



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

School Calendar – WV2 Campus

September 16, 2016

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>

Friday, September 16

8th Grade W.O.R.K. Party 11:30-3pm

Friday, September 16

Secondary Student Early Dismissal 12pm

PTC by invitation or appointment 1pm-5pm

Wednesday, September 21

Parent Graduation Meeting 6pm-7pm

Saturday, September 24

Saturday School 8am

Mon-Fri, Sept 26-30

Spirit Week

Tuesday, September 29

Governing Board Meeting 4:30pm

Wednesday, September 28

8th Grade Barn Event & BBQ 8:30am-11:30am

Wednesday, September 28

Red Cross Blood Drive 11am-5pm

Thursday, September 29

5th Grade FriendSHIP Event 1:10pm-3:45pm

Saturday, October 1

Saturday School 8am

Hello American Prep Families,

Our Builder Theme for the month is “I Am A Builder When I Show Enthusiasm!”

It’s been a great week at American Prep! Our students and teachers are the embodiment of our Builders Theme – Building with enthusiasm. Thank you to our great parents who are also enthusiastically supporting your children, assisting them to complete their homework, ensuring they are prepared for school each day!

You may wonder why enthusiasm is so important to us at American Prep – well, in our Parent Student Handbook you will find the following is one of our Foundations:

“Enthusiasm: Enthusiasm propels one on to greater effort. Enthusiasm makes work enjoyable and provides encouragement for others to put forth increased effort. It is the responsibility of every member of the American Prep community to bring enthusiasm to their work and to their associations at school.”

So you can see, we understand that enthusiasm is a key component to our success as a school, and more importantly the success of your student! We commit as staff members to bring enthusiasm to our work each day with your students, because we know it will result in higher effort being put forth by your child, and greater success! We appreciate so much our parents who also bring enthusiasm to us in our interactions and help us put forth our best efforts!



Visiting American Prep

Please remember that anytime you need to come to school, even if it is to deliver a lunch or a docket, you must stop by the office to sign in and get a visitor's badge. You will be asked to return to the office if you are not wearing a visitor badge. We have quite a few new staff members who would not know if you are a parent to one of our students or someone dangerous. Please help us keep all of our students and staff safe.

Supply Donation

American Prep equips our students with supplies such as pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, tissues, and hand sanitizer. With the continued cuts to budget and supply costs going up, if you feel you could donate to the supply fund for students, it would be greatly appreciated. The suggested amount is \$15.00 per student. Supply donations will be accepted anytime throughout the school year. Stop by the elementary office to make your supply donation.

Medications at School

Prescription medication, if needed during the school day, must be given to the office staff with the proper documentation (we have a form the Dr. needs to sign) and we will administer it to your student. If your student needs to carry an inhaler a form will need to be completed at the front office.

Non-prescription medication is not normally allowed at school (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, etc.) Please don't send them with your student. If you have a special circumstance, please be sure and let us know and we can discuss a solution with you.

Uniforms

Students are looking good in their uniforms! As a reminder, school uniforms may be purchased from a variety of vendors. A few places we have found that sell school uniforms are:

Family Stores True Value: 801-964-1600

Dennis Uniform: 801-287-9200

French Toast: (catalog or online) www.frenchtoast.com

Hall Closet: www.hallclosetuniforms.com

Lands End: www.landsend.com

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Program K-6 at APA

Grab your passports and come join us on an exciting journey this year to Fresh Fruit & Veggie Land. Discover with us a variety of free fresh fruits and veggies that will be served to students



each week at school. Students will be introduced to new and different fruits and veggies along with nutrition education. We hope that this journey of discovery will show students that fresh fruits and veggies are healthy and tasty alternatives to snacks that are high in fat, sugar, or salt.

Encourage your children to be "food explorers" this year at APA by tasting the fruits and veggies that they may never have heard about before. Talk with your children about what they learned about the fruit and what it tasted like. We hope to make a difference in all our students' diets to impact their present and future health.

Volunteer Opportunities

We need your help! We ask that all American Prep families volunteer at least 20 hours per school year. We have many volunteer opportunities to help you be a part of the APA family. Current projects that need volunteers are:

- Organizing PE uniforms
- Organizing logo uniform items and contacting parents
- Filing
- Office work
- Carpool
- Sorting boxtops

Please contact Mrs. Lobo-Blanco at rloboblanco@apamail.org or Irene Christensen at ichristensen@apamail.org or call the main phone number at 385-351-3090 if you can help! Thanks in advance for ALL of your support!!

Lagoon Fundraiser

Thank you for participating in the 2016 Lagoon Education Foundation Fundraiser. Please distribute the promo code throughout your district, the more tickets sold using the promo code, the more money donated to American Preparatory Academy. Attached is a coupon that can be used at a Lagoon ticket window. The promo code can be used to purchase up to 8 tickets per transaction online, at the link provided below.

<https://www.lagoonpark.com/buy-tickets/>

American Prep promo code: APA16

The discount/fundraiser is only valid September 16- October 30, 2016.



Parent University (parents of 6th-12th grade students)

I'm pleased to announce that fall GEAR UP Parent University was a success. We had over 40 parents brave the wind and rain to join us for this evening training event. The parents were treated to deli refreshments and heard from a University of Utah representative and yours truly speak about college entrance, high school preparedness, and scholarship leads. Our speaker was bilingual and the event unfolded with both English and Spanish moments seamlessly. Many parents were diligently taking notes. The event ran thirty minutes over due to insightful Q&A!

College success is bolstered when a parent is onboard and supportive. A huge thanks to Wendolens Ruano for helping with arrangements and answering college questions. At APA we do amazing things with our families!

