



Academy Preparatory School

Summer Newsletter
July 16, 2021

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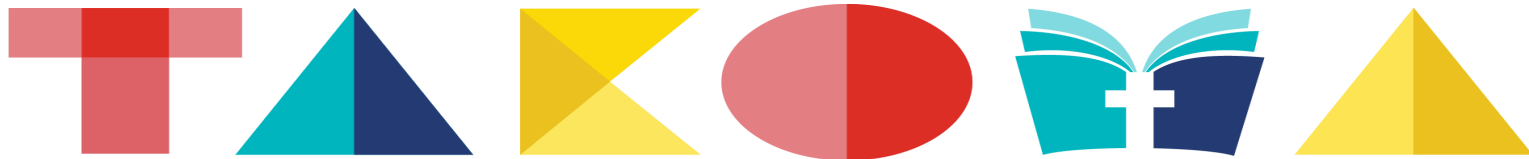
Good Afternoon TA Prep Families and Students,

I hope that you are doing well and are having an enjoyable and safe summer! The weeks are going by quickly and we look forward to welcoming our students into the building for the 2021-2022 school year. We are busy in the building with renovations, repairs, and upgrades, but we are anticipating that all major work will be completed by August 13. This will be our first newsletter for the summer months. We will continue sending information to you on a weekly basis as needed.

Summer Programs – I am pleased to share that our students are enjoying Discover Earth Camp under the direction of Mrs. Angel McCoy and her team. The students have been having a wonderful time exploring a variety of hands-on, fun, and engaging STEM activities during the week and going to the pool on Fridays. We have a total of 42 students enrolled in the Summer IXL program. 35 students have been participating weekly and are reaping the benefits. I have enjoyed meeting with the students during the week and tracking their progress. The students are excited about their progress and how the program challenges them as well as rewards them when they reach a goal. IXL has reported that we have answered 13, 507 questions. We have mastered 320 skills and become proficient in 355 skills. Students have spent a total of 83 hours practicing and growing their skills! I am pleased with the IXL program and look forward to bringing it to the school in the fall.

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year – Enrollment is well on its way at TA Prep and classes are filling up quickly. If you have not yet enrolled, please do so ASAP and complete your financial agreement so your student(s) will be ready for the upcoming school year. TA Prep will be fully open for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have extenuating circumstances that would keep your child from returning to the building and you would like to continue with virtual learning for the upcoming year, please contact Mrs. Booker-Malcolm. I am excited about the plans that God has in store for TA Prep and look forward to a phenomenal school year! Please contact Mrs. Booker-Malcolm for any questions about programming for the new school year, or Ms. James about financial agreements.

Construction and Renovation Updates – TA Prep has several projects going on in the building this summer. We are excited to share with you that the hall bathrooms are being renovated. They will be freshly painted with new flooring and touchless water faucets. TA Prep is replacing all lights in the building and replacing them with LED lighting, which will provide us with savings and make us more energy efficient. Security needs to be a priority for TA Prep and so we are putting cameras and a security system in the building, improving the overall safety of our school. Finally, we are doing an overhaul of our network infrastructure in order to create a space for increased productivity. I am thankful that the projects at this time are scheduled to be completed by August 13. Please continue to keep TA Prep in prayer through the renovation process.



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Staffing Updates – I am pleased to announce that we have hired a new school counselor. Ms. Raysa Creque is a bilingual mental health Christian therapist who has experience working with children and adolescents. Her areas of expertise include reconciling, counseling, behavioral health, and interpersonal relationships. Ms. Creque will begin August 5. She is a member of our own Takoma Park Church. Unfortunately, every year, staff leave for a variety of reasons. We will be losing our school nurse, Mrs. Jennifer Danticat. Mrs. Danticat has been offered a position in a hospital and will continue her exceptional health care services there. She will be truly missed, but will continue to support TA Prep as a parent. TA Prep is currently looking for a Registered Nurse for the upcoming school year. Please contact Mrs. Booker-Malcolm if you are interested in this position.

TA Prep Athletics Program – We are beyond thrilled to share with you our plans for the TA Prep Athletic Program. We know last year was tough on EVERYONE, but this coming year we plan on bringing you our FULL athletic program. This means all three team sports will be returning. We will offer boys and girls soccer in the fall, boys and girls basketball in the winter, and co-ed flag football in the spring! I will provide more in depth detail once the school year starts. We also plan on bringing back a revamped intramural program as well as other athletic opportunities for the younger grades. Athletics is an integral part of the TA Prep experience and we could not be more excited to bring these programs back while making sure they are fun, challenging, and of course SAFE. If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to Mr. Alex Lamarre directly. His email is alamarre@taprep.org.

School Lunches - We are excited to announce that Chef George will be returning for the 2021-22 school year at Takoma Academy Preparatory School. This year Chef George will be solely offering meals through his website rayscateringfoodgroup.com. Payments will be accepted through the website or by personal checks. Chef George will also be offering Sabbath meals for delivery for Friday and Saturday. Any questions regarding Sabbath meals contact Chef George at 202-299-7404

Apollo After Care Program - TA Prep will be partnering with Apollo for the upcoming school year. In determining a choice for an aftercare program, it was important to find an independent contractor that was experienced in providing the quality childcare services for our families. I reviewed 3 organizations and Apollo offered the lowest cost while creating a fun and wholesome learning environment. Their flyer is attached and we will be placing their information on our website next week.

