



School Calendar – WVI Campus

December 1, 2016

Check the website calendar for all practices, rehearsals and clubs @ <http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/>
West Valley One Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/americanprepWVI>

Dec 1-16	Annual Donation Drive – We CAN Care!
Friday, Dec 2	Parent/Teacher Conference – Secondary, No school-Jr. High only <u>No Collegium Hall/No Sistema</u> – Professional Development
Wednesday, Dec 7	Early Wednesday dismissal – 2:25/2:50 pm
Thursday, Dec 8	S.W.Y.K. RU Assembly – 8:15 am – Early Thursday dismissal 2:25/2:50 pm Winter Music Concert – Elementary – 6:00 pm, Jr. High – 7:00 pm
Friday, Dec 9	Last day to turn in missing work in Groups - Elementary LAST DAY FOR WINTERIM FEES – Jr. High
Monday, Dec 12	Last day to turn in Homeroom assignments - Elementary
Tuesday, Dec 13	Sistema Winter Concert – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec 14	EARLY DISMISSAL- Elementary only – 12:15/12:30 pm- No Sistema/ Yes Collegium Hall
Thursday, Dec 15	Early Thursday Dismissal – 2:25/2:50 pm Last day to turn in all assignments – Jr. High
Friday, Dec 16	Sistema and Collegium Hall – Regular Time
Monday, Dec 19	Sistema and Collegium Hall – Regular Time
Dec 20	Last Day of School –Winter Break – 12:15/12:30 <u>EARLY DISMISSAL</u> End of Term 2 – No Sistema
Dec 21-Jan 2	Winter Break
Tuesday, Jan 3, 2017	School Resumes

December’s Builder Theme – KIGATSUKU 気がつく Looking for ways to serve others
Kigatsuku means “an inner spirit to act without being told what to do.”

NOTICE

BECOME AWARE

PERCEIVE

REALIZE

OBSERVE

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November Builders

K- Serenyte Bejarano

3rd - Jazmin Huerta

5th - Nicolas Gutierrez

K- Milana Nahas

3rd - Mia Lezaic

5th - Diana Mena

1st – Kiahna Ohland

4th – Filimone Fangupo

6th – Monserrat Mena

1st – Numera Talanoa

4th - Nirvana Mendoza

6th – Unik’ue Moeller

2nd – Iqra Abu

2nd – Angela Rodriguez



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3rd Annual Holiday fundraising campaign

As is tradition, American Preparatory Education Foundation is offering an opportunity to give your teachers a holiday gift AND make a donation to the bonus/compensation fund.

From Nov 28th–Dec 14th, for a \$5 minimum donation you can send a personalized holiday card and yummy treat to the teacher or staff member of your choice! Your student will be able to hand deliver the special gift and card directly to the recipient on Dec 19th.

All proceeds go directly to the APEF Staff Appreciation Fund for bonuses/compensation. More details are coming soon.

Geography Bees

It has been a month full of continents and rivers and capitals and mountain ranges! Our 1st-3rd graders have had classroom bees, testing their knowledge of their grade level geography knowledge. The finalists from each class then competed in a grade level Geography Bee. Our 4th-8th graders all took a qualifying test—the person with the top score in each class and an additional eleven high scorers across the grades becoming finalists for the School Geography Bee which took place on Wednesday afternoon. Congratulations to all of these Geography Whiz Kids!

1st Grade Geography Bee:

- 1st - Varun Agarwal
- 2nd - Madison Steed
- 3rd - Zain Yousef

2nd Grade Geography Bee:

- 1st - Natasha Molina
- 2nd - Mariana Guzman
- 3rd - Danishia Godinez Garcia & Montserrat Cuevas

3rd Grade Geography Bee:

- 1st - Morgan Cornett
- 2nd - Brian Lee
- 3rd - Xitlaly Osorio Nino

Finalists for the 4th-8th grade School Geography Bee:

(Geo Bee was still happening at time of printing...look for the names of the winners next week!)

Anushk Agarwal (4th), Diego Estrella (4th), Nicolas Gutierrez (5th), Nivay Miller (5th), Christopher Chopine (6th), Vigil Soleil (6th), Youssouf Soumain (6th), Niyonshuti Bigirimana (7th), Derago Duong(7th), Mina Gordon (7th), Kevin Guzman (7th), Allen Luong (7th), Tiffany Palacios (7th), Oscar Ramos (7th), Samuel Cabrera (8th), Jaren Claveria (8th), Christian Diaz (8th), Makai Fangupo (8th), Isaac Langi (8th), Gabriel Pereria (8th), Daniel Sepulveda (8th)

Carpool Update

Parents - Thank you SO much! We are almost 100% on having the blue APA carpool cards posted in every car picking up students. If you need additional cards—or did not receive cards in your communication envelope a couple weeks ago--please stop by the front office and they will get you what you need. One additional reminder about morning carpool: please do not drop your students off on Crystal Avenue at the north end of the school. This is not a drop-off zone and causes congestion and traffic hazards for other cars. As you drop off your students along the curb in the morning, please wait until you have passed the crosswalk to open your doors. This truly does make the process quick and safe for everyone. Thank you!