Parents of 6th-11th Graders

Our GEAR UP grant partner, Utah State University, is providing WV1 & WV2 parents and guardians of 6th-11th grade students a WONDERFUL opportunity for an overnight campus visit! The event occurs on November 18th-19th on the USU campus in Logan, Utah. Workshops will address many areas about your student's future college process including: admissions, financial aid, ACT information, and a USU Physics demo show! You will stay for FREE at the University Inn. You will also be provided complementary meals and famous Aggie Ice Cream! You only need to provide your own transportation to Logan or form a carpool with other parents.

If interested, please send an email to Mr. Guido at Rguido@apamail.org. Include: 1) your name, 2) student names and grades, and 3) the campus your student(s) attend. Once we know of your interest, we will share information with you on how to register. ***This event is for adults only.***

Homework Lab Mentors Needed

We have almost completed all of the hiring for the 2016-17 school year! We are currently seeking candidates for our "Mentor" and "Substitute" positions. Mentors will assist Jr. High and High school students with most subjects in the after-school homework labs at either of our two West Valley campuses. Bilingual (English/Spanish) not required, but will be given preference. This job pays \$10.00 an hour and requires the following hours:

M, T, F 3:30 pm-6:30 pm Th 2:30 pm-5:30 pm

Mentors only work during the school year (off during school vacations). Interested applicants should go to the website www.americanprep.org and click on the employment link. We also



recommend emailing Su Veenstra at sveenstra@apamail.org for additional information.

We will host a sub training in the upcoming weeks for those that are interested. Please watch next week's newsletter for additional details.

Secondary News

Fees

A big thanks to all of our families that have paid the required fees at APA. We have extended the deadline, so all Fees and Fee Waivers are due by September 23rd. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Ambassador News

11th Grade Buddy Walk

Last Saturday a group of 25 of our 11th grade students woke up early to cheer on the participants of Utah's Down Syndrome Buddy Walk. APA has been volunteering for this event for the last 3+ years and its always one of the best events of the year. Our students cheered on the participants, handed out lunches and gave out lots of high fives. **Thank you to our amazing 11th graders who volunteered on a Saturday!**

7th Grade Leaders for Life

On Wednesday September 14th, the 7th grade students participated in the Leaders for Life Opening Ceremonies Event. At the event the students learned how to demonstrate positive character traits, strong leadership skills by thinking out of the box, and respectful behavior. In addition, students learned and reviewed proper "meet and greet" protocol, and were taught how professional body language is a key factor in making a good impression. **Thanks to all our amazing parent volunteers!**

11th Grade Overlook & Campfire

Last Thursday our 11th grade students participated in the Overlook and Campfire event. We hiked to the top of the Overlook and enjoyed hearing some words of wisdom from Mr. Peterson. Then, enjoyed some hot dogs and s'more's over the fire. **Thank you to our amazing parent volunteers!**

8th Grade Work Party

On Friday September 16th all 8th Grade students will **have** the opportunity to provide community service at different locations in West Valley City. The event will be from 11:30-3:00 - please remember to pick up your student at 3:00! The goal of these projects will be to allow



students to do physical, not so glamorous work to help them realize that everyone has the responsibility to help out in their community. Here APA not only do teach our students how to work hard, but also how to find opportunities to serve their community. **If you'd like to volunteer for this event, please email Melissa Baucom at MBaucom@apamail.org.**

5th Grade FriendSHIP

Welcome Aboard the APA FriendSHIP 5th grade students! Next Thursday we will have our first Ambassador Event of the year. During this event, students will travel from station to station learning important skills about being a true friend. Activities will include a challenging obstacle course, food, friends, and so much more! This event will go from 1:10 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. on Thursday September 22nd so mark your calendar because you don't want to miss this! **We are always looking for parent volunteers! If you are willing, please contact Melissa Baucom at MBaucom@apamail.org or 385.351.3090 ext. 1234.**

After School Programs

Collegium Hall

We would like to welcome all secondary students to come to Collegium Hall. Collegium Hall is a study hall that provides tutoring, snacks, and activities for your children. Math teachers are available to tutor students in Collegium Hall.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays - 3:10-6:30 pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays - 2:10-5:30 pm

Parents are required to check out their student from Collegium Hall each day of student attendance. If your student decides not to participate in an after school program, parents need to pick up students by 3:35 pm.

7th grade	8th grade	9th grade	10th grade	11-12th grade
Room 266	Room 270	Room 272	Room 274	Room 277

Sistema Utah and Collegium Hall are free programs offered to our APA students. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about our after school programs, please contact:

Mrs. Veenstra, After School Director

sveenstra@apamail.org

(385) 999-1272

(385) 351-3090, ext. 262

Mrs. Christensen, Sistema Director

tchristensen@apamail.org

(385) 351-3090, ext. 260



Sistema Utah

What a wonderful two weeks we have had after school! Thank you to all parents who have been superstars with our different dismissal times for Sistema. Not having constant interruptions in class has helped our students to stay on track with their learning time. We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation with making this transition. Please remember to pick up a Fall Sistema calendar from the front desk when you check out your children. We have noted all upcoming performances, concert dates and when we are not having Sistema. If you have any problems or questions, please contact Trina Christensen at tchristensen@apamail.org or 385-351-3090 x 1260. We have the most incredible students and parents in Sistema this year!

Currently, all of our Sistema classes are full. Sistema's next registration period is after winter break. The Sistema Schedule is as follows:

Class 1 3:35pm-4:15pm (snack in classroom at 4:15pm)

Snack 4:15pm-5:20pm

Class 2 4:25pm-5:08pm

Class 3 5:11pm-5:51pm

Homework Time 5:54pm-6:30pm

Sistema ends at 6:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays; & 5:30 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Pick up is in the secondary cafeteria.