Parent and Teacher Association (PATA) - WE NEED YOU! We can have excellent programming and a beautiful building, but without your involvement and support TA Prep will not reach its full potential. We need parents who are willing to be a part of the Parent and Teacher Association. We need parents who will help to organize, collaborate, and plan for this year's fundraising and school programming events. Please reach out to Mrs. Booker-Malcolm if you are ready to become an active member of PATA and support your child's school!

Have a Happy Sabbath,

Cheryl Booker-Malcolm
Principal



DAILY CLUBS



FITNESS



HOMEWORK



SNACK

APOLLO AFTER SCHOOL

EXTENDED DAYCARE PROGRAM

Takoma Preparatory School Presents:

MONDAYS Starts August 23rd

ARTS & CRAFTS (K-2)

In Arts & Crafts Club, young Apollo students will learn many techniques to turn their ideas into reality under the guidance of our Apollo staff. Club members will use their creativity and imagination to make many objects for gifts and decorations.

YOUNG EXPLORERS (GRADES 3-6)

Students will learn about mysterious rainforests, towering mountains, sweltering volcanoes, exotic cultures, and many other wonders this amazing planet has to offer along with fun travel tips and the great explorers whose daring gave us the maps and charts we take for granted today.

TUESDAYS Starts August 24th

APOLLO OLYMPIANS (K-2)

Zumba! Yoga! Dancing! These are just a few of easy fitness activities we offer kids to make exercise so much fun that your children won't notice they're working out.

SCIENCE CLUB (GRADES 3-6)

Parachutes, spaceships, lasers, hadron colliders - we all know that science is a subject that's just for the cool kids (like you, of course!). The good news is that science is easy and incredibly fun to start practicing! Students in Apollo Science will learn how to ask the questions that are the beginning of all scientific discoveries, how to make hypotheses, and of course the fun part - testing them to see how they work. Through a hands-on and exciting curriculum, this club will help your child become more curious and have a deeper understanding about how the world works.

DAILY APOLLO CLUBS

WEDNESDAYS Starts August 25th

LITTLE CHEFS (K-2)

Preparing and cooking food is one of the most important and rewarding life skills a child can learn! Students will also gain experience with kitchen and equipment safety, safe food handling, and food presentation.

APOLLO BRICKS (GRADES 3-6)

Everybody likes to build! Creating new objects has always been at the core of human existence, and is one of the most rewarding and fulfilling activities for the old as well as the young. In our club, your child will learn many basic building techniques and will be encouraged to put their imaginations and hands to work in making their ideas turn into reality.

THURSDAYS Starts August 26th

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CIVICS (GRADES 3-6)

No one just grows up and becomes a participating citizen of our American constitutional republic. Just like any right, skill or responsibility, it takes a combination of education and practice to fully participate in our civic society. Students will learn about local, state, and federal government, how to investigate and form their own opinions on issues that matter to them, and participate in their own debates and class elections.

FRIDAYS Starts August 27th

STORY TELLING CLUB (K-2)

While it may seem like everywhere your child turns there is a touch-screen calling to them, there is still nothing that opens up the world of imagination and possibility like a good book. By reading both quietly and out loud, Book Club students will greatly improve their ability to determine meaning from the written word along with public speaking skills and listening skills. Watch your child discover more about their world through a book - great readers often become great thinkers!

MATH CLUB (GRADES 3-6)

Math is fun – we're not just saying that, let us show you! Our math enrichment club uses a variety of games and hands-on activities to help improve our students understanding of this critically important subject. Our curriculum emphasizes how math relates to creativity and everyday life, whether it is the geometry of creating their personal starship or in saving money for a trip to the theme park.

SIGN UP TODAY!



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APOLLO APPROACH

The Apollo After School program develops skills and interests that will help children succeed both in and out of school.

Our clubs create a fun and healthy learning environment for our students through a mix of physical, intellectual, and social activities.

\$ MONTHLY RATES

Registration fee \$50 or
\$25 if registered prior to August 6th

3 DAYS

4 DAYS

5 DAYS

\$255

\$280

\$318

10 installments due on the 6th of each month

EXTRAS

Expected/Unexpected Drop-ins

\$26/35

🕒 SCHEDULE

1:30 - 4:00	Friday Hours
3:30 - 3:40	Dismissal & Attendance
3:40 - 3:55	Snack Time
3:55 - 4:40	Daily Clubs
4:40 - 4:55	Fun Fitness Activities
4:55 - 5:45	Homework
5:45 - 6:00	Structured Play / Pick Up



DATES: AUGUST 16TH - JUNE 3RD

Apollo After School does not operate on days when there is no school

SIGN UP NOW!

Enroll Today!



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Program fees shall not be refunded or prorated if a child is absent from Apollo ASP, regardless of cause

Acceptable payment methods: Visa, Mastercard, Amex

Apollo reserves the right to cancel activities if registration falls below required attendance minimum

Late fee of \$ 25 per week will be applied if monthly rate is not paid on time. A \$ 15 late fee will be charged for every 15-minute increment after 6:00pm