WE “CAN” CARE!



APA’s Annual Donation Drive – December 1-16

We CAN Care! Did you know that 1 in 5 Utah kids are unsure where their next meal will come from? Food insecurity is a reality for 423,000 of our neighbors. We can help by donating nutritious food for children and their families.

Our donation drive is now in full swing! We accept CANS, boxes, or plastic-packaged food items. Your students can drop off donations in their elementary homeroom or secondary 4th period classroom.

We introduced your students to the food bank this week during our kick-off assembly. We invite you to visit this link to watch a short video highlighting the great programs sponsored by the Utah Food Bank. Learn where your food donations will go and meet the people they will help! Thank you for your generosity!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_MM5ERWgZsQ&feature=youtu.be

Yearbook Holiday Special 30% off

Order your yearbook **online** today for the *lowest* price they will ever be. It is the season of giving and these yearbooks would make a perfect gift for your student. These prices will only last until December 31st so order your yearbook quickly! Simply visit <http://ybk.bz/APA-WVI> to order yours today. *Discount is only available online, and does not extend to in-school purchases. Yearbooks are delivered at the end of the school year.

School Lunch – It’s time to order lunches again! Please think ahead and get them ordered before the Winter break. If they are not ordered beforehand, your child will need to bring their own home lunch on January 3rd. because Mrs. Stevens will be unable to provide lunch that is not pre-ordered. You can order online at utahsmartlunches.com. The new menu is up. Now until April 7, 2017. If you have questions, please e-mail Mrs. Kristine Stevens—kstevens@apamail.org.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables – PERCINNAMON & SWEETIE APPLES

Percinnamon fruit was introduced to the produce world at a world convention in October of 2015. Percinnamons are a very unique new variety of fruit related directly to persimmons. Unlike some of the persimmons varieties used for cooking, this one is best eaten out of the hand like an apple. Because of the wonderfully sweet taste with just a hint of cinnamon, the fruit quickly bore its name as the percinnamon. This fruit has its own shape. It is almost the shape of a large roma tomato with a leafy calic on top, and the bottom rounding to a point. This fruit is marketed exclusively through Kingsburg Orchards in California and is available in the fall season.

Sweetie apples are a newer variety of apple that debuted in 2005 from New Zealand. Since that time, there have been select orchards that have been given the rights to grow this variety. Southeastern Washington is one of these select areas. The sweetie apple is a cross between two well known favorites, the Royal Gala and the Braeburn. This variety of apple has more of an oblong shape with yellow to pink blush. The sweetie apple carries the sweetness that the Gala has and the crisp texture of a Braeburn. They are available domestically in the early fall throughout the winter months.



Box Top Contest – For our second term contest, it will be **Grade vs. Grade**. Bring your Box Tops into school in ziploc bags. Make sure your child’s name and classroom are on each label, so we can credit your class. Come check out our wall of progress, just outside the main office wall. See how well your grades are doing. Good Luck and let the games begin.

SUBSTITUTES – From our years of experience, we know that our parents make the very best subs! Do you want to be involved in an important way, learn great teaching skills, have fun AND get paid for it? We are in need of substitutes at all our APA Campuses. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested, please let us know! Apply online at www.americanprep.org. We will be having a short information meeting right after the elementary assembly on Thursday, November 3, but we can answer your questions at any time. Please e-mail our school director, Laura Leavitt, if you would like more information. lleavitt@apamail.org. Our next sub training will be starting soon!

Test Data and School Report Cards Available

The 2016 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.

District Parent Involvement Policy

At the conclusion of each school year, end-of-year assessment data is reported and organized into a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA). The CNA includes demographic, attendance, and assessment data. Also included in the CNA are the results of the annual Parent Survey. This Survey evaluates, among other things, the satisfaction of parents with the quality of the academic program and their opportunities to participate in the schools. American Preparatory administrators annually invite select staff and parents from each school to participate in a District/School Planning Meeting. This Committee reviews the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and analyzes areas for potential improvement. District/School Plans are developed with goals, action steps, and budget relationships. District and School Parent Involvement Policies are evaluated for effectiveness. School, Parent, and Student Compacts are also examined by this Committee for recommended changes.

