

Principal's Report  
Mr. Perez  
3/13/2023

As we enter the fourth quarter of the school year we have been making plans for the end of the year events. On Tuesday, March 8 Mrs. Breining and I met with the seniors to go over the end of the year events that will affect them: Prom, Senior Trip, Finals schedule and graduation (attached). I shared with them the guidelines that were proposed by the Administrative Review Committee. I have attached the document I shared with Mr. Drews and the seniors.

During the week of March 6, our students in grades 2nd through 11th completed their MAPS tests. Students were tested on Reading, Math, Science and Language Usage. The seniors were assigned to elementary teachers to help during the testing time.

In the past week our students had the opportunity to participate in some very interesting events. On March 3, our 9th and 11th grade English students were able to attend the Willa Cather performance in Kearney. On March 6, students were able to attend the Career Discovery Day in McCook. March 9 was the Tri Valley Health Systems Career Day at Cambridge. Coming up on March 23 our seniors will visit the Norton Correctional Facility and tour New Age Industry. It is my hope that they will be able to take the time to visit the "Also Ran Gallery" which focuses on the people who ran for President and did not win.

Our Juniors will be taking their ACT on March 21. As in the past, we will be taking the test at Ella Missing. Mrs. Breinig and I will be administering the test.

On March 33, Mrs. Breinig will be taking a group of twenty nine students to participate in the Inter High competition.

I am thankful that our teachers and counselor look for opportunities for our students to investigate career opportunities and life outside of APS.

## Senior Talking Points about end of the year information

1. Prom - March 25
  - a. Guidelines
    - i. Promenade - 6:00 pm
    - ii. Dance - 8:00 - 11:00 pm
    - iii. Post Prom - Parents
2. Senior Trip - Wednesday, April 26
  - a. Must be eligible to attend.
  - b. Parental Trip forms are due Wednesday, April 19
  - c. Trip activities are paid for but food and extra items must be purchased by the student.
  - d. Seniors will be given the agenda for the day by the Senior sponsors.
3. Senior Finals
  - a. Monday, May 8 - Last day for Seniors exempt from finals
  - b. Tuesday, May 9 - Senior Finals (Odd Periods)
  - c. Wednesday, May 10 - Senior Finals (Even Periods)
  - d. Thursday, May 11 - Senior Make Up Finals
4. Senior Government Test, Friday, May 5
5. Graduation - Saturday, May 13 @ 2:00 pm
  - #1. In order to participate in the Commencement Ceremony the students **must do the following:**
    - a. Complete all credits required by Arapahoe/Holbrook Public Schools.
    - b. Take care of all financial obligations and return all school equipment.
    - c. Complete all Community Service requirements established by the Board of Education.
  - #2. Students will need to bring their decorated mortar board should they want to wear it at graduation.. Those not wishing to decorate their mortar boards will not need to bring it. Students will not be allowed to wear a decorated mortar board unless the design has been approved by the Building Principal on **Wednesday, May 3** and received by the Building Principal on **Wednesday, May 10.**
  - #3. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be required to give a speech during the ceremony. I ask that it be 5 - 10 minutes in length and that it be presented to the Building Principal by **Wednesday, May 10.**
  - #4. Senior Breakfast will take place at ----- on Friday, May 12 at --- am. (Cost and Food?)
  - #5. Practice will take place on **Friday, May 12**, following senior breakfast. ALL students wanting to participate in the Saturday ceremony, **MUST** attend this practice.
  - #6. Commencement Ceremony will take place on **Saturday, May 13 @ 2:00 pm.**
    - a. Senior Individual and Family Photos (by Mystic Images)
      - i. Family Pictures will take place at 11:00 am (Outdoor Classroom)
      - ii. Individual Diploma pictures will take place at 1:00 pm in the South Gym.
      - iii. Class Picture will be taken immediately following the diploma pictures in the North Gym.
      - iv. Following the Class Picture, seniors will proceed to the library through the east hallway.
    - b. Doors will open to the public at 1:15 pm.
    - c. Seniors will be required to dress appropriately: Semi formal - No jeans, tennis shoes, flip flops, shorts or t-shirts. Dress wear with dress shoes.

- d. All Seniors will be given one flower to present to their mother/guardian. Flowers will be presented to only those who are sitting on the floor. Each senior will be given a minimum of six (6) seats on the floor for their family. The number of seats will be determined once setup is complete.

APS Graduation Guidelines (following mtg with Board of Education committee)

1. In order to participate in the Commencement Ceremony the students **must have completed the following:**
  - a. Complete all credits required by Arapahoe/Holbrook Public Schools.
  - b. Take care of all financial obligations and return all school equipment.
  - c. Complete all Community Service requirements established by the Board of Education.
  - d. Attend all graduation practices.
2. Students will need to bring their decorated mortar board should they want to wear it at graduation.. Those not wishing to decorate their mortar boards will not need to bring it. Students will not be allowed to wear a decorated mortar board unless it has been received by the Building Principal one week prior to graduation. (design must be approved two weeks prior)
3. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be required to give a speech during the ceremony.
4. Seniors will be required to dress appropriately, semi formal. No jeans, tennis shoes, flip-flops, shorts or t-shirts.
5. Graduates will be allowed to wear the following academic attire:
  - a. National Honor Society Honors
  - b. Valedictorian and Salutatorian Honors
  - c. Grade Point Average Cords
  - d. Military Stoll
6. Senior Honors and Awards will be noted with an insert to the Commencement Program.