



AMERICAN PREPARATORY
ACADEMY

Las Vegas - School Calendar

December 12, 2014

Wednesday, December 17

Make-Up Picture Day **

Thursday, December 18

Show What you Know Assembly

December 22 - January 2

NO SCHOOL- Winter Break

Monday, January 5

School resumes

Wednesday, January 7

Builder Award Assembly

Thursday, January

Reading University Assembly

Friday, January 16

12:15 Dismissal-All Students, Last Day of 2nd Term

PM KINDERGARTEN ONLY 8:15-12:15

*All parents/family are invited to attend any Show What You Know Assembly.

*Campus tours are given after the first assembly each month

**Make up picture day has been changed to December 17th to ensure that all students have received their proofs.

December Builder Awards:

K Johnson AM: Adriel Zepeda

K Campos AM: Samantha Bonn

K Johnson PM: Maxwell Ganley

K Campos PM: Layla Martin

1st Hatch: Brady Morris

1st Nunn: Dane Johnson

2nd Brower: Melissa Willoughby

2nd Dobbins: Gabe Gough

3rd Little: Edgar Barajas

3rd Pruitt: Ian Clarke

4th Buxton: Malorie Schwartz

5th Schwartz: Anna Osorio

6th Banks: Sydney Worshmidt

7th Grade: Kristin Dominguez and Maycee Robinson

8th Grade: Don Maria Benny and Ethan Hoover

9th Grade: Katherine Clarke and Brandon Trujillo

December Reading University Awards:

K Johnson AM: Luke Daley

K Campos AM: Samantha Flynn

K Johnson PM: Amari Shepard

K Campos PM: Quinn Sullivan

1st Hatch: Maya Sims

1st Nunn: Ashley Ng

2nd Brower: Agam Ben-Aroya

2nd Dobbins: Maggie Ganley

3rd Little: Mason Smith

3rd Pruitt: Sarah Seif

4th Buxton: Coen Woolley

5th Schwartz: Melody Schelin

6th Banks: Arielle Sevilla

December's Builder Theme: Kigatsuku: Being Helpful and Serving

Our builder's theme for the month of December is "I can be a builder by being helpful and serving others." At this week's assembly we discussed serving others as a way to give thanks. We are encouraging students to look for others' needs, and then follow that inner voice that urges us to act on behalf of others in meeting those needs.

One example is if a student arrives home, they could look in the dishwasher and if it is clean, they could unload it without being asked. They could see some trash on the floor in their classroom and pick it up without being asked. These types of things make their family, home and school a wonderful place to be. We have encouraged our teachers to watch out for evidences of service in their classrooms and to acknowledge them. We encourage you to do the same at home! Watch out, because you may notice many nice things happening around your home as your student learns to give thanks by serving others. We would love to hear from any of you who are the recipients of this type of building behavior.

Academic Update –

American Prep is a "school of choice" with a rigorous academic program. American Prep's academic program comprises three vitally important components:

1. the work and effort of the teachers and staff
2. the work and effort of the students
3. the support of the parents

Teachers and Staff Component

We believe that it is the responsibility of the school to provide effective organizational systems, positive motivation, excellent teachers and relevant, interesting curriculum for each student so that they can achieve academic success at American Prep. Our staff and teachers are trained and well prepared to teach our students. They are an experienced group of professionals who are enthusiastic about their job in assisting your student as they achieve academically and learn and grow. However, if a teacher is not putting forth sufficient effort to enable the students to achieve mastery in their content area, the administration is committed to rectifying this through staff development, coaching and training. If the teacher, after the remedies have been implemented, continues to be unsuccessful in working at the level required, they will be dismissed.

Student Component

Likewise, the students at American Prep bear much responsibility with regard to exerting effort and completing assigned work so that they can benefit fully from the excellent academic programs of American Prep. Most students who attend American Prep are well prepared and bring their own enthusiasm and love of learning to school with them each day. We are confident that working together, all students can achieve academic success at American Prep.

