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*Spirit Wear Friday!*

## Calendar \*New dates added

- Every Wednesday
  - Every Thursday
  - Mondays & Fridays
  - Fridays
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- Friday, January 17
  - Friday, January 17
  - Monday, January 20
  - Tuesday, January 21
  - Thursday, January 23
  - Friday, January 24
  - **January 27-31\***
  - Wednesday, January 29
  - Thursday, January 30
  - Thursday, January 30
  - Thursday, February 6
  - Friday, February 7
  - Friday, February 7
  - **Friday, February 7**
  - Friday, February 14
  - Friday, February 14
  - February 17-21
  - Monday, February 24

4th-6th Show-What-You-Know Assembly @ 8:15 am. Parents are always welcome!  
 K-3rd Show-What-You-Know Assembly @ 8:15 am. Parents are always welcome!  
 Free Adult English Classes @ 2:30-3:15  
 Friday Clubs – 2 more club days in Session 1. 3:50-4:30pm.

APA School Spirit Day – Wear your APA spirit shirts / sweatshirts  
 Friday Clubs - Last Club Day of Session 1 (Session 2 starts in Term 4)  
 No School – Martin Luther King Day  
 WV1 Winter Land Trust Meeting 8:30am  
 Governing Board Meeting @ 7pm  
 Early Dismissal 12:15/12:35 Staff Professional Development  
**Celebrating “School Choice Week”**  
 1-3 Grade School Spelling Bee 1-2pm  
 4-6 Grade School Spelling Bee 8:30-9:30 / no K-3 assembly today  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador Event: Celebration! 12:25-2:50  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador Event: Celebration! 12:25-2:50  
 APA School Spirit Day – Wear your APA spirit shirts / sweatshirts  
 Early Dismissal - 12:15/12:35 - Elementary Grading Day – No Sistema  
**District Charter Science Fair @ SLCC-Miller Campus – Judges Needed!\***  
 End of Term 3 – Report Cards come home  
 RU Store  
 Mid-Winter Break – No School  
 Term 4 Begins (Feb 24-April 4)

## January Builder Theme:

### **I Am a Builder When I Think Positive Thoughts About Myself and Others**

I am grateful for all I learn from the fantastic examples I see from people in our APA community. Here was a powerful lesson I learned from two amazing staff members. They’d had an “interesting” interaction with a person in the parking lot that was startlingly different than most of the interactions they experience within our American Prep community. They might have complained. They might have criticized. They might have shared some negative feelings about the way they’d been treated. But none of this happened. Instead, I listened, with increasing respect, as they assumed good will, generously musing that this person had probably just had a particularly tough day. They continued on in this positive way for a minute, and then left, still smiling and still cheerful. I *am* a builder when I think positive thoughts about myself and others—and I can influence my own attitudes and actions when I practice the skill of positive thoughts! If you haven’t already, please enjoy the video prepared by American Prep’s Character Development team introducing this month’s theme. (You do not need to have a vimeo account or to sign in to view the video.)

<https://vimeo.com/1037938365/e786b47e95>



## **BUILDERS OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER - "Kigatsuku"**

Kindergarten	Mrs. Hendersen	Peter Avendano Gutierrez
Kindergarten	Mrs. Montoya	Lorenzo Giron
Kindergarten	Mrs. Fisher	Alipate Uluave
1st Grade	Mrs. Crandall	Hamda Budul
1st Grade	Ms. Cannon	Austin Rojas Morales
1st Grade	Mrs. Lukow/Brakey	Tevita Tali
2nd Grade	Mrs. Douglas	Kelvin Murcia Cortez
2nd Grade	Ms. Cooper	Andrea Olvera Villegas
2nd Grade	Mrs. Williamson	Thiago Teran
3rd Grade	Mr. Ferlo	Kataleya Giron
3rd Grade	Ms. Stelly	Esther San
4th Grade	Mr. Beard	April Vidal Flores
4th Grade	Ms. McCarthy	Andres Vera Sanguino
4th Grade	Ms. Morrison	Adelyn Campbell
5th Grade	Mrs. Bonzo	Miguel Pacheco
5th Grade	Mrs. Furniss	Esey Belette
5th Grade	Mr. Hand	Ofa Lavaki
6th Grade	Ms. Beebe	Ephraim Fisher
6th Grade	Ms. Marlowe	Hashim Shariif
6th Grade	Mrs. Fullmer	Bendu Kieta

