



## **WELCOME BACK PARENTS, STAFF AND STUDENTS!!** **Start of the 2022-2023 school year**

"Education is not the learning of many facts, but the training of the mind to think." - Albert Einstein

### **Upcoming events**

- August 23 - Elementary Parent Orientation 5pm – 7pm (Small Gym)
- August 24 - Secondary Parent Orientation 6:30pm-7:30pm (Small Gym)
- August 24 - 12th Grade Day of Caring
- August 25 - Sistema Ensemble Day 2:35pm-3:50pm (Multipurpose Rm)
- August 26 - Lights On 3:30pm-5:30pm (Large Gym)
- August 26 - 9th Grade Unity Hike 8am-3:10pm
- August 31 - 11th Grade Hike 12:45pm-5pm
- September 1 - 5th Grade Friendship Event 11:25am-2:05pm
- September 2 - Spirit Wear Day

### **School Contact Information**

- 385-351-3090
- Press 1 for Elementary Office
- Press 2 for Junior High Office & Secondary attendance
- Press 3 for High School Office

### **Lights On Back-to-School Carnival**

Come and enjoy the festivities. We will have many things for you to participate in. There will be bounce houses, face painting carnival games, clubs, community partner booths, drawings for free school supplies, little caesars pizza and more! What more could you ask for? We can't wait to see you and your families join us.

We also need volunteers for Lights On. Here is the SignUp Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B45AEA92DA0F49-wv2lights3>

## **9th Grade Unity Hike**

The 9th grade students will be going on their first Ambassador Event, the Unity Hike, on Friday, August 26th! This event will happen during school hours and transportation will be provided. We will be hiking Ensign Peak as well as playing fun team building games at Riverside Park in Salt Lake City. Permission slips were sent home Wednesday, August 17th and are due Monday, August 22nd. Students will need to bring a sack lunch and a water bottle. Students can wear jeans, a blue polo shirt and comfortable athletic shoes to school that day. If you have any questions, please email Maddi Tapp in Character Development at [mtapp@apamail.org](mailto:mtapp@apamail.org).

## **12th Grade Day of Caring**

"12th Grade Day of Caring is Wednesday, August 24th during 4th period! For our service project, we are working with Stitching Hearts to make sleeping mats out of plastic bags. These mats will go to the homeless community around Utah. They create a 40 degree warmth factor, which makes a tremendous difference during the winter months. We are overjoyed to be able to help out and make a difference for so many individuals."

## **How the lottery works**

Once you have applied for your student to attend our school, your online application will be held in the General Applicant Pool until such a time as we have a vacancy. Your application will then be included with all other applications in the General Applicant Pool in a random drawing to fill that vacancy. Students are accepted into charter schools by lottery, which is state mandated.

If you have applied and you don't hear from us, it's not too late to enroll at American Prep. We fill vacant seats up until the first day of school. You will be notified by phone or email if your student has been selected through the lottery. The registrar will not have any additional information.

## **Compliance**

### **Professional Qualifications**

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. In accordance with state regulation, all APA teachers are licensed through one of three licensing paths: Professional, Associates and LEA specific. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

## **District Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

American Prep recognizes that parent and family engagement is key to student achievement. We provide many opportunities for parents and family members to participate in, and stay informed of, their student's academic achievement. American Preparatory Academy trains staff annually during pre-service and teacher academy on how to communicate, build meaningful connections, and otherwise involve parents/families and the school. These topics are reinforced during professional development opportunities throughout the year as needed. Additional details regarding Parent and Family Engagement are available in the annual Parent-Student Handbooks (PSHB) which are distributed annually, posted on the school websites, and available in Spanish at our West Valley campuses. For the full District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, please refer to this link on the Policy page of the [americanprep.org](http://americanprep.org) website.

## **School Parent and Family Engagement Policies**

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are now accessible on the APA website under the Parent Library drop-down tab. West Valley Parent-Student Handbooks will be available in Spanish.

## **Mandated Assessments and Opt-Outs**

American Preparatory recognizes that Standardized Testing is an essential tool for measuring student learning and teacher success. The data obtained from these assessments may be utilized by teachers and administrators to review student academic progress, plan instruction, and share with students and parents. Summative assessments allow for data to be used in public reporting about school quality. Parent's may opt-out of most state standardized tests by submitting a Parental Exclusion form to the Academic Director.

## **Character Development**

**Our Character Development team is excited to announce our upcoming events:**

- CONSTITUTION DAY on Thursday September 15th (during school hours)
- 5th Grade Friendship on Thursday September 1st (during school hours)
- 6th Grade Take Flight on Thursday September 8th (during school hours)

We LOVE our PARENT VOLUNTEERS, please contact Tatiana Fetzter at [tfetzter@apamail.com](mailto:tfetzter@apamail.com).

## **USBE Special Needs Scholarship Opportunity**

School districts and Charter schools are required by Utah Law, 53A1a-704(10), to inform parents of students with IEPs enrolled in public schools, of the availability of a scholarship to attend a private school through the Carson Smith Scholarship Program. The Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship Program (CSS) provides tuition assistance for those who would qualify for special education and related services in public schools, preschool eligible special needs students enrolled in ineligible private schools. The scholarship is for students through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (3-21 year of age), whose parents choose an eligible private school. For more information on the scholarship, deadline schedule and funding schedule, please visit <https://www.schools.utah.gov/specialeducation/programs/carsonsmithscholarship>