



AMERICAN PREPARATORY
ACADEMY

D1 Newsletter



Veterans Day Assembly



At American Preparatory Academy we love to celebrate our Veterans. We want to honor and celebrate Veterans both in attendance and those that can't attend. If you would like to submit a photo of a Veteran you would like to celebrate, please fill out the form below.

[Veterans Form](#)

Questions can be sent to setchemendy@apamail.org

About our Libraries

Here at APA, we maximize classroom teaching time. We do not have a central library like many schools, but rather we have classroom libraries. This is one of the many ways in which we support our student learning. Library books that your students bring home are checked out from their classroom with the help of their homeroom teacher. Every week, if you have overdue books, you will receive an automated notice. If you have any questions regarding that notice, please contact your homeroom teacher.

Upcoming Events

October 29-31 → Draper 1 Pizza & Bake Sale

Friday, Nov. 1 → 4th-6th Grade Field Trips

Thursday, Nov. 7 → Veterans Day Assembly

Thursday, Nov. 7 → Parent Teacher Conference
3:00 - 7:00 pm

Friday, Nov. 8 → Parent Teacher Conference
No School

Friday, Nov. 15 → Term 2 Midterm Deadline
Missing work due

November 18-22 → White Ribbon Week

Tuesday, Nov. 26 → Kindergarten Pilgrims Play
D1 Multipurpose Room

November 27-29 → Thanksgiving Break
No School

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to log volunteer hours



Every 1st & 3rd Friday!

Pizza & Bake Sale!

Next week is our bake sale AND pizza sale. This is a really fun event that our kids all enjoy. We could REALLY use your help! First, we need DONATED baked goods that week. And, we need parents willing to help us sell our baked goods and pizza and/or parents willing to go pick up (prepaid) pizza from Costco. Finally, please send cash with your kids next Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday to buy pizza and baked goods. The proceeds of this bake sale STAY right here at Draper One! THANK YOU for your support and being willing to be a part of our PARENT VOLUNTEER BRIGADE!



If you'd like to help with baked goods, [click here.](#)

For additional information on our campus and other events, click here to follow us on Facebook.



We heard it in the halls...

I know more about Christopher Columbus than my parents. They didn't know very much about him, but I taught them.

-Kindergarten Student

Holiday & Birthday Celebrations at American Prep

At American Prep, we celebrate holidays differently than many schools traditionally do. Some holidays are explored and taught in our Core Knowledge curriculum. At times, holiday traditions may be incorporated into the fun, culminating activities that go along with our units of study in History and Science. Other holidays are celebrated as a school with special recognition assemblies. Holiday music may be included in our music classes. Academic time is never sacrificed for class “holiday” parties.

Some holidays to note:

Constitution Day (September) - APA has a special Constitution Day program every year that is live-streamed on Facebook and parents can watch/hear the reading of the entire Constitution and Bill of Rights on Constitution Day (September 17th).

Halloween (October)— We do not celebrate Halloween at school.

Veterans Day (November) — We celebrate Veterans Day with a school-wide assembly where we honor our invited veteran guests. The students also participate in writing activities that express their respect and appreciation to our nation’s veterans.

Thanksgiving (November) — The Builder theme for the month of November focuses on being grateful and expressing that gratitude through word and deed. Classes may have related activities. Kindergarten holds a Thanksgiving feast.

Religious Holidays (Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Ramadan etc.) — These holidays may be discussed as part of the curriculum and to help students understand what others in our school are doing and experiencing. We may sing songs from these or other similar holidays as part of the curriculum in our music classes.

Valentine’s Day (February) — We encourage students to show they care by doing good deeds for others all during the month. Often, the school participates in a school-wide service project during February. If students wish to exchange valentine cards or treats (completely optional) they may within the following guidelines:

- All classmates must be included in the giving.
- Treats must be wrapped as they will be placed in backpacks to be enjoyed at home.

Memorial Day (May) – Students perform and participate in a school-wide assembly and learn about the meaning and history of this holiday. Students, parents and staff have the opportunity to participate in a “poppy fundraising drive” to benefit veterans.

Birthday Celebrations at School -

Teachers will generally celebrate a student’s birthday during the school day closest to their birthday and have a special way of acknowledging that student. Due to food sensitivities, we have adjusted our birthday recognition policy. In place of cupcakes or other birthday treats, parents who wish to recognize a child’s birthday may do so by providing pencils, erasers, or other small items for classmates. Latex items are prohibited. This is not something that needs to be done, but if parents choose to, it is acceptable. Parents, please do NOT bring any birthday treats, balloon bouquets, flowers or other birthday items to school. This becomes a distraction in the school day, and we are sensitive to the feelings of the students whose parents cannot or do not do something similar for them. If you have questions on what is acceptable please contact your child’s homeroom teacher.