Parent Component

We recognize that parental support is key to student achievement. American Prep parents commit to support the learning process by ensuring their student has time each day for studying, a place at home to study, by checking the learning plans daily, ensuring on-time arrival and minimizing

absences, providing healthy food for lunch, and engaging in positive communication to address questions, concerns or provide feedback.

We are noticing that there has been A LOT of missing work this term. Parents, as you sign the Learning Plan, you are stating that your student has completed his/her assignments, resulting in NO missing work. You are also stating that your student has completed ALL of the work they didn't get finished during that day. Please join us in getting the missing assignments completed and helping your students learn these great habits of responsibility now!

Holiday Choir Concert

American Preparatory Academy is having a Holiday Choir Concert on Thursday, December 18 at 6 pm featuring three choirs - 5th grade, 6th grade and Junior High Choir. Our APA families and friends are cordially invited to share the evening of wonderful choral singing.

Date: Thursday, December 18, 2014

Venue: LDS South Stake Center

7885 W. Robindale Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113

Call Time: 5:30 pm

We will conduct a quick warm-up before the concert.

Concert Time: 6 pm

Attire: School uniforms.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Graves at akiko.graves@apavegas.org.

Toy Drive:

Our focus in December is "Looking for Ways to Help." Our Jr. High Student Council will be running a toy drive to help our students learn the value of giving to others. Toys need to be in new or gently used condition and will be collected December 8-18. The class that donates the most toys will get a Krispy Kreme Donut party on Friday, December 19th. Thank you for your support!

Parent Student Handbook - Holiday Celebrations:

We do not celebrate holidays, although we do acknowledge some of them (see below). We don't have class holiday parties, but instead we have fun culminating activities that go along with our units of study in history and science. Students often dress up, have food, and play games at these activities.

Birthday Celebrations: Teachers will most likely mention a student's birthday during the school day of their birthday and have a special way of acknowledging that student. Parents may bring a treat for class members at lunch time. This is not something that needs to be done, but if parents choose

to that is acceptable. (Please see VII. Parent Involvement Policy: Birthdays and Other Events.)

Religious Holidays (Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, Ramadan, Easter): We will talk about these holidays as part of the curriculum and to help students understand what others in our school are doing and experiencing. We may sing songs from any of these or other similar holidays in our choir classes as part of the curriculum.

Box Tops:

Our BOX TOPS program is finally up and running. Please send your box tops in a bag labeled with the name of your student's teacher. The class that collects the most box tops by the end of the term will earn a pizza party! The competition is getting close! Keep bringing in your box tops to help your school!

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

We have a student with diagnosed hand, foot and mouth disease.

HFMD is not usually serious and children usually recover without medical treatment in 7 to 10 days. Complications are uncommon. Very rarely, children may develop viral meningitis or encephalitis and would need medical care. Symptoms of these more serious complications are fever, headache, stiff neck or backpain. Again, these are very rare occurrences.

The reason we notify parents when we have had a case of HFMD is that if a pregnant mother is infected with HFMD near the time of delivery, she may pass the virus to her newborn baby. Even were this to occur, it is usually not a problem, but in very rare cases the baby may develop life-threatening infection.

Hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) is a common illness of infants and children. It is characterized by fever, sores in the mouth, and a rash with blisters. HFMD begins with a mild fever, poor appetite, malaise ("feeling sick"), and frequently a sore throat. One or 2 days after the fever begins, painful sores develop in the mouth. They begin as small red spots that blister and then often become ulcers. They are usually located on the tongue, gums, and inside of the cheeks. The skin rash develops over 1 to 2 days with flat or raised red spots, some with blisters. The rash does not itch, and it is usually located on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet. It may also appear on the buttocks. A person with HFMD may have only the rash or the mouth ulcers.

Enterovirus

One of our students has been diagnosed with Enterovirus. You will find an attachment regarding this illness with today's newsletter. Please review the fact sheet.