



**Builder Theme: I am a builder when I express gratitude in words and deeds.**

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

- William Arthur Ward

## Upcoming WV2 & WV3 Events ★

- Friday, December 1st - Elementary Science Fair 8am - 3:30pm
- Friday, December 1st - Staff vs. Student Basketball Game 3pm - 6pm in Large Gym
- Saturday, December 2nd - Secondary Saturday School
- **December 20th - January 2nd - Winter Break / No School**

## School Contact Information

- 385-351-3090
- Administrative Director 385-351-3090 x1131
- Press 1 for Elementary Office
- Press 2 for Junior High Office & Secondary attendance
- Press 3 for High School Office

## WV2 & WV3 ★

Welcome back from Thanksgiving Break! We hope you enjoyed some quality time with your family and friends.

Last Monday our incredible 4th graders at West Valley 2 enjoyed a culminating activity to wrap up a month of learning about the Middle Ages. They attended a Medieval Festival where they got to indulge in a feast and play medieval games while dressed to the nines in medieval attire.

Winter Clothing Reminder - Please send your students to school with outerwear that will protect them from the weather, including a winter jacket, gloves, hat, snow boots, etc.

**Cell Phones, Tablets & Smart Watches:** Devices with cellular capabilities are NOT authorized for student use from the time they enter the building in the morning, until they exit the building for dismissal/pickup. During carpool, while waiting at the curb, students are authorized to text and call ONLY. Cell phones and watches with cellular capabilities must be stored in backpacks at all times and will only be authorized to be taken out once the students exit the building at dismissal. Additionally, smart devices are NOT authorized for student use at any time while inside the building after hours. Students always have access to our school phones if they need to contact their parent or guardian and families can always call the school if they need to relay a message to their student.

**We have launched a new initiative to help protect our students from the harms of social media (Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, etc.) and smart devices. Please visit the link below to learn more.**

[https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Minimize-Tech\\_Maximize-Happiness.pdf?utm\\_campaign=Campus%20Updates&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=267316862&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9uHtj64PTJEUyHpOqLrooAHM4U-FhzbIvns1dWfOIRp76cMzR19\\_mA6w1sd\\_h6sLmTSTiigZPzpczmtU20M29Xtrfs\\_A&utm\\_content=267316862&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Minimize-Tech_Maximize-Happiness.pdf?utm_campaign=Campus%20Updates&utm_medium=email&hsmi=267316862&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9uHtj64PTJEUyHpOqLrooAHM4U-FhzbIvns1dWfOIRp76cMzR19_mA6w1sd_h6sLmTSTiigZPzpczmtU20M29Xtrfs_A&utm_content=267316862&utm_source=hs_email)

Then, please join our Facebook Group - [Minimize Tech-Maximize Happiness](#), where we will share ideas with each other on how to navigate the world without smart devices for our children!

### Elementary ★

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### Secondary ★

#### Saturday/Attendance School

Dates: 12/2/23, 12/9/2023 and 12/16/2023

Expectations:

- Students must be in full Monday-Thursday uniform
- Students must bring in work to do for the entirety of their stay

- Students register at 7:50am
- Students will be asked to leave if they don't follow the expected behavior

## **Compliance ★**

### **Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Plans**

The 2023-24 Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Plans are available on [americanprep.org](https://www.americanprep.org) under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports titled “Teacher and Student Success Act Plan (TSSA)” Or you may find our campus TSSA Plans by going directly to this link:

<https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/WV23-TSSA-FY24.pdf>

**Utah School Accountability Report Cards** The 2023 School Report Cards are available on [americanprep.org](https://www.americanprep.org) under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports, “Utah School Accountability Report Card” Or you may find our campus Report Card by going directly to these links.

Elementary:

<https://reportcard.schools.utah.gov/School/OverallPerformance?StateID=&SchoolID=186243&DistrictID=110573&SchoolNbr=110&SchoolLevel=K8&IsSplitSchool=1&schoolyearendyear=2023>

Secondary:

<https://reportcard.schools.utah.gov/School/OverallPerformance?StateID=&SchoolID=186243&DistrictID=110573&SchoolNbr=110&SchoolLevel=HS&IsSplitSchool=1&schoolyearendyear=2023>

### **School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) Plan**

The 2023-24 School Improvement Plan is available on [americanprep.org](https://www.americanprep.org) under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports, “School Improvement Plan.” The TSI goals are included in this plan and marked in the far left column. Or you may find our campus SIP by going directly to these links.

