



Upcoming Events

August 16th	Teacher Meet n' Greet	9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Open House Style)
August 21st	First Day of Kindergarten	Early Dismissal for all kindergarten students 12:15 pm
August 22nd	Second Day of Kindergarten	Early Dismissal for all kindergarten students 12:15 pm
August 22nd	Parent Orientation	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm @ Draper 1 Campus
August 23rd	Third Day of Kindergarten	Early Dismissal for all kindergarten students 12:15 pm
Sept 2nd	Labor Day	(NO SCHOOL)

PREPARING YOUR STUDENT FOR KINDERGARTEN:

We're excited to collect the "Countdown to Kindergarten" stay sharp summer packets your children have been working on! Students can turn in completed packets and receive a prize from their teacher at the Meet and Greet event Friday, August 16th, from 9:00 am- 12:00 pm.

FIRST THREE DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN (AUGUST 21st, 22nd, 23rd):

In order to help our students acclimate to kindergarten more successfully, APA as a district, has decided that the first three days of school, August 21st, 22nd and 23rd will be short days with a release time of 12:15 pm. Students attending ½ day K will still be released at 11:15 am.

***KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE:**

½ Day K: Drop off as early as 7:45 am. School starts at 8:15. Release time 11:15 M-F

Extended Day K: Drop off as early as 7:45 am. School starts at 8:15. Release time 12:30 M-F

Full Day K: Drop off as early as 7:45 am. School starts at 8:15. Release time 3:25 M,T, F 2:25 W, TH

*Exception - first three days of kindergarten

2024-2025 CALENDAR:

It is vital to the success of the ELC that good communication is provided for our fabulous parents! We have attached the 2024-2025 school calendar. When school begins, weekly ELC newsletters will be sent by email to all our kindergarten parents.

PARENT ORIENTATION (For parents only. Students do not need to attend)

Date: Thursday, August 22nd

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: We will be meeting at our Draper 1 campus

Campus is located across the parking lot of the ELC (12892 South Pony Express Road)

At Parent Orientation, you will receive detailed information about:

Carpool

Volunteer hours and opportunities

Dockets

Attendance and check-in procedures

Uniform FAQs

Specific information and instructions from your student's teacher

SCHOOL LUNCH:

The website for ordering school lunch is now available!

- If you have not done so already, we ask all families to complete a Free/Reduced Lunch application.

<https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/eligibility/>

- You can log on to Skyward to see your lunch status- click on Food Service tab on the left.

How To Order: Please follow these instructions to place your order.

- Go to <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>
- Login with your email and password
 - ★ If you forgot your password, try 1234
 - ★ If you need to answer a security question, what is library card # try 1234.
- Click on ORDER (top middle)
- Top right make sure to move arrow to August
- Add menu items (quantity 1) to the cart by clicking on the Blue bar (Regular or Vegetarian) to add to cart.
- Review and place the order.
- DO YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE STUDENT? Be sure to use the drop-down button at the top to navigate to the next student and repeat the ordering process.
- DO YOU WANT TO ORDER THRU END OF YEAR? Be sure to click on arrow on top right to go to the next month (August, September)

[Detailed ordering instructions](#)

Why We Pre-Order Lunches: At American Prep, all elementary students eat lunch in the classroom. Secondary students eat in multipurpose rooms or cafeterias. All meals are prepared at our central kitchen, cooled, and delivered to the campuses, where they are stored in refrigerators. In order to estimate meal production and facilitate delivery to elementary classrooms, we ask parents to pre-order meals. However, any student who needs a meal can go to the lunchroom to receive one. We will provide a leftover meal (served the

previous day) or an alternate meal (fruit, vegetables, and milk) to students who need a lunch.

Non-Pickup Policy: The school does not receive any reimbursement when a meal is not received by the student. Students who are at school but fail to pick up their lunch 3 or more times over a two-week period may have future lunch orders canceled until the student and parent/guardian meet with a school director and receive approval from the food service director. If meal orders have been canceled, students are welcome to go to the lunchroom to request an available meal or an alternate meal.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

VOLUNTEERS:

We are so appreciative of our fabulous parent volunteers!! We encourage all APA parents to fulfill 20 hours of volunteer hours. If you are interested in getting a jump start on your volunteer hours before school starts, please feel free to contact us at 801-797-0069 or email me at cobrien@apamail.org. We have bulletin boards that can be hung, organizing in the classroom, cleaning, etc. What would we do without our fabulous parents?

NO SUGAR ZONE SCHOOL:

Many of our parents have voiced their desire to have a sugar free school zone. Years ago we implemented this new policy. We will continue to move forward with a "No Sugar Zone" school for 2024-2025.

In the past for student's birthdays, parents have brought in cupcakes, cookies, etc. We ask that if you still desire to bring something in for your student's birthday, please make it non-food items. Some suggestions might include: stickers, pencils, small toys, donate a book to our library, etc. Thank you for helping us keep our school a sugar-free zone.

CARPOOL and CARPOOL TAGS:

Please note that if you are walking your student(s) into the school on the first day of kindergarten, leave yourself a few extra minutes to do so. It is our goal to provide a safe environment for our children and to avoid as much traffic congestion as possible. For more detailed information please review the ELC carpool map that you will receive along with your carpool tags at our Meet and Greet on Friday, August 16th.

UNIFORMS:

Uniforms are available online through americanprep.org. Click on parent resources, uniform guide, view. Review the K-3 section for your kindergartener's uniform information.

A uniform sale is on Friday, August 9th and Monday, August 12th at the Early Learning Center. Specific time of the sale will be coming soon in a separate email.

UPCOMING ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS:

An email with a Sign-Up Genius link will be sent in the next couple of days to schedule academic assessments for your child. These assessments will take about 20 minutes and help the administration determine what reading and math placements will be appropriate for your child. The dates for these assessments will be Wednesday, Aug 21st through Friday, Aug 23rd. The time slots will start **shortly after school is released** at 12:15 on those days.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC) LOCATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

ELC: Located across the parking lot, just east of our Draper 1 campus.

Address: 12894 South Pony Express Road, Suite #700 Draper Utah 84020

Phone # 801-797-0069

Contact:

Director: Cody O'Brien cobrien@apamail.org

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Our staff is looking forward to introducing ourselves to our wonderful parents, and seeing our awesome, soon-to-be kindergarten students!!

Warm Regards,

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