



## Upcoming Events

<b>Sept 10th</b>	<b>Parent Empowerment Night (Internet Safety and Bullying)</b>
<b>Sept 19th</b>	<b>Read the Constitution Day</b>
<b>Sept 20th</b>	<b>Spirit Wear Friday</b>
<b>Sept 20th</b>	<b>D1/ELC Fall Festival at Draper 1 Campus (5:00 pm to 8:00 pm)</b>
<b>Sept 27th</b>	<b>Show What You Know Program at 8:15 am (Park in the far west parking lot or at Draper 1)</b>
<b>Oct 4th</b>	<b>Elementary Grading (Early Dismissal at 12:15)</b>
<b>Oct 4th</b>	<b>Spirit Wear Friday</b>
<b>Oct 8th</b>	<b>Parent Empowerment Night (Suicide Prevention)</b>
<b>Oct 10th</b>	<b>Picture Day</b>
<b>Oct 11th</b>	<b>Term 1 Ends</b>
<b>Oct 14th-18th</b>	<b>Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)</b>
<b>Oct 22nd</b>	<b>Staff Professional Development (Early Dismissal 12:15 for all Kindergarten students)</b>
<b>Oct 25th</b>	<b>Show What You Know Program at 8:15 am</b>



**ELC & DRAPER ONE**

# FALL FESTIVAL

**September 20th 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

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**PRESALES NOW UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17TH**

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**WRISTBANDS: \$5 PRESALE (\$8 at the door)**

Wristbands include inflatable activities, carnival games, face painting, chalk art, and cookie decorating.



**MEAL TICKET: \$8 PRESALE (\$10 at the door)**

Options are two slices of pizza (cheese or pepperoni) OR a hamburger with chips. Meals come with water.

**TICKETS for D3 Fundraising: \$1 = 1 ticket**

Choose between items such as snow cones, popcorn, dirty sodas, Ice cream, and cotton candy. Prices vary.



### **CONSTITUTION DAY**

On September 17th our students will be participating in reading The Constitution. To commemorate the September 17th, 1787 signing of the Constitution of the United States, Congress designated September 17th of each year as Constitution Day.

“By becoming more knowledgeable about our Constitution, we are prepared to advance our American Ideals of Liberty, Equality, Justice, Respect for the Rule of Law, and Patriotism. We encourage all our APA families to participate in reading the Constitution.”

### **ATTENDANCE REMINDER**

It is so important to have your child at school early enough to be in class by 8:15 every morning. There is vital learning that takes place immediately at 8:15, and your child will be much more successful by not missing those precious minutes.

### **BUILDERS POEM**

All students are memorizing the Builders Poem in school. It is impressive to hear our Kindergarten students recite it.

#### **BUILDERS**

I saw them tearing a building down,  
A gang of men in a busy town.  
With a yo heave ho and a lusty yell,  
They swung a beam and the sidewall fell.  
I asked the foreman if these men were as skilled  
As those he would hire if he were to build.  
He laughed and said, “Oh, no indeed,  
Common labor is all I need,  
For they can wreck in a day or two,  
What builders have taken years to do.”  
So I asked myself, as I went my way,  
Which of these roles am I to play?  
Am I the builder, who works with care,  
Measuring life by the rule and square?  
Or am I the wrecker who walks the town,  
Content in the role of tearing down?  
I’ve made my decision; I’ll start today,  
I’ll be a builder in every way.

-Anonymous and Howard Headlee

### **VIRTUAL PARENT EMPOWERMENT. - INTERNET SAFETY**

Join us on Tuesday, September 10th at 7 pm for a night of social media and internet information. We will examine our own internet use and habits and learn how to help navigate the world wide web with purpose. We will review recent studies that link mental health with cell phone usage. This is appropriate to watch with your students. Your campus will provide an incentive.

Join us via Zoom on Tuesday at 7pm. <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/82744706370>  
Meeting ID: 827 4470 6370

## **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.

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## **SEPTEMBER'S BUILDER THEME - - "BUILDING WITH ENTHUSIASM"**

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 [link](#) 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 <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>. 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. Parents 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: <https://www.americanprep.org/state-assessments/>.

### **DISTRICT PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

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Warm Regards,  
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