



AMERICAN PREPARATORY  
ACADEMY

**School Calendar – WV2 Campus**

**February 9, 2018**

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

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

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Friday, February 9	HS Boys Basketball vs Draper APA 7pm (varsity game) Senior Night
Saturday, February 10	HS Dance <i>The Stars Gala</i> 7pm-9pm semi-formal
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Monday, February 12	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Supreme Court Visit
<b>Wednesday, February 14</b>	<b>Elementary only Early Dismissal 12pm/12:20pm</b> (teacher grading day)
Wednesday, February 14	Senior Picture Day
Wednesday, February 14	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade 70's Flashback Party 12:47pm-3:45pm
Thursday, February 15	School Spelling Bees 12:50pm
Thursday, February 15	Spirit Wear Day!
Thursday, February 15	Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A 5:30pm-7:30pm 3246 S 5600 W
Friday, February 16	District Science Fair
Friday, February 16	Elementary - End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term
<b>February 19-February 23</b>	<b>No School – Midwinter Break</b>
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<b>Looking Ahead.....</b>	
Tuesday, February 27	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade College Visits
Tuesday, February 27	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade ACT Test
Tuesday, February 27	7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Testing
<b>Tuesday, February 27</b>	<b>Secondary only 1pm Dismissal</b>
Wednesday, February 28	Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday, February 28	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Explosive Extravaganza
Wednesday, February 28	Secondary Vision Screenings
Thursday, March 1	SheTech 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Expo Center
Thursday, March 1	Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm-7pm
<b>Friday, March 2</b>	<b>No School</b> Parent Teacher Conferences 8am-12:30pm
Friday, March 2	Band & Orchestra Festival
Friday, March 2	SUU Trip for Juniors
Saturday, March 3	Expanding Your Horizons 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls @UVU
Tuesday, March 6	Elementary Annual Enrollment Celebration Meeting 8:30am or 2pm (see details below)
Wednesday, March 7	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Food handlers Permit class 2:15pm-4:15pm
Wednesday, March 7	Pictures for clubs, sports & student council 12:45-3pm
Thursday, March 8	Elementary Annual Enrollment Celebration Meeting 8:30am or 6pm
Thursday, March 8	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Capitol Tour 8:30am
Thursday, March 8	District Spelling Bee

**Dear American Prep Families,**

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**February Builder Theme: I am a builder when I befriend others.**

This week I would like to share a poem with you from one of my favorite poets, Edgar A. Guest. It perfectly embodies our builders theme for the month of February. Please read it at home and discuss it with your family members.

**The Making Of Friends**

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered and nobody helped us along,  
If each every minute looked after himself and good things all went to the strong,  
If nobody cared just a little for you, and nobody thought about me,  
And we stood all alone to the battle of life, what a dreary old world it would be!

If there were no such a thing as a flag in the sky as a symbol of comradeship here,  
If we lived as the animals live in the woods, with nothing held sacred or dear,  
And selfishness ruled us from birth to the end, and never a neighbor had we,  
And never we gave to another in need, what a dreary old world it would be!

Oh, if we were rich as the richest on earth and strong as the strongest that lives,  
Yet never we knew the delight and the charm of the smile which the other man gives,  
If kindness were never a part of ourselves, though we owned all the land we could see,  
And friendship meant nothing at all to us here, what a dreary old world it would be!

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made and the things which in common we share;  
We want to live on not because of ourselves, but because of the people who care;  
It's giving and doing for somebody else--on that all life's splendor depends,  
And the joy of this world, when you've summed it all up, is found in the making of friends.  
--Edgar A. Guest

**Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night**

Please join us on **February 15th** from 5:30-7:30 at the West Valley Chick-Fil-A located at 3246 S 5600 W! Chick-Fil-A will generously donate 20% of purchases that night to APA if you bring in your APA flier (included with the newsletter). **YOU MUST HAVE THE FLIER FOR THE DONATION TO APPLY TO APA.** You can also show them a picture of the flier on your phone. Come join us for a fun night!

**Elementary Vision Screenings – Volunteers Needed February 14**

We will be conducting **vision screenings** for all **elementary students** on **Feb. 14, 2018** from **815am to 1030am** at the **West Valley II Campus**. The students will be given a distance vision test to see if they can see at a 20/30 level. We will notify you of the results of the test if your student fails. Likewise, if your student fails, you will receive a referral letter with more instructions.

Vision screening is not a substitute for an eye examination by an eye care specialist, and it is important that your child see an eye care specialist once a year to evaluate eye health.

If you do not wish your child to participate in the screening program, please pick up an exemption form at the Elementary Office.

We need LOTS of parent volunteers to assist with vision screenings. A short 5-minute training is provided, and this is a great way to get in your volunteer hours! This is not a volunteer opportunity that will work to bring small children. Please contact Tatem Sanford (nurse@apamail.org) with questions or if you are available to volunteer.

