



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

September 8th, 2023

DRAPER 3



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 9th

Wednesday, September 13th

Friday, September 15th

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Saturday, September 16th

**Wednesday, September 19th**

Wednesday, September 20th

**Friday, September 22nd**

Ballroom Team Kickoff Parent Meeting (8am-1pm)

10th Grade In It To Win It (12:30-1:50pm)

Fall Festival (5-8pm)

10th Grade-Making Sandwiches for the Homeless

9th-12th grade Back to School Dance (6-8pm)

**Constitution Day**

11th Grade Overlook Hike

**EARLY DISMISSAL-Parent Teacher Interventions**

### 11th Grade Overlook Hike

The 11th Grade Overlook Hike is coming up soon! On September 20th, our 11th graders will have the fun opportunity to hike Desolation Trail in Millcreek Canyon and enjoy some quality time with their classmates. After the 5-mile round-trip hike, we'll be roasting hot dogs and s'mores over a campfire. The activity will go from 12:30pm - 4:30pm, please note the late pick-up time. The dress-code for this event will be Friday polo, shoes that can be hiked in comfortably, and appropriate jeans. (No jeans with holes or leggings will be permitted.) This activity will be a lot of fun, our 11th graders won't want to miss it!

### Back to School Luau

9th-12th graders get ready for our rockin Luau on Saturday, Sept. 16th from 6-8. Come dressed in your best tropical or tourist attire. Proper APA dress standards will be enforced. Tickets are being sold at the front office for \$5 each. Make sure to get yours now! It's going to be an awesome night!



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## **Mighty Steps Service Opportunity**

11th grade students, are you looking for opportunities to earn points toward your service award? Do you want to participate in an awesome service opportunity? Join us at the Utah Down Syndrome Foundation's Mighty Steps event! We'll be making posters, cheering on participants as they run, and helping out wherever is needed. If you're interested, sign up at the Character Development Office!

## **Chess Club**

Chess club meetings are Mondays and Fridays from 3-4pm in room #123. All levels are welcome.

## **Smile Club**

If your student enjoys helping and serving others, they should join the care club. The Care Club is a club that provides opportunities for students to do kind things on small scale to those in their community. Meetings are Fridays in room #120.

## **- Reminders -**

## **Advanced Chamber Club**

Any student who likes a challenge and wants to play advanced music, is welcome to join the Advanced Chamber Club. Club Meetings will be Wednesdays from 2-3pm in room #314.

## **10th Grade - In It to Win It**

Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, September 13th, our 10th-grade students have an exciting opportunity to connect and have a blast at our "In It to Win It" event. During this event, students will engage in lively games, compete for prizes, cheer each other on, and enjoy some snacks. The event will be held at our D3 campus during 4th period (12:32-1:50 pm) on a regular school day. Please note that students are required to attend in their regular full uniform. This event is mandatory and will contribute to your child's 4th period Ambassador Hour grade. We can't wait to see our students thrive and have a great time at this event!

## **A Reminder about D2 Students at D3**

Just a reminder to parents that have both D2 and D3 students. D2 students are not allowed on D3 campus without parental supervision. This has always been a rule. This is to keep all students safe, and that they are with their appropriate cohort. D3 campus is a secondary campus, not an elementary school campus. Even if the D2 student has an older sibling that attends D3, they must stay at D2 until they are picked up.

## **Utah Eagles Wrestling Club**

Wrestling will be available for students in grades Pre-k-12th grade. Practice location is Draper 3 campus. Team Practices are 5:30-6:30pm most Mondays and Thursdays. Be ready to practice in workout clothes and wrestling shoes. Cost is \$40 a month. Tournaments are on Most Saturdays. If interested, contact Levi Nielson at [Levi.Nielson@apamail.org](mailto:Levi.Nielson@apamail.org) or Chandler Strand at [cstrand@apamail.org](mailto:cstrand@apamail.org).

## **Professional Qualifications**

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. In accordance with state regulation, all APA teachers are licensed through one of three licensing paths: Professional, Associates and LEA specific. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

## **District Parent & Family Engagement Policy**

American Prep recognizes that parent and family engagement is key to student achievement. We provide many 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 websites. For the full District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, please refer to this [link](#) on the Policy page of the [americanprep.org](http://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.

## **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: <https://www.americanprep.org/state-assessments/>.