



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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

## School Calendar–Salem Campus

**February 14, 2020**

Mon., Feb. 17-Fri., Feb. 21

**NO SCHOOL–Midwinter Break**

Mon., Feb. 24

Secondary Midterm Missing Work Deadline

Wed., Feb. 26

No Elementary Extended Day

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

Tues., Mar. 3

\*Choir Concert, 6 pm

Wed., Mar. 4

No Elementary Extended Day

Thurs., Mar. 5

**Noon Dismissal**, ALL Grades (Parent Teacher Conferences)

PM-Kindergarten Attends, NO Lunches Served.

No Elementary Extended Day

Fri., Mar. 6

Elementary Midterm Missing Work Deadline

**Noon Dismissal**, ALL Grades (Parent Teacher Conferences)

AM-Kindergarten Attends, NO Lunches Served.

No Elementary Extended Day

Tues., Mar. 10

\*Band and Orchestra Concert, 6 pm

Wed., Mar. 11

No Elementary Extended Day

**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 Befriend Others**

Our students were introduced to Florence Nightingale this week as an example of someone who befriended others. From a very young age, Florence Nightingale was compassionate and charitable as she comforted the ill and poor people in the village neighboring her family's estate. By the time she was 16 years old, she knew that she wanted to be a nurse. She believed it to be her divine purpose.

During the Crimean War in 1853, thousands of British soldiers were sent to the Black Sea where supplies quickly dwindled. By 1854, approximately 18,000 soldiers had been admitted into military hospitals. These ill and injured soldiers were badly neglected. They not only lacked sufficient medical attention due to hospitals being horribly understaffed, they also languished in horrifying unsanitary and inhumane conditions. In October 1854, Florence Nightingale, with a staff of 38 women volunteer nurses that she trained, were sent to help.

Florence spent every waking minute caring for the soldiers. In the evenings, she moved through the dark hallways carrying a lamp while making her rounds, talking with and caring for patient after patient. The soldiers, who were both moved and comforted by her endless supply of compassion, called her "The Lady with the Lamp."

As we discussed this remarkable woman, we noticed that she went above and beyond by befriending those that may be harder to approach. Many of these soldiers were very sick and very injured. They may have been so sad that they did not respond well, or were even angry. They may have had injuries that made them look scary. This did not



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discourage Florence Nightingale. Our challenge this week is to befriend someone who presents more of a challenge. This may be someone who looks and acts very differently from you. This may be someone who has called you names and you hold a grudge against them. It could be a family member with whom you have had a fight. It may not be easy to befriend them, but it is worth it. You will be happier, you may change their life, and you might make a new life-long friend!

## **\*Reading University**

Congratulations to our Reading University award winners for January. The following students are wonderful examples of being great readers:

Remy Carbine	Kairi Dixon	Gean Garcia	Brody Gunnell	Bryan Heaton
Johann Hines	Emily Insalaco	Kayden Lee	Devin Longtree	Rowan Meagher
Gwen Nielson	Riley Olson	Rowan Steele	Indiana Watson	

## **\*Ambassadors**

We had an amazing visit at the state Capitol. Our students had the opportunity to visit a little-known room that is for the lobbyists. We appreciate one of our moms, Mrs. Meagher, who works as a lobbyist. She shared her experiences. The students have been excited to share what they learned from her.

Representative McKell and Representative Roberts shared with us what they have been working on this legislative session. They also shared the importance of learning about our opportunity as citizens to impact the way our state and local area is run. We appreciate our 10 parents who came and shared their time to help this event be successful.

Our next event is our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade 70's Flashback event. We will need 7 parent volunteers to help with this event. Please look for a SignUpGenius link or contact Mrs. Denning at [ldenning@apamail.org](mailto:ldenning@apamail.org) if you would like to help.

## **Service Opportunities**

During the month of February, we are going to be focusing on random acts of kindness. As we do this, we would love for you to share your successes with your family. You can also send Mrs. Denning pictures and a story. She would love to share each of your random acts of kindness.

## **CHALLENGE for the WEEK**

**In the next week, leave a note for someone you have never spoken to but have noticed. This can be someone like your mail person, garbage person, someone who walks your street, etc.**

## **Upcoming Events**

The following are our upcoming events. Please contact Mrs. Denning if you wish to help with these events:

- 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade 70's Flashback on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Galaxy Quest on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Top Hat and Tails on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This event will focus on preparing for the Balls.
- Family Waltz Night on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Families will be able to learn the waltz to prepare for the Balls.