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## **Congratulations Builders— Looking for Ways to Serve Others “Kigatsuku”!**

Each month, we have the wonderful opportunity to honor a student from each class who has consistently shown the builder trait we focused on during that month. In December, the character trait we focused on was looking for ways to serve others. Congratulations to these K-6 students who were recognized at the weekly assembly for being great examples of builders who demonstrate kigatsuku!

## **Enrollment for 2025-2026 Year - Lotteries For New Students**

### **Have Started!** (Week 2 of 3)

Our lotteries for next school year have started—and we are excited to welcome some wonderful new families to our APA community! If you have current students and have not completed your re-enrollment for next year, please check your email and complete the process ASAP! If you have friends or family members interested in attending APA, they begin the process on our website at [americanprep.org/applynow](http://americanprep.org/applynow). For questions, please reach out to our campus registrar, Mrs. Gamez,

### **Current Students: Re-Enrollment Process - REQUIRED and time sensitive**

1. Re-Enroll online: Log in to your [Skyward Family Access](#) account.
  - a. Click 2026 School Year Re-Enrollment
  - b. Fill out and complete the re-enrollment information for each student you currently have enrolled at APA and do this **by January 26, 2025**
2. Attend a Celebration of Excellence meeting (these meetings will be held at the school campus in April 2025).
3. Ensure your student qualifies for promotion to the next grade or meet with an administrator to discuss.

### **Free Adult English Classes**

For anyone hoping to improve their English speaking skills, our adult English classes have begun! All are welcome to come join the class, taught by our wonderful ELL instructor, Mr. Gonzales. English classes are held on Mondays and Fridays from 2:30-3:15. No need to sign up...just come!

### **From the American Preparatory Education Foundation:**

#### **APA Community Business Directory**

Happy New Year! We are excited to offer a new opportunity for our APA community this year! We are fortunate to be part of a vibrant community filled with successful, entrepreneurial, and creative individuals like you. In the spirit of supporting one another, we are excited to offer our APA Community's Business Directory. It's easy to join. Visit

[APA Community Business Directory Form](#). Let's work together to build a thriving, interconnected community. We hope you'll join us in making this directory a success!



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## **Volunteering at APA**



***THANK YOU** to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents who attended Maturation Night with their students. Thank you for supporting your students and making time for them to come to this memorable meeting.*

***THANK YOU** to the parents who come and give careful attention to making our offices and common areas clean and beautiful. Your attention to detail is noticed and appreciated!*

***THANK YOU** to the parents who responded so quickly to the request for newsletter printing and distribution help! You can expect to see newsletters regularly on Friday thanks to them.*

## **Virtual Parent Empowerment Night – Be sure to submit volunteer hours!**

If you attended/viewed the parent empowerment zoom meeting on Tuesday, thank you! Be sure you report 1.5 hours of volunteer time for attending this valuable meeting about human trafficking. Report this using the link at the end of the newsletter.

## **Current/Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Friday, February 7 – Science Fair Judges needed!** Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade science fair finalists will be presenting their projects at the upcoming Salt Lake Charter Science Fair. Each school is asked to help provide judges—so we have another fun opportunity for science fair judging! It is held at Salt Lake Community College-Miller Campus (9750 S 300 W, Sandy) and the time commitment for judges is 1:00-4:15pm. Lunch will be provided. To register and get more information, here is the link: <https://slcharterfair.weebly.com/judges---registration-open.html> Please email Mrs. Leavitt ([lleavitt@apamail.org](mailto:lleavitt@apamail.org)) if you are able to register and judge so she knows how hard she needs to recruit. 😊 Remember this is an early dismissal day for us and school is out at 12:15.



### **Reporting Your Volunteer Hours** (Every week!)

Thank you for volunteering! This link and QR code to report hours will be at the end of every newsletter.

[Report Volunteer Hours](#)