



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar – WV2 Campus

February 3, 2017

Check the website calendar for all practices, rehearsals, games and clubs @ <http://westvalley2.americanprep.org/>

Check the Facebook page for fun information @ <https://www.facebook.com/americanprepWV2>

Wednesday, February 8	**tentative** 12 th Grade Supreme Court visit 9am-2pm
Wednesday, February 8	11 th & 12 th Grade SAT sign ups in room 277
Thursday, February 9	School Spelling Bee 1 st -3 rd Grade & 4 th -8 th Grade 1PM
Saturday, February 11	SBO Snow Ball 7pm-9pm

Mon-Fri., Feb. 13-17	HOPE Week
Wednesday, February 15	10 th Grade Culinary Licensing 3pm-5pm
Wednesday, February 15	Early Dismissal – Elementary Only 12PM/12:15PM
	Grading Day
Thursday, February 16	Elementary Vision Screenings
Thursday, February 16	A Raisin in the Sun Performance 7PM
Friday, February 17	Elementary End of Term 3

Looking Ahead....

Mon-Fri., Feb. 20-24

Tuesday, February 28	4 th -8 th Grade District Spelling Bee 12:45pm @Draper 1
Tuesday, February 28	11 th Grade ACT Day
Saturday, April 22 nd	5 th Grade/Madrigals/Women's Choir Performance

Hello American Prep Families,

Our Builder Theme for the month is “I am a builder when I use my words to encourage others.”

Have you ever thrown a rock or pebble into a pond or lake and noticed the little waves that ripple away from the center in circles? Encouraging words have that rippling effect on others that can result in good things. Mother Teresa said, “Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.” Echoes are like ripples; they go on and on. Take the time to be courteous and encouraging this week by honoring someone’s accomplishment, expressing gratitude for something they say or do; offering a hug or a smile; or taking time to listen. One of my favorite examples of courtesy is having students hold the door open for me at school. Remember, courtesy and encouragement don’t just enhance the lives of others; they create ripples in your life as well by strengthening your relationships, building trust, and spreading good cheer.



Elementary Staff Appreciation Week

We want to thank the parents who have made our week so wonderful! An extra special THANKS to Irene Christenson for organizing such a special week and putting in countless hours of service! We have been the recipients of wonderful foods, beautiful doors and uplifting messages. Thank you to our Staff Appreciation Week committee for making us feel so appreciated!

2017-2018 Kindergarten Enrollment

We are getting excited about our new kindergarten students! If you have a student that will be starting kindergarten next year and qualifies for sibling priority, please verify that their name is listed below. We will be contacting you in March with more information about registering your student for an assessment time and completing the enrollment process. If you do not see your kindergartener's name, please contact Ms. Tapia at gtapia@apamail.org.

Alex Acosta	Kiley Duong	Jaymarie Hill	Jayden Mendoza	Jaxyn Peterson
Hayden Almanza	Aaron Erkkila	Ayman Ibrahim	Chandler Milham	Kaiden Pham
Jayden Almanza	Miguel Escobedo	Christopher Jaimes	Damian Muluneh	Mila Pledger
Jasmine Alvarez	Alice Farr	Talia Jakomino	Vivian Murray	Jaidy Prieto
Johan Amador	Ethan Garcia	Samantha Juarez-Ferrel	Andrew Nguyen	Paea Siale
Camille Andrews	Landon Garcia	Elijah Larkin	Jayden Nguyen	Saxon Steele
Waylon Canick	Nariah Garcia	Isaac Lingwall	Hamdi Omar	Kimberly Yanez
Brithany Castaneda	Reese Gongaware	Kennedy Martindale	Dreyden Perez	
Piper Colvin	Julian Gonzalez	Alekza Martinez	Ashlyn Perry	
Danna Cruz	Walid Haffidh	Jacob Martinez	Bryce Peterson	
Shunashy Cuevas	Scarlet Hernandez	Stephania Medina	Jaxon Peterson	



Holidays at American Prep

Just a reminder to parents that we do not use academic time to celebrate holidays and we ask that students help us ensure holidays do not distract from the instructional day. Below is the wording from the parent/student handbook. We ask that if elementary students bring treats they are items that can be taken home in a backpack and that they bring enough for their class.

Valentine's Day—We focus on the Builder theme of “caring and sharing” during the month of February. We encourage students to show they care by doing good deeds for others all during the month. Often, the school participates in a school-wide service project during February.

PARENTS DO NOT NEED TO PROVIDE VALENTINES or TREATS, but if elementary students wish to exchange valentine cards or treats they may within the following guidelines:

* All of his/her classmates must be included in the giving. The teacher will provide a class list prior to the designated day.

*Any treats given must be able to be placed in a backpack and taken home (i.e. no doughnuts, cupcakes, cookies – only wrapped treats like a piece of candy.)

*Students will be instructed to place any cards or treats they receive in their backpack to be taken home and enjoyed there.

Carpool Corner

Thank you so much to all the amazing and thoughtful carpool families who are helping to make carpool as safe and efficient as it is. You are greatly appreciated! As safe and efficient as carpool is there are definitely some areas we can continue to improve both safety and efficiency. They are...

Walking in

PLEASE allow your students to demonstrate how truly capable they are by dropping/picking them at the curb and NOT parking to walk them into/out of the school. Walking them in/out puts them, you and the traffic control staff at greater risk and slows down carpool for everyone. The “have a wonderful day” time in your car at the curb can be just as sweet as it is at the classroom door, without the unnecessary risk and delay. NEVER drop your students anywhere in the parking lot to walk into the school, ONLY drop off/pick up at the curb.