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## **\*Staff Appreciation Week**

Mark your calendars for Staff Appreciation week March 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. We are “positively” excited to show everyone at APA how much we appreciate them. This year our theme will be focused on positivity and wellness. We are in need of many parent volunteers to help make this event a success. Please watch for a sign up to help decorate doors. This is a large undertaking, and we would appreciate all the help we can get!

Also, each student may donate \$5 to participate in free dress days during Staff Appreciation week. Please see the flier in the communication folder with details for each day. All the money raised will go to providing meals and snacks for the teachers. Participation in this fundraiser is optional, but we encourage you to help your student earn \$5 to donate. This is a small way we can show our gratitude to all the teachers and staff at APA. Thank you for your willingness to support this event. We are “positive” it will be a wonderful week.

## **\*Box Tops**

Have you tried the new Box Tops mobile app? Collecting money for the school through Box Tops for Education is easier than ever. When you buy Box Tops products, you will scan your receipt through the new mobile app within 14 days of the purchase, and the school automatically gets Box Tops earnings without you having to cut out anything.

The school can earn double the amount of money during the transition period from the old labels to the new labels. If you buy a product that has an old Box Tops label, scan the receipt **and** cut out the Box Top to send to the school.

## **\*District Science Fair at UVU**

Several students from APA-Salem attended the Charter District Science Fair at UVU on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. They were among hundreds of students from charter schools across Utah County, and they presented their research to the judges and guests in a very professional manner. Owen Carter, Ellie Peterson, Carter Radmall, Adria Scott, and Watson Tobiasson were selected to continue on to the Central Utah Regional Science Fair at BYU. Congratulations to all who participated for your hard work and preparation. Good luck to those moving on to the next stage.

## **\*APEF**

### **“Friends of APA” Notecard Art Contest**



The winner of the Friends of APA notecard art contest will be announced when we return to school after the break. Thank you to all of the talented students who submitted their artwork. It is going to be hard to choose just one.

### **Thank You to Builders Club Members**

APA's Builders Club members play an important role in helping our schools attain and retain the best teachers. 100% of Builders Club donations go towards teacher and staff bonuses. As a small token of appreciation, all Builders Club members who donate \$25 or more each month have received or will be receiving a Friends of APA tumbler. Be on the lookout for other member benefits in the near future. For more information, please go to <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/buildersclub>.



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## **\*Reading Challenges**

The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders have started their reading challenges. Ask your student(s) about this fun program.

## **Bus and Parking Lot Safety**

Safety at our APA campus is very important to us. Please review the following policies regarding school bus and school parking lot safety:

- Please be aware that driving past any part of a school bus when flashing-red lights are displayed, even on school grounds, is against the law. This includes all parents, staff, and visitors driving or parking vehicles in the front parking lot of the school where the bus zone is located. The only exception to this law is when designated Operation personnel (who are wearing a reflective safety vest) can safely guide you past the buses. Please use the upper (south) parking lot or the bottom (north) parking lot to avoid the bus loading/unloading area.
- Please do not pick up or drop off students in the bus loading/unloading area before or after school. Carpool pick-up and drop-off is located behind the school (east side) and in the north parking lot. The only exception is midday kindergarten pick-up and drop-off.
- If at any time you choose to park in a stall in the front parking lot and buses begin staging for loading or unloading, you will need to wait to move your parked vehicle until the buses have departed, turned off their flashing-red lights, or Operation personnel are available to safely guide you past the buses. This could be up to a 20-minute wait. To avoid delays, do not park in this area before or after school. Instead, use the upper (south) parking lot or the bottom (north) parking lot.
- Do not move the traffic cones or the red chain located at the entrance to the front parking lot. If the chain is blocking the entrance, vehicles are not allowed in. This is not to inconvenience anyone, but rather, it is to ensure all our children are safely maneuvering around the school buses in the bus loading/unloading area. The school buses have large blind spots and weigh around 16 tons; therefore, they are very dangerous to walk around. Please contact our Operations Director, Mr. Wilson, for exceptions for entrance.
- Please use parking stalls. Do not park on any of the red curbing on school grounds, even if you are only going to be a minute. This includes after-school hours. The red curb is reserved for buses, emergency vehicles, and service/delivery vehicles only.
- Please observe the 5 mph speed limit on school grounds at all times. Obey all parking and driving signage on school grounds. Be aware, alert, and obey the staff directing carpool traffic.

Thank you for your cooperation with these very important safety rules and policies. Together we can work to ensure the safety of all APA students, families, and staff. We look forward to a safe and successful second half of the school year!