



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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

School Calendar – Salem Campus

September 18, 2020

Wed., Sept. 23

Picture Day

Looking ahead.....

Mon., Sept. 28- Fri., Oct. 2

Fri., Oct 2

*College Week

Noon Dismissal, All Grades

PM-Kindergarten attends, No lunches served

Fri., Oct 2

*Elementary End of Term Missing Work Deadline

Mon., Oct. 12- Fri., Oct. 16

NO SCHOOL, Fall Break

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

***September Builders Theme: Build with Enthusiasm**

The human brain is continually altering its structure, cell total, circuitry, and chemistry as a direct result of everything we do, experience, think, and believe. Research shows that by thinking of a single optimistic word, you stimulate frontal lobe activity. This area is connected to your motor cortex, which is responsible for moving you to act. The longer you focus on positive words, the stronger it affects your brain. Your perception changes over time and the structure of your thalamus also changes.

What does this have to do with enthusiasm? According to what science teaches us, we are more likely to become enthusiastic if we think enthusiastically. Take a moment to read over this list of enthusiastic words and pay attention to the positive feelings you experience as you ponder them. Then, choose one or two of your favorite words to really focus on and notice that your motivation changes as you start to feel engaged, energetic, and enthusiastic.

ardent	animated	fascinated
avid	exuberant	fervid
earnest	athirst	gung ho
fervent	crazy about	lively
forceful	devoted	spirited
keen	ebullient	thrilled
passionate	exhilarated	wholehearted
pleased	willing	eager
vigorous	zealous	attracted
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Core Knowledge Consumer Books

Core Knowledge has a consumer version of the curriculum used at APA. These books are a resource to help those outside of the classroom follow along with what is being taught at school. We ask that all parents purchase the grade level book that relates to your child's education this year. Example: If your child is in 5th grade, you will want to purchase "What Your 5th Grader Needs to Know." Please take time to look through all of the content covered throughout the school year and have discussions with your child about what they are learning. They will blow you away with what they are learning! Happy reading!

American Preparatory Academy Offers Free Meals to All Enrolled Students

Thanks to a USDA free meal waiver, American Preparatory Academy will begin offering lunch at no cost to all enrolled students who pre-order beginning Tuesday, September 15th at all school locations. All students are eligible, whether they are learning in the classroom, online, or at home.

All families are asked to follow our normal procedures for ordering lunch:

1. Complete an application at <https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/eligibility/>. Regardless of your status, all lunches will be free.
2. Our school lunch staff will set up an account on our online ordering system.
3. Parents will receive instructions to pre-order lunches one month at a time (currently through the end of September).

If you have already completed an application and would like to order free lunches, email lunch@apamail.org. We can set up an account for online ordering.

This is a temporary benefit. USDA does not guarantee the length of this free meal waiver. They are committing to free meal service through December 31st, 2020 or until current funding runs out. Due to the potential expiration of this waiver, we are encouraging parents to continue applying for free and reduced meal eligibility so that they won't experience a lapse in benefits.

For our on-campus learners, lunch is served to each elementary classroom and in the secondary cafeteria. All meals must be pre-ordered 48 hours in advance. Lunches are prepared off-site, and they are not always available upon demand. All lunches are COLD sack lunches. Microwaves are available for secondary students.

Off-campus learners may pick up meals at specific times and locations as designated by each school. Additionally, these families may pick up meals for any siblings who are 18 years of age or younger. All meals must be pre-ordered 48 hours in advance.

Pickup times are found at the following link: <https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/>.

Volunteer Hours

We are no longer providing communication folders each week. To track your volunteer hours, you will need to complete the following brief google form: <https://forms.gle/LrjMoHUmomCVwejd9>.



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***Ambassadors**

Three cheers for our wonderful 5th and 6th grade students for participating in Take Flight! This event took us to France where we learned the art of conversation and Italy where we learned about what is real in social media. We landed in Hawaii where we learned about the importance of participating and trying. Finally, we learned that we are the pilots of our life. Attached you will find a list of questions to go over with your student to find out what they learned. We did not make it to Kansas, but you can definitely see what we would have learned there.

We had our first live event for Constitution Day on Thursday, September 17, 2020. Students in Kindergarten- 3rd grade had workbooks they worked on during the reading while 4th – 9th grade students received their own copy of the Constitution and an American Ideals bookmark. We read the Constitution and Bill of Rights together as a school. There was great pride in our community for this exceptional document. Our 5th graders also sang the national anthem. This was broadcast live on KSL.

Our final activity for our first term is College Week from September 28th - October 2nd.

Second term focuses on service and gratitude. We will have a couple of events. Our service project this year will be providing hygiene kits for the Utah County Food and Care Coalition. This will be the first time we have done this. We are so excited to see how we do.

If you have questions concerning the Ambassador program, please contact Mrs. Denning at ldenning@apamail.org.

***Lost and Found**

Our Lost and Found is located in front of the elementary office. Please encourage your students to check for lost items in this area. All items will be donated or discarded on the last day of the term, October 9th, 2020.

***Boots for Elementary Students**

Elementary girls may wear solid black boots with low heels beginning in October. Boots should not have any embellishments or visible patterns. Examples of embellishments include glitter, tassels, jewelry, etc. However, boots may not be worn in the gym for classes. Boys may wear snow boots outside only. When indoors, boys must wear the usual approved shoes.

***Professional Qualifications**

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.



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***School Parent Involvement Policies**

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks. These handbooks are distributed annually to parents and will soon be accessible on the APA website under the Parent Library drop-down tab. The handbooks can also be accessed via this link: <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>.

***District Parent Involvement Policy**

At the conclusion of each school year, end-of-year assessment data is reported and organized into a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA). The CNA includes demographic, attendance, and assessment data. Also included in the CNA are the results of the annual Parent Survey. This Survey evaluates, among other things, the satisfaction of parents with the quality of the academic program and their opportunities to participate in the schools. American Preparatory administrators annually invite select staff and parents from each school to participate in a District/School Planning Meeting. This Committee reviews the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and analyzes areas for potential improvement. District/School Plans are developed with goals, action steps, and budget relationships. District and School Parent Involvement Policies are evaluated for effectiveness. School, Parent, and Student Compacts are also examined by this Committee for recommended changes.

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