Elementary:

<https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/SY24-WV2-Stakeholder-SIP.pdf>

Secondary:

<https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/SY24-WV3-Stakeholder-SIP.pdf>

### **Title IA Schoolwide Improvement**

The 2023-24 Title IA Schoolwide Improvement Plan is available on [americanprep.org](https://www.americanprep.org) under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports, “Title IA Schoolwide Plan” Or you may find our campus Plan by going directly to these links:

**Title IA Schoolwide Improvement Plan:**

[https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/WV2\\_WV3-Title-IA-Schoolwide-Plan-FY24-English.pdf](https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/WV2_WV3-Title-IA-Schoolwide-Plan-FY24-English.pdf)

## Counselor's office ★

## Enrollment ★

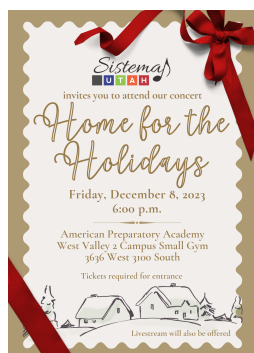
The application process for the 2024-2025 school year is open! Visit [www.americanprep.org](http://www.americanprep.org) to start the application process for next year! \*This does not apply for current APA students. If you are a current student, you will do your re-enrollment on Skyward, as usual, at a later date.\*

For questions regarding Kindergarten - 6th grade enrollment, contact Ms. Guastella at [hguastella@apamail.org](mailto:hguastella@apamail.org)

For questions regarding 7th grade - 12th grade enrollment, contact Mrs. Patterson at [mpatterson@apamail.org](mailto:mpatterson@apamail.org)

## Sistema Notes ♪

Welcome back from Thanksgiving Break! Our students have been practicing so hard for our winter concert that will just be in a couple of weeks! **It is time to reserve tickets for the concert by completing the form [here](#). ANYONE WANTING TO ATTEND THE CONCERT WILL NEED TO RESERVE A TICKET FOR GENERAL ADMISSION SEATING.** With that being said, please make sure that your child attends Sistema every day so that they can learn the music and perform in our concert. Concerts are a BIG DEAL in our Sistema Utah program as we only have two concerts annually. **Our concert will be held Friday, December 8, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the Small Gym on campus.**



With the cooler weather comes sickness. As a reminder, if your child has to miss Sistema because they are sick or if they have a previously scheduled appointment, you need to call the Sistema office to let us know they will be missing that day. Our phone number is 385-351-3090, ext. 1139 where you will leave a message if we do not answer. You may also email Mrs. Christensen at [tchristensen@apamail.org](mailto:tchristensen@apamail.org).

Our Sistema Strings students will be performing the National Anthem on Tuesday, December 5th for the University of Utah Men's Basketball game that will be held at the Huntsman Center. They have developed a ticket discount for anyone who would like to attend to support us. Tickets are \$3 each and can be ordered [here](#).

We have a few events taking place this term. Please make a note of the following on your family calendar:



- **Tuesday, December 5th - Sistema Strings National Anthem Performance at UofU**
- **Friday, December 8th - Sistema Winter Concert 6 p.m. "Home for the Holidays"**
- **Wednesday, December 13th - No Sistema - Staff Holiday Party:** All elementary students will need to be picked up by 2:35 p.m.
- **Monday, December 18th - Sistema Store (will take place of the Bach Buck store)**
- **Tuesday, December 19th - Sistema Term 2 No Missing Homework Incentive**

## **Character Development ★**

Our 11th graders were able to attend the Interim Committee Meetings at our State Capital. Students were split into groups and attended one of the following committee meetings: Business and Labor, Education, Government Operations, Health and Human Services, Political Subdivisions, and Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology. Following the meeting, students had a discussion with their groups about the experience. Ask them what they learned!

## **Heroes of Hygiene: APA's Annual Holiday Donation Drive**

There's a frosty nip in the air and that means that APA's annual multi-campus donation drive is just around the corner! We are excited to announce that we will be partnering with Globus Relief this year by collecting hygiene items that will be distributed to refugee camps, charitable clinics, orphanages, and areas affected by natural disasters.

Items To Be Collected: Any size of shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, soap (either body wash or solid bar soap), lotion, Kleenex packages, deodorant and dental floss, and standard sized toothbrushes and packaged combs/brushes.

More details to come, but get ready to show we can be Heroes of Hygiene!

- For Volunteering opportunities please email us at [wv2ambassadors@apamail.org](mailto:wv2ambassadors@apamail.org)

## **Athletics ★**

**5th -8th Grade Girls Basketball** - Girls basketball season will be January 3rd to February 15th. We will hold tryouts December 18th and 19th from 4pm to 5:30pm. This is an APA sponsor team and will have no fees. To sign up for tryouts <https://forms.gle/2qACHLB1yiKGCPfm7> Students must have no more than 2 F's and be above a 2.0 GPA in order to try out. If you have any questions, please contact our Junior High Assistant Athletic Director, Irene Christenson at [ichristenson@apamail.org](mailto:ichristenson@apamail.org).