**Annual Enrollment MANDATORY Parent Meeting**

Pull out your calendar, phone, planner, sticky notes--whatever your preferred method is for organizing your life--and please write down these important dates and times for our “Celebration of Excellence” mandatory annual enrollment Parent Meeting:

**Tuesday, March 6 @ 8:30am OR 2pm (parents of elementary students entering 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

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**Saturday, March 10 @ 9am (parents of elementary students entering 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Tuesday, March 13 @ 8:30am OR 2pm (parents of secondary students entering 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
**Thursday, March 15 @ 8:30am OR 6pm (parents of elementary students entering 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
**Saturday, March 17 @ 9am (parents of secondary students entering 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

We look forward to meeting with all of you at this annual event! This is an opportunity to give our stakeholders--you, our amazing APA parents--a report on the academic year, discuss pertinent school topics and to **distribute the registration packets necessary to complete the first step in the re-enrollment for next year.** Our veteran parents already know this—but may we stress for the benefit of our newer parents that this is one of our mandatory meetings during the year. To most easily accommodate your schedules, we will be holding the meeting at 10 different times. You only need to attend one. Please make arrangements to have at least one parent in attendance. Doors will lock promptly at start time and there will be no late admittance. Families that do not attend an enrollment meeting will be dropped from enrollment at American Prep.

We look forward to seeing you and having this first enrollment step complete. We are excited for this opportunity to celebrate the excellence of American Prep and our West Valley 2 campus!

### **Lost & Found**

Please have your student(s) stop by the lost and found located in the elementary foyer. There are many items that have been “lost” and we’d love for them to be found! All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Social Media**

Social media accounts are websites and other online means of communication that are used by large groups of people to share information and to develop **social** and professional contacts. We have noticed some wrecker behavior appearing on social media with our APA students that could be group chats, photos, or videos being shared. As parents, we encourage you to be a part of your student’s social media accounts and all activity that occurs on them. Here is a great link with information about the different social media accounts available and what legal ages the students **MUST** be in order to sign up for the account. <https://smartsocial.com/app-guide-parents-teachers/>

### **Be A Hero For Our Students**

Are you passionate about your child’s after school programs and activities? Do you want to institute a new staff appreciation initiative? Are you concerned about APA families who are experiencing hardships? Have you dreamed of establishing a scholarship? Do you have innovative ideas about how to fundraise? Is your business looking for a sponsorship opportunity? Do you enjoy working with creative, capable individuals? Are you curious about who we are and what we do?

If you are looking for a way to contribute to APA, this is the time. *Friends of APA* is looking for volunteers with a variety of imaginative ideas, talents, and skills. We provide financial support and resources to enhance the learning environment of our students and our organization is evolving right now!

Think about the last time you contributed your time and talents to an important endeavor. How did you feel - confident, compassionate, connected? Those heroic feelings result in greater energy, less depression, and increased self-worth.

*Be a hero for our students by giving just a few hours a month!* Are you passionate about marketing, organizing, writing, photography, web design, event planning, social media, program development, donor recognition, or community outreach? *Sign up, ask questions, or provide feedback by contacting Whitney Haselden* [whaselden@apamail.org](mailto:whaselden@apamail.org)

### **Science Fair**

Tuesday was a busy night for APA students and families! The science fair took place in the gym where students, families and staff had an enjoyable time visiting different projects and learning from their friends. They worked hard and displayed their projects well. We learned many things that evening and are looking forward to 8 students

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Andrea Lam Kaylan Lee Isabella Olmedo Ethan Powell

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

Jasmine Cortez Lexie Peterson

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Zoie Jenson Rathtida Sroy

### **Honorable Mention**

Lexie Callister Andrew Hoang Elora Vinecke

## **Spelling Bees**

The classroom bees will be next week (teachers will determine the day and time) and our school bees will be held the Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to have the opportunity to have our 4th-8th grade school champs compete in the APA-District spelling bee in March. All are invited to attend and support our students at these events. It should be a full, fun month!

