

# Upcoming Events

Sept 2nd	Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
Sept 6th	Spirit Wear Friday
Sept 10th	Parent Empowerment Night (Internet Safety and Bullying)
Sept 19th	Read the Constitution Day
Sept 20th	Spirit Wear Friday
Sept 20th	Fall Festival at D2/D3 campuses
Sept 27th	Show What You Know Program at 8:15 am (Park in the far west parking
	lot or at Draper 1)
Oct 4th	Elementary Grading (Early Dismissal at 12:15)
Oct 10th	Picture Day
Oct 11th	Term 1 Ends
Oct 14th-18th	Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)

#### FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar for the Fall Festival on September 20th at our D2/D3 campus located at 11938 S Lone Peak Pkwy in Draper. There will be carnival games, slides, and bounce houses just to name a few. Meal tickets and wristbands will be going on sale soon.

#### ENROLLMENT

We still have a few open seats. If you know any families who are looking for an opportunity to get into APA, now is an excellent time to take advantage! Interested families can apply directly on our americanprep.org website or reach out to our registrar, KrisAn Miles at 801-797-0069. Thanks for helping us spread the word.

# CARPOOL UPDATE

Overall the carpool process is going smoothly. We sincerely appreciate you not being on devices and watching carefully to pull forward or stop as we safely guide these young children to their cars. We ask that parents stay in their cars during carpool. Parents are not allowed to park their car during carpool and walk over to the building and pick up their child. Please go through the carpool lanes with the rest of everyone else.

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We have an opening for a Kindergarten Instructor at the ELC, which is the best job ever.

-Great starting point for someone wanting to explore a teaching career

-You get to be at school with your children

-36.5 hours with medical and dental benefits (start at 7:45am and end at 3:45pm each weekday) -Starting at \$14-16 per/hr (starting hourly rate increases with additional post-secondary education) -Teaching a daily reading and math group to a small group of children

-Training is provided immediately and given throughout the year

-No personal expenses are required

-Small building setting with very friendly staff

-Annualized salary throughout the year (you get paid during the breaks and summer)

-No post secondary education or training is needed

Tell all your friends and family about this special rare opportunity to work at the ELC.

As an instructor, you are constantly having bursts of joy throughout the day by helping kindergarten children get smart and feel happy about school each day.

Please call or email Cody O'Brien if you are interested and have additional questions. <u>cobrien@apamail.org</u> 801-735-4403

# <u>SEPTEMBER'S BUILDER THEME - - "BUILDING WITH ENTHUSIASM"</u>

We have loved seeing our sweet students come to school with happy faces and an excitement to learn! Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm!" We are working hard to achieve great things!

# SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW PROGRAMS: (PLEASE PARK ON THE FAR WEST PARKING LOT)

Our Show What You Know event is once a month. Our first program will be SEPTEMBER 27th. This event allows us to show off our exceptional kindergarten students. It gives them the opportunity to "show what they know" and perform songs, recite poems, etc. for their families. Our short program will start promptly on time and will last approx. 10 minutes. Please see our dates on the google calendar. We'd love to see all our wonderful parents!

#### **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

American Prep recognizes that parent and family engagement is key to student achievement. We provide opportunities for parents and family members to participate in, and stay informed of, their student's academic achievement. American Preparatory Academy trains staff annually during pre-service and teacher academy on how to communicate, build meaningful connections, and otherwise involve parents/families and the school. These topics are reinforced during professional development opportunities throughout the year as needed. Additional details regarding Parent and

Family Engagement are available in the annual Parent-Student Handbooks (PSHB) which are distributed annually, posted on the school website, and available in Spanish at our West Valley campuses. For the full District Parent and Family Engagement Policy please refer to this <u>link</u> on the Policy page of the americanprep.org website.

#### SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICIES

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks <a href="https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/">https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/</a>. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are now accessible on the APA website under the Parent Library drop-down tab. West Valley Parent-Student Handbooks will be available in Spanish.

# MANDATED ASSESSMENTS AND OPT OUTS

American Preparatory recognizes that Standardized Testing is an essential tool for measuring student learning and teacher success. The data obtained from these assessments may be utilized by teachers and administrators to review student academic progress, plan instruction, and share with students and parents. Summative assessments allow for data to be used in public reporting about school quality. Parent's may opt-out of most state standardized tests by submitting a Parental Exclusion form to the Academic Director. You can learn more about the state assessments administered at American Prep and find the testing schedules for your student's campus by following this link: <a href="https://www.americanprep.org/state-assessments/">https://www.americanprep.org/state-assessments/</a>.

# **DISTRICT PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

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Warm Regards, Cody O'Brien Director of the Early Learning Center <u>cobrien@apamail.org</u> 801-797-0069