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# 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\*

We have seen incredible examples of students, staff and members of our school community take this builder theme to heart and practice quickly acknowledging mistakes and humbly making amends. It has been a great opportunity for us to focus on this builder theme throughout the month of March. We live in a wonderful community where we have a chance to grow and learn together. We appreciate all of you and your willingness to work together with us on a new builder theme each month.



# Staff Appreciation Week - THANK YOU!

We want to send a huge shout out to all of our wonderful families for donating time, goodies and talent as well as showing their appreciation and love to all of the American Prep Staff this past week and throughout the school year! We truly felt your gratitude this week and love being part of a wonderful extended American Prep family. Thank you!

# Re-Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year & Annual Parent Survey

It's time to begin our re-enrollment process for the 2021-2022 school year. We know families are eager to save their seat and be ready for next year. This year you will need to watch your emails for a link regarding the re-enrollment process as well as information to complete our Annual Parent Survey. We're excited to welcome back all of our families to on campus learning at West Valley 2 in the fall!

## **School Survey**

Elementary Link: <a href="https://forms.gle/VZZKerpn5B3rHSqB7">https://forms.gle/VZZKerpn5B3rHSqB7</a>

Secondary Link: <a href="https://forms.gle/4wbXVzR2uQbZcsC27">https://forms.gle/4wbXVzR2uQbZcsC27</a>

## ZeeMaps - Carpool Help - Connect with other families to carpool

Click on the following link to locate families that live near you and may want to set up a carpool! <a href="https://j.mp/2Np9esl">https://j.mp/2Np9esl</a>

## **Elementary White Ribbon Week**

We have just wrapped up our White Ribbon Week. If you and your child have discussed the lessons they've learned, please be sure to sign the tracker found on their learning plans from this past week. Completed trackers will be turned in on Monday March 22nd and those students may wear CRAZY SOCKS on Tuesday March 23rd.

We are pleased to provide the video links for the 5 videos that your students watched each day at lunch time as we participated in White Ribbon Week. You may watch as a family, or watch yourselves to discuss with your students what they learned. Enjoy!

Day 1: <a href="https://youtu.be/H\_14AWoJ7TM">https://youtu.be/H\_14AWoJ7TM</a>

Day 2: <a href="https://youtu.be/wx1CNRQMsDI">https://youtu.be/wx1CNRQMsDI</a>

Day 3: <a href="https://youtu.be/vnzaTpl0zNs">https://youtu.be/vnzaTpl0zNs</a>

Day 4: <a href="https://youtu.be/CoKVN3ph7ho">https://youtu.be/CoKVN3ph7ho</a>

Day 5: <a href="https://youtu.be/oBG203VY58">https://youtu.be/oBG203VY58</a>

#### 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 <a href="mailto:ewoolston@apamail.org">ewoolston@apamail.org</a> 4-6 Director Mrs. Rodriguez <a href="mailto:ewoolston@apamail.org">ewoolston@apamail.org</a>

#### 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.

## 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.

# **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

What wonderful weather we are having this week! Thank you again for your help to make us feel so loved during staff appreciation last week. We sure appreciated it!

We have noticed that some of our students are starting to struggle with some of their homework. Please let us know if you have any concerns if you feel that your child is falling behind in their homework or has started to have many missing assignments. Our number one priority is to help all of our students to be successful academically and we are here to help! We can give them two homework classes during Sistema if needed to help

get them caught up and we can help develop an incentive system to motivate them to get their missing work turned in. Email Mrs. Christensen <u>tchristensen@apamail.org</u> if you would like to check if your child has a homework class during Sistema or if you would like to see if we can give them two homework classes to help them.

We do have some "No Sistema" dates coming up. Please make sure you have them on your family calendar:

- Tuesday, March 23rd No Sistema Students have noon dismissal
- Thursday, March 25th No Sistema Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Friday, March 26th No Sistema No School for Parent-Teacher Conferences

For our social-emotional learning this month we have been focusing on filling each other's buckets by doing kind things for others. Please encourage your students to do something kind for someone else. We are having the students write down when they have done something kind for another and we are posting it on our Sistema office bulletin board. Let's fill the board with kindness. Thank you so much for your support - we love working with our Sistema students and families.

# Character Development in 7th-12th Grade

We are so excited to announce that we are moving forward with our end of year dances. The 7th and 8th grade are starting their ball prep lessons this week. 9th grade will begin their lessons next week. This is a wonderful time for our students to connect and learn about social graces. We will continue to have information in the newsletters about what is happening.

March 22 - Parent Waltz night is an opportunity for parents to learn the Waltz and be prepared for our end of year dinner and dance. This will be held in the WV2 Multi-purpose room from 6-7 pm.

March 17 and 24th - Care Center Visits. This is a chance for our students to spread some joy in the world. We will take 1/2 of our students on the 17th while the other 1/2 stay here on campus to write letters to their grandparents. Then on the 24th we will switch and take the other 1/2 and give the other students a chance to write letters to grandparents.

On Wednesday, March 31st, our 8th graders will have the opportunity to participate in another stationed event. This one is called ¡La Fiesta! Our students will get to learn about respecting and appreciating other cultures, using their words to build others up, the importance of getting good grades in school, and how to interact in a variety of social settings. We are very excited, so please mark your calendars! This event will be another late dismissal event, so be prepared to pick up your students at 3:15 pm that day.

We would love to have parent volunteers help us out with this event as well, so if you are interested, please email solsen@apamail.org. Thank you!

## NC Marks in Secondary

As a reminder, if a student has more than three tardies (T marks) in a class their grade turns to an NC or no credit mark and they do not receive credit for the class unless they remove tardies through attending Saturday school. Likewise, if they have more than three unexcused absences (X marks) where they missed class but a parent did not notify us of the absence they would receive an NC mark until it is recovered through attending Saturday school. Please refer to the parent/student handbook for specifics about how to remove T and X marks. Saturday school is always from 8am until 11am. Students must arrive prior to 8am (doors lock at 8am and will not be opened) and must be picked up by 11am. Our next Saturday school offerings will be:

Saturday, March 20th

#### **Compliance Items**

#### School Fee Announcement - Updated

American Preparatory Academy's 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.

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/

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, March 2nd, 2021
- Tuesday, March 26th, 2021