



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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

## **School Calendar – Salem Campus**

**May 6, 2022**

Mon., April 1 – Fri., May 13	Acadience Math Testing (Grades 1-3)
Sat., May 7	Fun Run, 10:00 AM
Mon., May 9 - Fri., May 13	RISE Testing (Grades 4-6)
Mon., May 9 - Fri., May 20	Kindergarten KEEP Testing
Tues., May 10	*Band and Orchestra Concert, 6:00 PM at Petetneet
Wed., May 11	*Choir Concert, 6:00 PM
Fri., May 13 - Fri., May 20	Acadience Reading Testing (Grades 1-6)

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

Mon., May 16 - Fri., May 20	*Core Knowledge Testing (Grades K-3)
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You will find all events, updates, and extracurricular activity schedules on our campus calendar at [www.salem.americanprep.org](http://www.salem.americanprep.org).

### **\*May Builders Theme: I Am a Builder When I'm Utterly Reliable**

*The Little Hero of Holland* is the perfect story to illustrate our builders theme this month. The young boy in the story was utterly reliable. He was willing to hold on as long as it took to get the job done.

Holland is a country where much of the land lies below sea level. Only great walls called dikes keep the North Sea from rushing in and flooding the land. For centuries, the people of Holland have worked to keep the walls strong so that their country will be safe and dry. Even the little children know the dikes must be watched every moment, and that the smallest hole can be a very dangerous thing.

Many years ago, there lived in Holland a boy named Peter. One afternoon in the early fall, when Peter was eight years old, his mother called him from his play. "Come, Peter," she said. "I want you to go across the dike and take these cakes to your friend, the blind man." He went happily and stayed with the poor blind man a little while. Then he remembered his mother's wish that he should return before dark, and bidding his friend goodbye, he set out for home.

As he walked beside the canal, he noticed how the rain had swollen the waters, and how they beat against the side of the dikes. Just then he heard a noise. It was the sound of trickling water! He stopped and looked down. There was a small hole in the dike, through which a tiny stream was flowing. Peter understood the danger at once. If the water ran through a little hole it, would soon make a larger one, and the whole country would be flooded. In a moment, he saw what he must do. He climbed down the side of the dike and thrust his finger into the tiny hole. The flowing of the water was stopped!

"Oh no!" he said to himself. "The angry waters must stay back now. I can keep them back with my finger. Holland shall not be drowned while I am here."



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This was all very well at first, but soon it grew dark and cold. The little fellow shouted and screamed. "Come here! Come here!" he called. No one heard him; no one came to help him. Peter tried to whistle, but his teeth chattered with the cold. He thought of his brother and sister in their warm beds and of his dear father and mother. "I must not let them be drowned," he thought. "I must stay here until someone comes, if I have to stay all night." So, he stayed there all night keeping the sea out.

Early the next morning, a man going to work thought he heard a groan as he walked along the top of the dike. Looking over the edge, he saw a child clinging to the side of the great wall. The man learned that Peter was keeping the water back. The alarm was spread. People came running with shovels, and the hole was soon mended. They carried Peter home to his parents, and before long, the whole town knew how he had saved their lives that night. To this day, they have never forgotten the brave little hero of Holland.

-Adapted from Etta Austin Blaisdell and Mary Frances Blaisdell

## **\*Builders of the Month**

Congratulations to our Builders of the Month for the month of April. The following students were great examples of using kind and courteous words.

Liam Bartholomew	Anthony Cingolani	Hyrum Clark	Cicly Cruz	Uriah Hatch
Emma Huber	Grayson Hutchins	Raelynn Jenkins	Taylin Jenkins	Megan Kiracofe
Mackenzie Mitchell	Alivia Nielson	Samantha Ostler	William Raeder	Spencer Robinson
Jacksen Smith	Melayna Webster	Royal Webster	Abby Wilson	Max Youd

## **Futsal Club: Grades 6-9**

Futsal Club started April 25<sup>th</sup>. Come and finish up the year with fun competitive games!

Mondays from 3:20 until 4:00 PM.

Wednesdays from 2:20 until 3:20 PM

Fridays from 3:20 until 4:15 PM

There is a small fee of \$5- \$10 to participate. Times and days might change depending on conflicting schedules of any sort.

## **\*Ambassadors**

This week was our last week for dance. We appreciate all of the hard work the students have put in with Mrs. Mahoney. They do such an amazing job.

- **May 12, 2022**                      9th Grade La Caille

Please contact Mrs. Denning at [ldenning@apamail.org](mailto:ldenning@apamail.org) or (801)234-9436 if you have questions or are interested in participating in our events.



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## **Uniform Donations**

We are getting close to the end of our 2021-2022 school year. This means that we will be holding our Used Uniform Drive. If you have any school uniform pieces that are too small or not being worn, you can turn them into us for a homework pass for your student. Three uniform pieces equals one homework pass. The clothing items need to be without stains or holes to count towards the homework pass. The elementary office will be accepting these donations until May 20, 2022.

## **Parent Advisory Committee Elections**

Our annual Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) elections are coming up, and we are looking for volunteers to serve for the 2022-2023 school year.

The PAC participates with school administration in developing the Annual School Plan, in deciding how the Land Trust monies will be spent, and other matters important to our students at American Preparatory Academy.

The PAC generally meets 4 times per year. Members of the PAC will be expected to participate in all of these meetings so that a quorum may be present to conduct business. There are no term limits; as long as the volunteer has students enrolled in the school and is actively participating, they are welcome to continue serving on the committee.

If you are interested, please contact Rebecca Dailey at [landtrust@apamail.org](mailto:landtrust@apamail.org) no later than Monday, May 9, 2022 at 4pm.

Please include:

- Your name
- The campus you are running for
- Your student's name and grade
- Your phone number and email address
- A short (70 words or less) paragraph on why you are interested in being on the committee.

The ballot link will go home as the last page of the May 13<sup>th</sup> newsletter and elections will run through Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The candidate who receives the most votes will be posted in your campus' May 20<sup>th</sup> newsletter.