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School Calendar – WV2 Campus

March 1, 2019

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>

Saturday, March 2

Saturday School 8am-11am

Monday, March 4

Secondary Mid-Term Late Work Deadline

Tuesday, March 5

State Math Contest 7am-2pm

Tuesday, March 5

HS Boys Soccer vs Granger 3:30pm/5pm

Wednesday, March 6

HS Boys Soccer vs Grantsville 3:30pm/5pm

Wednesday, March 6

10th Grade Food Handler's Permit Class 2:15pm

****Thursday, March 7****

All Students 12pm/12:20pm Dismissal

Thurs-Fri., March 7-8

Parent Teacher Conferences begin at 12:30pm-7pm

****Friday, March 8****

All Students 12pm/12:20pm Dismissal

Friday, March 8

Parent Teachers Conferences 12:30pm-4pm

Saturday, March 9

11th Grade SUU Visit/Tour

Sunday, March 10

Saturday School 8am-11am

Daylight Savings begins

Monday, March 11

Group Pictures for Fine Arts

Tuesday, March 12

ACT Day

Tuesday, March 12

SLCC Senior visit

Tuesday, March 12

HS Boys Soccer vs North Summit JV@4pm

Tuesday, March 12

Secondary Students dismissed at 1pm

Wednesday, March 13

National Latin Exam 12:30pm

Wednesday, March 13

HS Girls Soccer @East Hollywood

Wednesday, March 13

HS Boys Soccer vs APA Draper

Thursday, March 14

7th Grade Capitol Trip 8am-2pm

Friday, March 15

Land Trust Meeting 1:30pm

Saturday, March 16

Parent Education Day 8am-1pm

Saturday, March 16

Saturday School 8am-11am

Saturday, March 16

Honor Choir Festival begins at 2pm @ U of U

5th Grade, Madrigals & Belle Coro

Looking Ahead....

Thursday, March 21

Combined Band/Choir/Orchestra Concert 7pm



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Saturday, March 23	Saturday School 8am-11am
Mon.-Fri., Mar. 25-29	Staff Appreciation Week
Saturday, March 30	Saturday School 8am-11am
Mon.-Fri., April 8-12	No School - Spring Break

Hello American Prep Families,

Our Builder Theme for the month of March is “I am a builder when I quickly acknowledge my mistakes and humbly make amends.”

The Builder Theme for March is “I am a Builder when I quickly acknowledge mistakes and humbly make amends.” When you're responsible for hurting someone, it's not always easy to make amends. Putting yourself out on a limb to apologize is daunting, but it'll be worth it when your relationship is restored. You're already taking a step in the right direction by choosing to address the situation instead of ignoring it. Now you just have to find the right way to apologize and make things right again.

It is the highest form of self-respect to admit our errors and mistakes and make amends for them. To make a mistake is only an error in judgment, but to adhere to it when it is discovered shows infirmity of character.

Dale Turner

Snow Day – updated school schedule

Due to the inclement weather/snow day we are revising the school calendar. The revised schedule is as follows:

OLD Schedule

Thursday, March 7th regular school day
Friday, March 8th No School Secondary Students
Friday, April 26th No School Elementary Students

****UPDATED Schedule****

Thursday, March 7th 12/12:20pm dismissal for PTCs
Friday, March 8th 12/12:20pm dismissal for PTCs
Friday, April 26th regular school day (all students)

From the Elementary Academic Office

Please remember that we are working on becoming a healthier campus and raising healthier students. Please do not bring in food items, treats or drinks to celebrate birthdays. You are welcome to bring in non-food items such as pencils, erasers, etc. in the elementary classrooms. Please contact the elementary directors with any questions. K-3 Director Mrs. Woolston ewoolston@apamail.org 4-6 Director Mrs. Rodriguez jrodriguez@apamail.org

Builder Button – Warm-Hearted Campaign

Our new Elementary Builder Button theme is **“When it’s cold.....be warm-hearted.”** Our focus is to help students understand what it means to be a warm-hearted person. The characteristics of being warm hearted are kindness, softhearted, loving, caring, good-natured, affectionate, tender, and selfless. The students who are seen implementing these ideals, through word and deed, will earn their Builder button. It is our goal that all elementary students will receive their builder button. “Being a good human being, a warm-hearted affectionate person. That



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is my fundamental belief. Having a sense of caring, a feeling of compassion will bring happiness of peace of mind to oneself and automatically create a positive atmosphere.” Dalai Lama



Staff Appreciation Week Information from the Family School Organization

Staff Appreciation Week is March 25th-29th and we need many volunteers to make it a success! This is a fun event organized by parent volunteers to show the gratitude we have for our APA staff. The theme this year is a Wild Wild West theme, and we are so excited! We love our kids' teachers, and all of those around the school that take care of our children each day. This is a really special way to get in your volunteer hours and as parents, show appreciation we have for the APA staff! We will be providing meals to staff throughout the week and we need more parent volunteers like us to help with set up and serving of these meals. We will have sign ups for items and volunteer times next week.