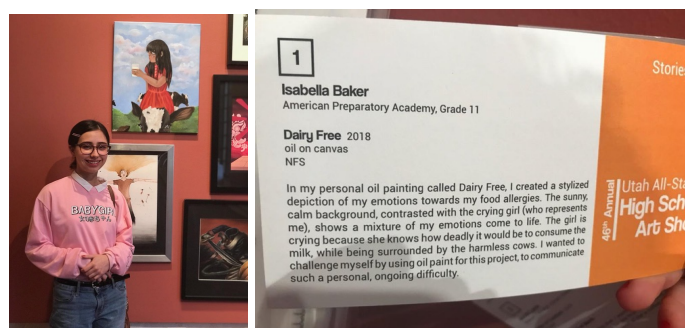
## **Utah All-State High School Art Show – Izzy Baker**

Our very own 11<sup>th</sup> grader, Izzy Baker from the West Valley 2 campus has been selected as an artist for the Utah All-State High School Art Show, Springville Museum of Art, February 4<sup>th</sup>- March 24<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The Utah All-State High School Art Show was established 45 years ago to honor the best high school artists in the state for their talent, creativity, and dedication. The purpose of this exhibition is to foster original visual art among Utah teenagers by providing a professional forum for student artists. This exhibition is the result of an ongoing collaboration between the Springville Museum of Art, high school teachers, students, and various private partners. A panel of professional artists and arts administrators carefully studied each of the 989 entries from around the state to select the works of art featured in this exhibition. Comprising of 345 works from 98 high schools across Utah, this exhibition represents the promise of this young generation of artists.

The works selected for the traveling exhibition illustrate the exceptional talent, diversity, originality, and creativity of Utah's young visual artists. The exhibition is also a tribute to the art teachers in Utah's high schools who inspire, direct and refine the work of these artists.

Please support Izzy by visiting the show!



## **Parent University @ WV1 – February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM**

Join us on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at WV1 for Parent University from 6-7:00 pm. This event is presented by GEAR UP. This parents-only event will feature professionals from Paradigm Shift; they are experts in the field on a national level. We are keeping our Latino families in mind. Speakers will discuss scholarships, financial aid, the college application process, and more. This event will be in **both** Spanish and English, it is for accessible any West Valley parent. Parent University event will count toward your parent volunteer hours; secondary parents will also earn **two tardy removals** for each of your students! This might help them avoid Saturday School. If you have any questions, please email Rob Guido ([rguido@apamail.org](mailto:rguido@apamail.org)). See you there!

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## Parents of AP Students

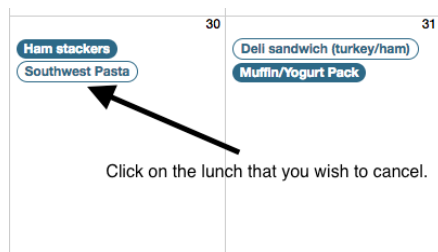
Second semester is here already. Our hard-working AP students are making great progress. AP teachers are working diligently to prepare them for college entrance and the big exams later this spring. The majority of AP students elect to purchase the year-end exam. The cost is **\$94** per exam, or **\$53** if your family participates in the federal Free/Reduced lunch program. For your convenience we've added the AP fees to Aspire profiles; if your student later decides not to test they can be removed. We also allow multiple small payment installments to help ease this process. We're accepting payments in the high school office now. You can even pay over the phone. All exams must be **paid in full before March 16, 2018**. Please do not allow high cost stop your student from engaging in the exam. If your family requires assistance, please have an adult contact Mr. Guido privately and options can be discussed. Although this exam is not required, APA does highly recommend it. Passing the test with a score of 3 or higher typically equates to college credit at their future university.

## School Lunch Information

Over the past month, we have had many students miss school due to illness. We have received many emails asking how to cancel ordered school lunches in the event of a student absence. We appreciate your attention to these brief instructions so that we can work together to eliminate food waste and missed lunches. Please see the instructions below for cancelling a student's ordered lunch.

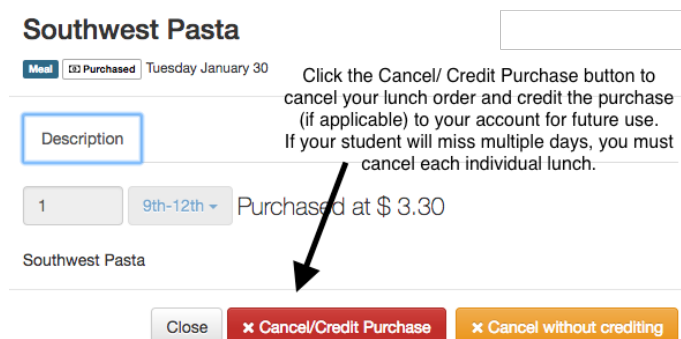
### STEP 1:

If you know that your student is going to miss school the next day, log into your lunch account **before 11:59 p.m** the night before and click on the lunch you want to cancel (blue text and a white background). Lunches must be cancelled by 11:59pm in order to receive credit. Our vendor cannot make quantity adjustments beyond this time.



### STEP 2:

A box will appear with the option to cancel and credit the lunch back to your account. Once you click this button, your balance (found on the upper right corner of the menu) will increase and the item will turn to a blue background with white text. If you receive free school lunches, please note that your balance will not increase. Credits to your account may be used in the future purchase of school lunches.



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