School Parent Involvement Policies

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and will soon be accessible on the APA website under the campus drop-down tabs. West Valley Parent-Student Handbooks will be available in Spanish.

After-School Programs (Sistema & Collegium Hall)

During our Collegium Hall, we are continuing to make progress in our completion of homework assignments. The kids have now completed 1900 assignments! They’re doing awesome. So close to our 2000 assignments goal for term 2. All parents are welcome to come and visit their students in the Collegium Hall classrooms after school. We invite you to talk with the mentors to know what your student is completing in Collegium Hall and how you can help them with homework at home.

Elementary:

Knights of the Game Table: Mondays - 3:50-4:50 pm

Robotics Club: Thursdays - 2:50-4:00 pm

Sistema: M/T/F - 3:50-6:30 pm, W/Th - 2:50-5:30 pm



Secondary:

Latin Club: Monday and Thursday - during 2nd dismissal

7th Grade Art Club: Mondays - 3:30 – 5:00 pm

S.T.E.A.M Club: Every other Wednesday (Some Thursdays) (11/16, 11/30, 12/14) – 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Math Club: Tuesday – 4:00-5:00 pm, Wednesday - 3:00-4:00 pm

Collegium Hall: M/T/F - 3:30-6:30 pm, W-Th - 2:30-5:30 pm

Yearbook Club: W/F - 11/9, 11/18, 12/2, 12/7, 12/16 – W-3:00-4:00 pm, F-4:00-5:00 pm

For safety reasons, please come into the building to pick up your student during afterschool hours. If you have any questions, please contact our Afterschool Director, Amberley Motz, at amotz@apamail.org.

****Please remember:** Sistema students are invited to participate in **one club at a time**. If your child has expressed interest in multiple clubs, they will be directed to choose one as a focus.

Submit Yearbook Photos

****Parents, volunteers and staff**** Continue to send in any pictures you have taken at APA events or activities thus far, and submit them throughout the year. We want to showcase our wonderful students, so if you have photos you can share with us, go to www.hjeshare.com and use the code: *APAWVI* and upload them. Thank you for your help!

Sistema ♪♪♪♪ **MAKE A NOTE!** ♪♪♪♪

- ✓ Dec 2 – Professional Development – No Sistema
- ✓ Dec. 9 - Ensemble Day
- ✓ Dec. 12 - Rehearsal for Winter Concert – Regular time
- ✓ Dec. 13 - Winter Concert – 6:00 pm (note date change) – Sistema at Regular time
- ✓ Dec. 14 - No Sistema (Due to elementary grading day)
- ✓ Dec. 15 - Sistema Strings Performance group performing at WV2 Winter Concert (Regular Sistema Schedule for all other Sistema Students)
- ✓ Dec. 16 & 19 - Sistema will be held these days – Regular time
- ✓ Dec. 21-Jan. 2 No Sistema

Community Corner

English Class - We are excited about our English classes. Everybody is welcome to come and bring a friend. Come have fun learning English. The classes are **free** and are open to everyone who would like to improve their English skills. Classes are on Mondays & Wednesdays from 8:15-9:15 am.

* Comcast is offering very affordable internet to any family who is on the Federal Free Reduced Lunch program. Just \$9.99 instead of \$40. They also offer quality laptops to families in need for just \$150. <https://internetessentials.com/>

Volunteer Corner

- Ambassador Activities - Parents Volunteers are needed and welcome, please contact Hailey Stevens at hstevens@apamail.org, or call the Jr. High office at 801.839.3613 ext. 139.



Random Acts of Kindness Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
					01	02	03
					Write a "thank you" note to someone who helps you.	Compliment someone	Pick up litter in your neighborhood
04	05	06	07	08	09	10	
Make cards for nursing home residents	Make someone laugh	Fill a bag with books to donate to the library	Introduce yourself to someone new	Make a card for a school staff member	Hug someone	Write a letter to a military member	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Mail a postcard to a friend or family member	Let someone get in line ahead of you	Fill a box with toys to donate to charity	Draw a picture for mom or dad	Leave a friendly note where someone	Thank someone for making a	Collect loose change & donate it	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Clean up a mess you didn't make	Hold the door for someone	Fill a bag with clothes to donate	Share something with someone else	Write a friendly message with chalk on a sidewalk	Smile at everyone you see today	Make a bird feeder	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Call a long-distance friend	Write "thank you" notes for your gifts	Tell someone all the reasons you like them	Tell a stranger to have a nice day	Help make dinner	Do a chore for somebody else	Make a list of things you're thankful for	