



ADVANTAGE ARTS
ACADEMY

Dear AAA Families,

We are heading into a busy and exciting stretch of the school year! Please review the important updates and upcoming events below.



AAA Featured on Fox 13 – Cool School of the Week!

We are thrilled to share that Advantage Arts Academy was recently featured as **Fox**

13's Cool School of the Week!



This is an exciting recognition of the incredible things happening at our school—from our **arts-integrated learning**, to our talented students, to the amazing work of our teachers and staff. The segment highlights what makes AAA such a special place to learn and grow, and we are so proud of how our students represented our school!



Watch and Share the Feature Here:



<https://www.fox13now.com/community/cool-schools/how-advantage-arts-academy-uses-the-arts-to-teach-every-subject>

We encourage you to share the video with family and friends on social media and help us spread the word about our amazing school community!



Parent Input Needed: School Schedule Survey

We value your voice!

We are currently gathering parent feedback on our **school bell schedule and early release days** as we consider future planning options. Your input will help guide thoughtful decisions that best support our students, families, and staff.



[Take the survey here!](#)

Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your thoughts!



Acadience Testing (Grades 2–6)

Week of April 20–24

During this week, students in grades K–6 will participate in **Acadience Math and Reading assessments**.

What is Acadience?

Acadience is a state-approved assessment required by the Utah State Board of Education to measure student progress in foundational reading and math skills.

Why it matters:

- Helps teachers understand your child's current skill level
- Identifies areas of strength and where additional support may be needed

- Guides instruction and intervention planning
- Provides important data required by the state

How families can help:

- Please ensure your child is **at school and on time** during testing week
- Encourage a good night's sleep and a positive mindset
- Avoid scheduling appointments during this time if possible



RISE State Testing (Grades 3–6)

Our students in grades 3–6 will also participate in **RISE testing**, Utah's end-of-year state assessment required by the Utah State Board of Education.

These assessments measure how well students have mastered grade-level standards and help guide school and statewide decisions to support student learning.



Testing Schedule

- **Tuesday, April 28**
 - 5th Grade Writing
 - 6th Grade Reading
- **Wednesday, April 29**
 - 4th Grade Reading
 - 6th Grade Math
- **Thursday, April 30**
 - 5th Grade Reading
- **Tuesday, May 5**
 - 3rd Grade Reading
 - 5th Grade Science

- **Wednesday, May 6**

- 4th Grade Math
- 6th Grade Science

- **Thursday, May 7**

- 3rd Grade Math
- 5th Grade Math

Makeup testing days will be scheduled following the testing window based on student absences.



How Families Can Help Students Succeed

Please help your child be prepared by:

-  Eating a **healthy breakfast**
-  Getting a **good night's sleep**
-  Arriving **on time (no later than 8:45 AM)**
-  Encouraging a calm, confident mindset

Your support at home plays a big role in helping students feel ready and successful!



Upcoming Events & Important Dates



Performances & Special Events

Wednesday, April 22

-  *6th Grade Drama Performance*
- *"All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten"*
-  9:30 AM

Friday, April 24

-  1st Grade Walking Field Trip
-  9:00–11:30 AM

Thursday, May 14

-  2nd Grade Aviary Field Trip
-  8:30–2:00pm



Clubs & After-School Programs

Beginning Strings Club (Tuesdays):

- April 21
- April 28
- May 5
- May 12
- May 19

Girl Scouts (Wednesdays @ 3:30 PM):

- April 15
- April 22
- April 29
- May 6
- May 13

Intermediate Strings Club, Snapology (Fridays @ 1:30 PM):

- April 17

- April 24
- May 1
- May 8
- May 15



School Governance

- **Tuesday, April 28**
- AAA Board Meeting
- 4:00 PM ([via Zoom](#))

All are welcome to attend.



BOGO Book Fair – May 11–15

We are excited to host our **Buy One, Get One FREE Book Fair** from **May 11–15!**

This is a wonderful opportunity to **stock up on books for summer reading** while getting extra value—students can choose one book and receive another free of equal or lesser value. Building home libraries is one of the most powerful ways to support your child's reading growth and love of learning. Every book purchased helps support our school and classroom libraries. Thank you for supporting literacy at AAA!



End-of-Year Informances & Celebrations

One of the most special traditions at Advantage Arts Academy is our **End-of-Year Informances**.

Informances are more than just performances—they are a **culminating showcase of student learning**, where students demonstrate the skills they have built

throughout the entire year through **music, movement, drama, and artistic expression.**

These events:

- Reflect **months of preparation** from both students and teachers
- Highlight our commitment to **arts integration**
- Build student confidence through **authentic performance opportunities**
- Give families a meaningful window into their child's learning

We strongly encourage all families to attend. These are truly memorable moments for our students, and your presence makes a huge difference!



Informance & Celebration Schedule

- **Tuesday, May 12**

- 1st Grade Informance | 9:00–10:00 AM
- 3rd Grade Informance | 1:30–2:30 PM

- **Wednesday, May 13**

- 5th Grade Informance | 9:00–10:00 AM
- 2nd Grade Informance | 1:30–2:30 PM

- **Thursday, May 14**

- 4th Grade Informance | 9:00–10:00 AM

- **Friday, May 15**

-  Kindergarten Graduation | 9:30–10:30 AM

- **Tuesday, May 19**

-  6th Grade Graduation | 1:30–2:30 PM

We can't wait to celebrate the incredible growth and talents of our students with you!

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We appreciate your partnership and all you do to support your child's success.

With appreciation,

Kelly Simonsen

Principal, Advantage Arts Academy