We are excited to transform the school into the Wild West theme beginning with our teacher door decorating after school on Friday, March 22nd. Meet at the school any time after 2nd dismissal (3:35pm) to help with the transformation process! If you have signed up to decorate a door and are not able to come on Friday or Saturday to decorate, please drop off your completed door design to Ashlee Youngberg prior to Friday. Thanks!

If you own a business or know of someone who does, or would just like to donate something else, we are also taking monetary or gift card donations for this event. Please contact Ashlee Youngberg at WV2FSO@apamail.org or Meredith Patterson at mpatterson@apamail.org if you have donations or questions about this event. We would love to have you help with this event!

5th Grade Reading Challenge

Fifth grade students will be reading to determine the 2018-2019 Fifth Grade Book of the Year Award! At the end of the reading period, March 27th, students who have read at least 4 books from the list and turn in the reading log will be invited to a pizza party and will be able to campaign for their favorite. Those students will vote and a winner will be declared! All books read will count toward UR reading. Those reading all six books will qualify for a special prize. The books are:

Janitor by Tyler Whitesides
The Great Shelby Holmes by Elizabeth Eulberg

No Talking by Andrew Clements
The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm



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Ratscalibur by Josh Lieb
Christopher Healy

The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom by

6th Grade Parents

It's time for immunizations! In order to enter 7th grade all students must have the following:

- * Tdap booster
- * 2 doses of chickenpox (or a history of the disease)
- * 1 dose of Meningococcal

There are several other immunizations that are suggested, but not required. We are encouraging all students to get the required immunizations and submit an updated record to the Elementary office before the end of the school year.

State Math Competition

This year secondary students will have the opportunity to compete at the State Math Contest at Weber State University on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Selected students will get to show off all the math they know and compete with other students in their grade level.

Parent Education Night – March 16th

We invite all of our parents to our Parent Education Night where we will discuss topics that are important to the happiness and health of our kids. Some of these topics will include: mental wellness, suicide prevention, child abuse and prevention, bully prevention, and drug/alcohol use. Come for some of it, come for all of it, just come!

Purchase a 7th-12th Grade Yearbook

March is the LAST month that secondary yearbooks are on sale. You MUST purchase by March 31st to get a copy! Don't delay! It is \$55 for the yearbook. To purchase a yearbook with a name on the cover costs an additional \$5-8. Go to www.bit.ly/APA-WV2 or the Junior High office to buy your yearbook TODAY!

Reminder: Order School Lunches for March

Please go to <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/> and login or contact lunch@apamail.org with questions or concerns.

School Age Visitor/Friend Guidelines

Students from other schools coming to American Prep after school or during the school day is not allowed. We are a closed campus and school-age children may not enter the building before, during or after school hours without a parent. If you have school-age children not enrolled at APA and they need to pick up siblings, they will be allowed to wait in the front lobby ONLY. If they are a friend, they can wait somewhere off the property and should not be loitering on our campus (or in our school) waiting for friends. Please communicate this to your students as we work together to keep APA a safe environment.



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To avoid disruptions to the school day, the following guidelines have been created:

1. **A parent or another responsible adult MUST accompany visitors under the age of 18.** Visitors under the age of 18 are not permitted on campus without adult supervision at all times.
2. Check in at the front office – wear your visitor badge the entire time you are at the school.
3. Please don't interrupt classes. You know how serious we are about learning here! ☺
4. Feel free to say hello to the teachers between classes and during their lunchtime. Calling ahead to find out the schedule can be helpful for lunch visits.
5. Feel free to visit with students – but don't make them late to their next class!*
6. If you want to stay for a while – offer to help out! We probably have something you can help with at the office or in the curriculum room. ☺
7. Visiting in the classrooms during class is permitted under the following conditions:
 - a. You ask the teacher if it is okay for you to observe their class (make sure you ask them between classes and don't interrupt their class).
 - b. You sit in the back of the classroom.
 - c. You are not a distraction to the class or to the teacher.*
 - d. You can stay for the whole period and you are not walking in and out of the room during class.

Carpool Corner Update

Thank you to all the amazing and thoughtful carpool families who continue to make positive differences in safety and efficiency. You are greatly appreciated! Below is a reminder regarding a few remaining areas where you can help make important carpool improvements...

3600 West Drop Off & Pickup

As tempting as it can be, especially if you're running late, thank you for NEVER dropping off or picking up your student on the 3600 West side of the school. WVC police have asked us to remind families again to NOT use the school's 3600 West curb for carpool. It is dangerous to have cars moving in and out of traffic on 3600 West and for most of the curb line it is illegal to stop on the curb so you may be cited for doing so.