Pedestrians

Please ONLY come into the school during carpool if you need to meet with someone in the school, not just to drop off/pick up a student (see above). If coming inside to meet with someone during carpool please always use the crosswalks and wait for the traffic controller's direction. Yours and the student's safety is the top priority but the next highest priority is keeping the carpool flow moving for everyone. Please be prepared to wait, at times, for several minutes as cars are directed forward to keep the curb line-full. When the curb is full and traffic is stopped you will be directed to cross.

Pull ALLLLLLLLLLL the way forward

You can help carpool be more efficient and faster for everyone by showing courtesy and thoughtfulness for others and always pulling ALL the way forward on the curb-line. One more rep...Please pull ALLLLLLLLLLL the way forward on the curb before you drop off/pick up your student(s). Thank you☺

Be prepared when you arrive

Please have your student(s) prepared to step out of the car BEFORE you arrive at school. Signing learning plans, stuffing backpacks, finding instruments and lunches and collecting winter clothing at the curb is unnecessarily stressful and discourteous of others. Thank you for being prepared when you arrive!

Great Schools Rating

We invite each of you to go to the Great Schools website at <http://www.greatschools.org/utah/west-valley-city/2020-American-Preparatory-Academy--Accelerated-School/?tab=reviews> and rate our school. We'd love to have the comments on this site reflect the great experience most of our families have. We invite you to share your amazing experiences at APA.

Hiring

We have now launched into the exciting process of hiring for the 2017-18 school year. If you have ever considered working in education or you know someone who would be amazing with our students please apply, or invite them to apply. You can apply by going to our website - www.americanprep.org and clicking on the "Career" tab. We also have a few immediate openings for those who are currently in the job market.



6th Grade Celebration Event

The 6th Grade Celebration event this week was a great success! Students were able to practice and master very important skills about how to be a good guest at a party. Students learned how to serve and cut food appropriately, work together as a team, how to use their voice and how to enter into the spirit of the party. Thank you to all parents for your support by making sure your student could attend this event. A big thanks to all of our amazing parent volunteers! These events would not be possible without you or your students!

Parent University for parents of 6th -9th grade students

Join us on Tuesday, February 7th at WV1 for Parent University from 6pm-7pm. This parents only event will feature guest speakers from the University of Utah, as they discuss scholarships, financial aid, the college application process, and more. Parent University will also count towards your parent volunteer hours, and secondary parents may earn up to 3 tardy credits for your student! Refreshments will be served and Spanish translation will be provided. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Motz @ amotz@apamail.org or Mr. Guido @ rguido@apamail.org. This event is made possible by our GEAR UP grant cohorts and, therefore, is for all 6th-9th grade parents. See you there!

Sistema News

What a busy January we had! Thank you to everyone that supported our *Finding Dory* family movie night. We were able to raise over \$1300 for our Sistema program. Hooray!! We were blown away as we had 360 people in attendance and 12 volunteers. It was fun to see everyone's smiling faces and joy as we were at the movie.

Please take a moment to note what activities we have the month of February.

February 8th - Sistema parent meeting 5 p.m. in MP Room (one parent to come as we are going over expectations, ways to help your children at home, etc.)

February 9th - After school parent meeting 4:30 p.m. AND Sistema student showcase 5 p.m.

February 15th - No Sistema (elementary grading day)

February 17th - Bach Buck store

February 20-25th - No Sistema (mid-winter break)

Thank you again for the support of Sistema - we LOVE having your children as a part of our program!



Nurse's Station

We hope you are having a great year so far! It is hard to believe that February is upon us!

Winter season can mean lice season. Lice are small insects that live close to the head. They do not spread disease, but can be itchy and uncomfortable for children. And they can be shared and passed around among children. We have attached some links to information about lice, and what to do if you find your child has lice. We encourage parents to check your children for lice periodically. There are some simple remedies for lice that you do at home.

The CDC's guidelines can be found at:

https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen_info/faqs.html

https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen_info/faqs_treat.html

<https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/prevent.html>

Contact APA's nurse, Heather Mason, at hmason@apamail.org with questions.

Community News

The West Valley City Police Department is currently accepting applications for crossing guards. Here's a quick note from Officer Mike Millett, "We are in need of some really good and reliable guards. Each of you probably have some parents or even aids that you work with that would love the extra money. It pays \$10.00 an hour and they just cross in the morning and afternoon. If you could please pass this information along to your parents and anyone else you think of. The job closes February 7th. Please call if you have any questions."

<https://wvcut.applicantpro.com/jobs/517924.html>

Contact Mike Millett: (801) 965-5174 michael.millett@wvc-ut.gov

Secondary News

The Snow Ball

After Spirit Week, the SBOs are moving right along planning their next dance! The Snow Ball dance will be on Saturday, February 11th from 7:00-9:00 in the Small Gym. This dance is semi-formal is grades 10th-12th are invited, 12th grade students can invite an outside guest. Tickets will be sold starting on Monday January 30th. Encourage your students to attend this fun dance (with a very safe, APA environment). **If you have questions, please reach out to Melissa Baucom at MBaucom@apamail.org or 385.351.3090 ext. 1234.**



9th Grade Capitol Trip

Last week was a big week for our 9th grade students! They took a field trip to the Utah State Capitol where they participated in Maps on the Hill, committee meetings and met some of Utah's representatives and senators. Thanks to all our amazing chaperones and bus drivers for helping make this a successful event!

9th Grade Winter Dance

Last week our 9th grade students also participated in the Winter Dance. Students got dressed up and met at the Megaplex Theater at Valley Fair Mall to dance, mingle and eat. We had a great night. Again, huge thank you to our chaperones!