



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## School Calendar – WV2 Campus

**February 12, 2021**

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>

**Mon. – Fri. Feb. 15 – 19**

**No School Mid-Winter Break**

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Tuesday, February 16	UCA Governing Board Meeting 7pm @APS Offices
Tuesday, February 23	Fire Drill 12:30pm
Wednesday, February 24	Senior Class Picture
Wednesday, February 24	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Explosive Extravaganza 12:50pm-3pm
Wednesday, February 24	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade SLCC Information Session 1pm
Thursday, February 25	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Western Round-Up

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Monday, March 1	HS Boys Soccer Tryouts 3:30pm
Wednesday, March 3	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Virtual Capitol Tour 12:50pm Utah State Capitol
Thursday, March 4	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Western Round-Up
Friday, March 5	Used Uniform Sale 7:30am-2pm (elementary lobby)
Friday, March 5	Spirit Wear Day!

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Mon. – Fri. March 8-12	Staff Appreciation Week
Monday, March 8	Food Handlers Class 3:20pm
Tuesday, March 9	Parent Empowerment Night 6pm
Wednesday, March 10	National Latin Exam

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Mon.-Fri. Mar. 15-19	White Ribbon Week
Friday, March 19	End of Term 3

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Tuesday, March 23	ACT Testing Day
<b>Tuesday March 23</b>	<b>Early Dismissal 12pm/12:15pm ALL Students</b>
	Staff Professional Development
Thursday, March 25	Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm-7pm
<b>Friday, March 26</b>	<b>No School – ALL Students</b>
Friday, March 26	Parent Teacher Conferences 8am-12pm



**Hello American Prep Families,**

**Our Builder Theme for the month of February is “I Am A Builder when I use my words to encourage others.”**

Maya Angelou, an American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist introduces our new builder theme this month with this quote, “People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

One of the ways we are able to influence others for good is through our words. Words are some of the most important tools we have as builders. Think about how you feel when someone gives you a compliment - you feel happy and more confident. If you're feeling bad, a few words of encouragement lift you up and help you to overcome your sadness or frustration. With words, a bad day can be turned into a good day. That's how much power words have.

Each one of us has that power! And you know what they say, “With great power comes great responsibility”. So now, my powerful friends, here is a challenge for you: Every day this week, compliment and encourage others, especially those who might be having a bad day. Look at the change in their face, the smile that spreads across it and know that you helped them feel good.

Here are a few ideas...

- When you introduce people, also say something nice about them. “This is Lisa. She’s an amazing soccer player, and she is always helping me get better!”
- When someone has a great suggestion, let them know. “That’s a great idea, Chase. I’m going to try it today!”
- When you are with your friends or family remember to be positive to everyone.
- Be kind when someone is feeling sad. Say something nice and encourage them.
- Say thanks whenever you can. You’ve no idea how it can boost someone’s spirits. This includes your teacher, a waitress, the person holding the door, the bus driver... and everyone else.

When we do this, our actions inspire others to do the same. How rewarding is that! Go ahead. Make a difference in the world!

### **Science Fair**

Congratulations to Elise Christenson who took First Place at the Charter Level Science Fair this week with her engineering project called “Smokebuster.” Elise constructed an affordable and efficient machine intended to remove harmful cooking smoke from homes in 3rd world countries. She will move on to the state level Science and Engineering Fair. We are excited to announce that Aaron Palmeiri, Fernanda Robles and Kate Taylor are also moving on to the Utah Science and Engineering Fair. The Virtual Fair will be held the week of March 8th-12th. We are thrilled to have these students represent us.



## School Spelling Bee

We had two thrilling spelling bee competitions earlier this week as students were able to show what they know in front of their peers, parents, and teachers!

### Spelling Bee Winners 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup>: Damian Mulunch

2<sup>nd</sup>: Aly Sahn

### Spelling Bee Winners 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

1st: Kohen Gongaware

2nd: Daisy Geraldo

We are excited for these students to represent the WV2 campus at the district spelling bee.

## Character Development

### **FEB 25<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade event**

YEE-HAW! Our last ambassador event for our 5th grade students will be Western Hoedown on **Thursday, February 25th from 12:50-3:10pm**. At this event the students will learn a fun line dance, learn the difference between the host and hostess and their responsibilities, how to stop bullying and how to be a hard worker. We love our elementary Ambassador events and how fun they are! If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact Sadie Kunz at [skunz@apamail.org](mailto:skunz@apamail.org).

## Sign UP Now for NACAC Virtual College Fairs

Find the college that fits you at an upcoming NACAC Virtual College Fair. It's easy! Just drop in on Zoom sessions offered by hundreds of colleges. It's one day to explore your options and get started on your college dreams. Hear about student life, majors and programs, financial aid, scholarships, and more, plus ask questions and text chat.

