



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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

School Calendar – Salem Campus

February 26, 2021

Looking ahead.....

Wed., Mar. 10

***NO EXTENDED DAY**

Fri., Mar. 12

***Elementary Midterm Missing Work Deadline**

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

***Calendar Change**

Our school calendar has been changed. March 2nd will be a full school day. March 23rd will be a 12:00 dismissal.

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

The following poem by Edgar A. Guest is a great example of how words can encourage others.

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and its turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When they might have won, had they stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup;
And he learned too late when the night came down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt
And when you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit!



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***Ambassadors**

We have wrapped up our Hands for Hope Campaign. We saw many students learn some valuable lessons through the service that they did. There were several who paid forward in a drive-up food line, paying the bill for those that were behind them. There were others who visited the elderly. They made them a treat and drew them some art. There were also others who found ways to serve their families. We want to thank our families for all they do to make the world a better place with the small and the larger things they do.

On Thursday, February 25, 2021, we had our La Fiesta event for our 7th – 8th grade students. Attached you will find some questions that your students should be able to answer. These are the things that they learned with some of our fun stations: how to eat soup, how to escort and go through a refreshment line, the importance of cultural diversity, how our GPA affects us, and information about bullying and introductions.

We have two events in the month of March. On March 17th, we will be having our Western Round-Up event for 5th and 6th grade. On March 25th, our 7th – 9th grade students will have the Top Hat and Tails event to prepare for the upcoming balls. We are planning to have the balls for our students. 7th and 8th grade will be attending on Friday, April 23rd. We are still waiting to hear what we will be doing for our 9th grade students. Our campus has been known for doing the corsages and boutonnieres for the balls. We will need to start with the bows. The bows are the trickiest part of these. We will be getting supplies in the next couple of weeks. If you feel like this is something you have a talent for, please contact Mrs. Denning at ldenning@apamail.org.

Another item for your calendar is our Parent Waltz Night. In the past, we have invited all families. However, because of COVID-19 restrictions, we are limiting it to our 7th-9th grade students and parents. Please RSVP to our dance event to Mrs. Denning. This will be a night that has the potential to bring you memories to last a lifetime.

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

***School Fee Announcement**

American Preparatory Academy's governing board is currently in the process of reviewing proposed fees from each of the schools for the 2021-2022 school year. Parents may review the proposed fees and have an opportunity to share thoughts or concerns for Board members to consider before approving these fees.

Please take some time to review the fees your local school proposed. You can find the proposed fees specific to your school on the Proposed Fee Schedule Website at the following link:

<https://salem.americanprep.org/school-fees/>

There will be two opportunities for public comment specific to these proposed fees at their scheduled board meetings held at the American Preparatory Schools District Office located at 12894 S. Pony Express Rd. Unit 600, Draper, UT, on the following dates beginning at 7:00 PM:

- Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021
- Tuesday, March 26th, 2021



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***Reading University Award Winners**

Congratulations to our Reading University award winners for January. The following students are amazing readers:

Jane Ahrens	Avenly Barton	Addey Blatter	Morgan Blatter	Caleb Chandia
William Findlay	Jackie Harrison	Dayna Hines	Israel Kristiansen	Diego Pazmino
Abigail Short	Roy Smith	Emily Ton	Eva West	

***Climate Survey Opt Out forms**

The State of Utah requires that we conduct an annual “School Climate Survey”. The purpose of the survey is for the state leaders to learn about the experience Utah students are having at their schools. The survey is anonymous, and student identities will not be associated with their answers.

We will administer the survey to students in 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 9th grades. The students will complete the surveys in the classroom with their teachers. Parents can excuse their students from participating in the Climate Survey in either of two ways:

1. Paper Opt Out forms will be sent home with students, along with the survey questions. Parents may complete the form and return it to school.
2. An email will be sent to parents through Skyward with a link to the Opt Out form. The form will also include links to the student surveys. Parents may complete and submit the form electronically through Skyward to opt their students out of the survey.

Opt Out forms must be submitted by March 12th, 2021.

Formularios de exclusión voluntaria de la encuesta climática

El estado de Utah requiere que llevemos a cabo una “Encuesta sobre el clima escolar” anual. El propósito de la encuesta es que los líderes estatales conozcan la experiencia que los estudiantes de Utah están teniendo en sus escuelas. La encuesta es anónima y las identidades de los estudiantes no se asociarán con sus respuestas.

Administraremos la encuesta a los estudiantes de 2º, 5º, 6º, 7º y 9º grados. Los estudiantes completarán las encuestas en el aula con sus maestros. Los padres pueden excusar a sus estudiantes de participar en la Encuesta de Clima de dos maneras:

1. Los formularios impresos de exclusión voluntaria se enviarán a casa con los estudiantes, junto con las preguntas de la encuesta. Los padres pueden completar el formulario y devolverlo a la escuela.
2. Se enviará un correo electrónico a los padres a través de Skyward con un enlace al formulario de exclusión voluntaria. El formulario también incluirá enlaces a las encuestas de los estudiantes. Los padres pueden completar y enviar el formulario electrónicamente a través de Skyward para excluir a sus estudiantes de la encuesta.

Los formularios de exclusión voluntaria deben enviarse antes del 12 de marzo de 2021.