Walking in

We still have several families who are walking students in or out of the building for carpool that have no other official business in the school. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE ONLY DROP/PICK UP YOUR STUDENTS AT THE CURB, UNLESS YOU HAVE OTHER BUSINESS IN THE SCHOOL! Allow your students to demonstrate how capable they



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are. Walking students in/out puts them, you and the traffic control staff at greater risk, slows down carpool for everyone, and takes up limited parking spaces for those parents who have a legitimate need to come inside. The “have a wonderful day” or “how was your day” time in your car at the curb can be just as sweet as it is in the front office, 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). Thank you for being awesome about using the crosswalks and waiting 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, possibly 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 ALLLLLLLLLL the way forward

Thank you so much for your great improvements made here. Carpool is flowing better for everyone! There is almost no waiting for drop-off!

Cones

We are having MANY fewer cone casualties. Thank you!

Cell phones

Getting much better here too! Thank you for NOT USING YOUR CELL PHONE OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE MOVING THROUGH CARPOOL! It is a fact that doing so is equivalent to driving drunk and none of us would invite a drunk driver to drive among our children so please don’t be that person. Some of you are still engaging in this very risky behavior, AND IT SHOWS. Please expect all carpool staff to instruct you or any driver on an electronic device to immediately put it down before proceeding among our children.

Late Arrivals

Late arriving students must be checked in at the front desk by their parent. Please park and bring your late arriving student to the front desk to check them in. Classes begin promptly at 8AM at which time all students are expected to be prepared and in learning position at their desk.

Elementary Academic Communication: Learning Plans & Alma

The learning plan is a daily communication tool that students, parents and teachers use to communicate academic progress. Alma is another valuable tool to help our students and parents keep up-to-date on academic progress and missing work. As you receive these reports, if you have any questions or concerns, please communicate these to your child’s **classroom teacher**. As we continue to develop our student progress communication to parents we appreciate your feedback. Our classroom teachers and groups teachers communicate regularly regarding each of their students. This ensures your questions or concerns are addressed in a timely manner. Thank you for following



our communication policy.

Aspire for Secondary Parents

We wish to remind our secondary parents that they can check their student's grades on our Aspire website throughout the year. If you have a 7th-12th grader at APA we invite you to frequently check their grades and progress, including missing work. Please contact the secondary office if you do not have a username and password for you student(s).

Backpacks & Jackets

As we continue to improve on our policies and procedures, we want to remind families that backpacks and jackets are not allowed in the classroom. We are reminding students of this expectation during morning announcements as well as in the classrooms. If your student is cold they may wear a navy sweater as part of the uniform for warmth. Enforcing this policy will help minimize distractions in the classroom. Thanks for your support in encouraging your student to leave backpacks and jackets in lockers.

Sistema Notes

How can it already be March??? This school year has been flying by for us and we hope that you had an enjoyable mid-winter break. We missed our students and are happy to be back teaching them again this week. A friendly reminder - if your Sistema student will be absent for Sistema, please email Mrs. Christensen christensen@apamail.org so that she can mark your child's absence as excused. Now that we are back from break we are busy working on our new music for our end of year concert. We know that your child will not want to miss out on any class time so that they can learn our fun music. Thank you for your support of this!

The following are upcoming events for Sistema for you to place on your family calendars.

- March 2nd - Secondary Sistema Strings performs with the Utah Philharmonic Orchestra "Set Sail" 7:30 p.m. There will be fun activities beginning at 6:45 p.m. Celebrate the music of the seas and come dressed as a sailor, pirate or mermaid. It is a fun family concert and we would love to see you there!
- March 5th - Sistema student showcase 6 p.m. in the MP room
- March 7th and 8th - Noon dismissal day for parent teacher conferences. NO SISTEMA EITHER DAY.
- March 11th - Gifted Music School Day at Sistema - our guests will be performing for us and staying to work with our students. It will be an amazing day of music!
- March 15th - Rocky Mountain Strings concert 7:30 p.m. at Butler Middle School - we have 150 free tickets to give away to this inspiring concert.

The Utah Philharmonic Orchestra is excited to have our secondary Sistema Strings students play side by side with them. They are not only a featured group, but they are playing the ENTIRE concert with them. We have free ticket vouchers at the Sistema front desk. We hope to see you at the concert!

Thank you for your support - we love our Sistema students and families!



Senior Tri-Boards

We are **excited** to see displays highlighting each one of our seniors. Tri-Boards were given to parents at the Parent/Grad Night October. On these boards' **families can display pictures, inspiring quotes, post high school plans, college choice, memories, certificates, achievements, hobbies, talents, etc. of their senior student.** The Tri-Boards will be displayed during the reception for graduates and guests to enjoy!

We are hoping the content on the boards would be a surprise to your graduate, as this would be **a great family gift** to their student. All boards need to **be finished and turned in by April 18th, 2019** to Mrs. Patterson in the High School office.

Need Help? Need Ideas? Come join us on March 5th, 2019 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm, in the secondary cafeteria. We will have materials available, for you to use and we will be available to help you finish this gift for your student. If you have any questions, please contact either Mrs. Patterson, 385-351-3090 ext 1168 or 1253.