come home wealthy too!”

The next day the woodcutter’s brother went to the same pool and promptly threw his ax into the water. Immediately he began weeping and wailing, calling on the mermaid to help him. The mermaid appeared and diving to the bottom of the pool, brought up a golden ax. “Is this the one you lost?” she asked.

“That’s the one!” the woodcutter’s brother cried.

But the mermaid let the golden ax fall back beneath the water.

“For your dishonesty,” she said, “you’ll have no ax at all.” And then she vanished, leaving the woodcutter’s brother poorer than ever. -Aesop’s Fables

Why should we be perfectly honest? Honesty lets people trust us perfectly. Having others’ trust is vital to our success both in school and out. If our friends trust us perfectly, they can count on us to speak and act truthfully and be there for them in every way. When our parents trust us perfectly, they can allow us to make more choices and have more freedom.

Honesty is a life-long quest and something we have to work on all of the time, not just when we are young. But life is forgiving. If we make a mistake by telling a lie or leaving out important information or fail to be perfectly honest in any way, we can always try again tomorrow.

***Evacuation Plan**

In the event that a schoolwide evacuation is necessary, the place for reunification will be The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' building located at 695 S. 300 W. in Salem, UT 84653. This building is approximately a mile away and is the largest and closest building that has access from both the Salem Canal road and Highway 198. If circumstances allow, we will use the buses to transport the students from the school to the building. If we are not able to use the buses, the students will walk with their classes to the building. If a schoolwide evacuation does take place, the buses will not be running their regular routes. All students will need to be picked up.

***Reading University**

Congratulations to our Reading University award winners for September. The following students were amazing readers:

Evelynn Blackburn	Sam DeVore	Jameson Guthrie	Reef Hales	Julia Kennedy
Henry Martin	Mia Melville	Lydia Nielson	Evelyn Nixon	Lydia O’Brien
Liam Prigmore	Cambria Shelton	Eva West	Madison Williams	

***Fall Festival**

The 2019 Fall Festival is fast approaching. A huge thanks to everyone who has helped with the planning and preparation for this event. We know it is going to be a fun night for everyone. Thank you also to those who have donated items for the silent auction. We are still in need of many donations in order to make this fundraiser successful. Please see the enclosed letter for ideas on how to participate and for the book list with donation suggestions. We look forward to seeing everyone on October 25th at 6:00 pm!



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***Flu Season Reminder**

We need to give a reminder about expectations regarding sick students. If your student has a fever or is vomiting, they are not to attend school. The CDC recommends that children be free of fever for at least 24 hours before returning to school. This flu season is expected to be bad this year. Keeping sick children home from school helps slow the spread of disease. Some symptoms of the flu may be fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, chills, fatigue, and sometimes diarrhea and vomiting. Hand hygiene is the number one way of preventing the transmission of disease. Please do your part to keep all our students healthy.

***Sports**

Boys' Basketball

It is time for basketball season. Boys' basketball tryouts will be 3:30 pm-4:30 pm on Monday, the 21st of October. Practices will be one hour long every day. Practices will be held from 3:30 pm-4:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Practices will be from 2:30 pm-3:30 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. A parent meeting will be held on Friday, October 25th at 4:30 pm after practice. There will be a fee of \$30 for each player on the team.

There will be two games every game day: a Varsity game and a JV game. Games will start at 4:30 pm. The first game starts Tuesday, October 29th here at APA, and the last regular season game will be a home game on December 3rd. The rest of the schedule will be announced later. The coaches are the same as last year. They are coach David Cox and assistant coach Lauren.

***Ambassadors**

We had a great visit to our two local college campuses. These campuses are unique in that each campus has 35,000+ students and faculty. They are truly their own communities of learning. Our 7th grade students focused on vocational education and student services at UVU, while our 8th grade students focused on academic programs and student life. Our 9th grade students visited BYU and got an overview of a variety of programs offered at BYU.

Volunteer Opportunities

- There are 100 napkins that need to be ironed. Please contact Mrs. Denning if you are interested in helping with these.
- We will be collecting for holiday food baskets, weekend food for children, and the Food Drive. The planning for these events will begin the week of October 21st. Look for more information on dates for the planning of these events in upcoming newsletters.

Here are the upcoming Ambassador events:

- 7th and 8th Grade Rising Star Event: November 21st, 2019
- 9th Grade Science Mentoring with 6th Grade: November 22nd, 2019
- Service Month Opportunities (November and December):
 - Veterans Day Assembly
 - Military Family Dinner Baskets
 - Student Weekend Food Kits
 - Canned Food Drive



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Substitute Teaching

We are looking for APA parents to become substitute teachers for our schools. We have found that our amazing parents make the very best substitute teachers! They know the “APA way” and love our students, which are the two most important traits of a successful substitute teacher. We provide all of the training, and the pay is \$80-90 per day. This is a great time of year to become a substitute teacher—you can save up for holiday plans in advance! We provide in-depth, paid training so you will feel comfortable in your duties. **APA is a FUN place to work! We would love to have you on our team!** If you can only commit to one day per week, that would be fine with us. You can also work every day or whatever suits your schedule. We need substitute teachers every day and we would really appreciate your help! Also, please tell your family members and friends about this opportunity.

“Pornography is Changing” Event

APA will be hosting a “Pornography is Changing” event on Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00 pm. This presentation will help us all know what our children are being exposed to, how they are being effected, and how to best protect them! The initial presentation will be followed by a five-week course regarding talking to your kids about sex at every stage of their lives. Come join us for an enlightening and hope-giving event.

Spirit Wear

We are a few weeks into school and some of our wonderful parents do not know where to find spirit wear. We have pictures and a list of all available inventory on our online store. Visit www.americanprep.org/store to look at all available spirit wear and uniform items.

Did you know we now offer uniform pants? They are new to our store this year. Our parents asked for pants and we are delivering. We have grey high school pants, blue women’s pants, and khakis in all sizes. Take advantage of our bulk ordering to get the best price around. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to us at apparel@apamail.org.

Spring Musical Auditions and Parent Meeting

If you have a 5th-9th grader interested in performing in the spring musical, please try to attend the parent meeting on October 22nd at 3:20 pm in the multi-purpose room. Auditions will be held on October 29th at 3:10 pm. We will be announcing more things as we get closer to January, but we would love to get an idea of how many people we will have with us. Please reach out to Erin Short with any questions at eshort@apamail.org.