



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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

School Calendar – Salem Campus

October 25, 2019

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. No Extended Day or LEGO Club
Thurs., Oct. 31	Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences, Noon Dismissal for Elementary Students Only, *PM-Kindergarten attends. No Extended Day
Fri., Nov. 1	NO SCHOOL , Professional Development

Looking ahead.....

Tues., Nov. 12	*Veterans Day Assembly, 1:00 pm (No student checkouts from 12:30 pm to 2:15 pm)
Wed., Nov. 13	*No Extended Day
Fri., Nov. 15	*Secondary Parent Teacher Conferences, Noon Dismissal for Secondary Students Only

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**

There probably is not anything more important about being perfectly honest than being honest with ourselves. In our assemblies this week, we discussed the blame game. This is a common game that we play where our teacher, our mother, our dog, and our classmate three rows behind us are responsible for the difficulties we are having. We have all played the blame game before. We have all disregarded the truth about ourselves and our responsibility and made it someone else's fault instead when something goes wrong. You can tell that it is your turn in the game when you find yourself saying things like, "It's not my fault," "It wasn't me," or "He started it."

If games are supposed to be fun, then why does the blame game create so much negative energy and make us so unhappy? Stop the game! Be solution-oriented, not problem-focused. Being honest about our choices and actions can change our perspective and teach us vital life lessons.

We will continue to speak with the students this month in our classrooms and at our assemblies about this important characteristic. Two of the rewards or "fruits" of honesty we emphasize are peace in our hearts and confidence in our relationships with others. We are challenging ourselves this month, and we challenge the entire American Prep community, to examine how perfectly honest we are and work to strengthen this character trait. Are we perfectly honest in our work? Are we perfectly honest in admitting our mistakes? Are we perfectly honest in obeying rules? We see many problems that exist in all aspects of society because honesty has become a relative term.



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Parents, you are the greatest example in your child's life. Your child can sense the feelings of peace and confidence as you exemplify honesty in your actions and conversations. Thank you for supporting us in setting the bar at perfect honesty at American Prep. Our communities, our nation, and our world will benefit from a generation of honest citizens! In conclusion, remember what Stephen R. Covey said: "Responsible people do not blame circumstances, conditions, or conditioning for their behavior. Their behavior is a product of their own conscious choice."

***Veterans Day Assembly**

We are very excited for our Veterans Day celebration which will take place on Tuesday, November 12th! This assembly is an opportunity for students and families to invite a veteran friend or family member to come and be honored by our student body. We usually have about 80 veteran guests! It is a wonderful event. Due to the space constraints in our gymnasium, only parents who are accompanying veteran guests, or parents who are volunteering at the event, are able to attend in person.

Be thinking about a veteran you could invite to this wonderful assembly! Look in this week's communication folder for an invitation that you can give to a veteran.

***Elementary Midterm Deadlines**

At American Preparatory Academy, a foundational principle is that of effort. Our goal is to help students develop habits of hard work and responsibility. In light of this goal, students should complete all assigned work and turn it in on time. On-time work completion is imperative for the success of a student at APA. We recognize that in cases of illness and absence, work will be late and we have made accommodations for this. If an elementary student has missing work in the first half of the term (for any reason), that work must be turned in by the midterm missing work deadline or no credit will be given. If a student has missing work in the second half of the term, it must be turned in by the end of term missing work deadline. **No missing work will be accepted after these deadlines.** If over 10% of assignments were turned in late, the teacher may drop the student's grade in that subject one letter grade on the report card. Extenuating circumstances may be considered.

The 2019-2020 school year midterm and end of term missing work deadlines for the elementary grades are as follows:

Term 2 Midterm Missing Work Deadline-Friday, November 22nd
Term 2 End of Term Missing Work Deadline-Friday, December 13th

Term 3 Midterm Missing Work Deadline-Friday, January 17th
Term 3 End of Term Missing Work Deadline-Friday, February 7th

Term 4 Midterm Missing Work Deadline-Friday, March 6th
Term 4 End of Term Missing Work Deadline-Friday, March 27th

Term 5 Midterm Missing Work Deadline-Friday, May 1st
Term 5 End of Term Missing Work Deadline-Friday, May 22nd



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***Halloween Guidelines**

With Halloween coming up, we want to remind you that we do NOT celebrate or even acknowledge Halloween here during the school day. This is a holiday that can be celebrated at home with your family and loved ones. That means no costumes, face paint, hair dye, or anything distracting to the other students. October 31st is a regular uniform day.

***Reading University E-books**

Do you need a book right away? Do you want easy access to Reading University books? If so, try checking out e-books. You do not have to take a trip to find a book and there are never any late fees! Find 4th-6th grade RU books, available through the Utah Online Library, by using the e-book downloadable lists found at www.aparu.weebly.com under the "More" tab. Many thanks to the Reading University committee for providing these lists.

***Ambassadors**

We are beginning preparations for our annual Veterans Day assembly. Currently we are putting together 5,000 stars for all seven APA campuses. We will need help through the end of next week. Then on Monday, November 11th, 2019, we will need assistance in decorating and setting up for our Veterans Day assembly, as well as preparing and cleaning up the reception the day of the event, which is Tuesday, November 12th, 2019. This is a wonderful way to show gratitude during the month of November. If you are interested in participating in any part of the preparations, please contact Mrs. Denning at ldenning@apamail.org. Also, look for the SignUpGenius link to guide you to these opportunities as well.

Volunteer Opportunities

- 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

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.



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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.

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.

***APEF**

Open Accountant Position



APEF is in search of an accountant. If you are a CPA with experience working with non-profit organizations, please e-mail Mrs. Goudge at mgoudge@americanprepfoundation.org. Feel free to pass this information on to your friends and family members as well.

APEF Board of Directors

The APEF Board is looking for energetic leaders to fill vacancies on the Board. More details to come soon. If you have an interest in applying for one of these positions, please contact Mrs. Goudge.

4th Annual Holiday Boutique

APA's 4th annual Holiday Boutique is just 2 weeks away! We still have space for vendors and student vendors. Details, as well as the vendor and student applications, can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/apaboutiquevendors/>. The cost for a student booth is \$10.

Amazon Smile

By going to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-4568023>, you can choose American Preparatory Education Foundation to be your preferred charitable foundation and Amazon will give us a percentage of your purchases. When you shop on <https://smile.amazon.com>, the prices remain the same. The only thing that changes is that your purchases help us. Be sure to always go to the Amazon Smile link when making your purchases. Thank you!

APA Business Directory

We are creating an APA business directory that will be available to all APA families. Please e-mail Mrs. Goudge at the address listed above if you would like to include your business in the directory.