Sign up now for free at [virtualcollegefairs.org](http://virtualcollegefairs.org). Families invited, too. Fair dates are: Feb. 28, Mar. 7 (STEM), Mar. 16 (Performing & Visual Arts), Mar. 21. Apr. 10 (Western US), Apr. 20 (Southeastern US) & May 2.

## Suicide Prevention Virtual Parent Empowerment Webinar

Suicide is the #1 killer of our teens in Utah. 1 in 4 high school students has seriously thought about suicide as a way to deal with their problems. Anxiety and depression are on the rise amidst the pandemic. There are things we can do to help! Please join us on February 23rd at 7 pm or February 24th at 7 pm for our Spanish speaking families.

English QR Code:



Spanish QR Code:





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## **Water Bottles**

We strongly encourage students to bring a water bottle to school each day. We have filling stations however we have turned off the actual water fountains to help reduce the spread. Please remind your student the importance of staying hydrated and bringing a water bottle to school. Thanks!

## **Secondary Yearbook**

The Secondary (7-12) Yearbook is on sale. We have new Pandemic Pricing, so the yearbook will be \$45 all year. Yearbooks MUST be pre-ordered. We will not have extra to buy on the last day of school. All orders need to be placed online at <http://bit.ly/APA-WV2>. The last day to order is Wednesday, March 31st.

## **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/>

## **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.html)

[https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen\\_info/faqs\\_treat.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 school nurse, at [nurse@apamail.org](mailto:nurse@apamail.org) with questions.

## **Compliance Items**

### **School Fee Announcement**

The UCA Governing Board is currently in the process of reviewing proposed fees from each of the schools for the 2021-2022 school year. Parents may review the proposed fees and have an opportunity to share thoughts or concerns for Board members to consider before approving these fees.



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Please take some time to review the fees your local school proposed. You can find the proposed fees specific to your school on the Proposed Fee Schedule Website at the following link:

<https://westvalley2.americanprep.org/school-fees/>

<https://draper3.americanprep.org/school-fees/>

<https://saalem.americanprep.org/school-fees/>

There will be two opportunities for public comment specific to these proposed fees at their scheduled board meetings held at the American Preparatory Schools District Office located at 12894 S. Pony Express Rd. Unit 600, Draper, UT, on the following dates beginning at 7:00 PM:

- Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021
- Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021

## Accreditation

Every 5 years, we are required to undergo an Accreditation Review. Cognia is the approved Accrediting agency for public schools across multiple states. The Review Team from Cognia that conducted American Prep's recent review represented decades of education experience in public schools districts and charters across multiple states. As part of their extensive review, Cognia conducted observations in multiple APA classrooms, examined over 400 documents, and interviewed 117 stakeholders, including board members, admin, teachers, parents, community members, students, and support staff.

We are excited to announce that American Prep received an **exceptional** recommendation of Accreditation from its recent review. The Index of Education Quality (IEQ) is the numeric score given an institution at the conclusion of the Accreditation Review process. The 5-year average COGNIA IEQ score for institutions is 280. American Prep received an IEQ rating of 350 out of 400—**far above** average and indicating that APA “Demonstrates noteworthy practices producing clear results that positively impact the institution.”

Cognia specifically noted these powerful practices at APA:

1. The American Preparatory Academy (APA), directed by the chief executive officer (CEO) and the leadership team, tirelessly commit to the institution's purpose and direction.
2. APA's governing board established a comprehensive set of policies and procedures, including a strong code of ethics, allowing them to fulfill their roles and responsibilities for the institution and schools' direction.
3. APA schools provide a structured and positive culture that exemplifies the system's mission statement "...to ensure that each student achieves maximum academic proficiency and develops virtuous character and motivation for a productive citizenry.”
4. APA exemplifies a data-driven system where teachers record, collect, analyze, and use both formative and summative assessments to update the curriculum and assess student learning.



5. APA provides staff members with professional learning activities based on data-driven needs assessments with a focus on collaboration and collegiality.
6. The system provides access to information resources and materials to support the curriculum and allocates human, material, and fiscal resources in alignment with the organizational purpose and improvement of student performance.

We are grateful to the staff, parents, students, and community members who contribute in meaningful ways to the culture and mission of excellence at American Prep!

#### **Test Data and School Report Cards Available**

The 2019-2020 School Report Cards are available on the American Prep website's Parent Library under "Plans and Reports" (<http://www.americanprep.org/plans-and-reports/>). School Improvement Plans for our Title I Campuses will also be located at this site. If you have any questions regarding this data, feel free to contact your school administrators.

#### **Datos de Prueba y Boletines Escolares Disponibles**

Los Boletines de Calificaciones de la Escuela 2019-2020 están disponibles en la Biblioteca de Padres de American Prep en "Planes e Informes" (<http://www.americanprep.org/plans-and-reports/>). Los Planes de Mejora Escolar para nuestros Campus Título I también estarán ubicados en este sitio. Si tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a estos datos, no dude en comunicarse con los administradores de su escuela.