



Check the website calendar for all practices, rehearsals and clubs @ <http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/>
West Valley One Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/americanprepWV1>

School Hours –Feb 19-23 – MID-WINTER BREAK - **NO SCHOOL**
Feb 26-Mar 2 - Mon & Tues - 8:15 – 3:25/3:50 2nd Dismissal, Fri - **NO SCHOOL**
Wed & Thurs – 8:15 – 2:25/2:50 2nd Dismissal

Friday, Feb 16	End of Term 3 - Elementary Only
Feb 19 - 23	Mid-Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, Feb 28	9 th Grade Capitol Trip
Wednesday, Feb 28	Parent University – Paradigm Shift – 7 th – 9 th Grade Parents – 6:00-7:30 pm
Thursday, March 1	Parent Teacher Conference - Elementary & Secondary - 3:00 - 7:00 pm - NO SISTEMA OR COLLEGIUM HALL
Friday, March 2	Parent Teacher Conference - Elementary & Secondary - NO SCHOOL
<u>Upcoming Events</u>	
Tuesday, March 13	District Spelling Bee - 12:45 pm at Draper 1
Tuesday, March 27	“Celebration of Excellence” Mandatory Meeting & Registration Packets 8:15 am, 2:30 pm, & 5:30 pm
Saturday, April 21	COMCAST CARES DAY

February Builder’s Theme - “I am a Builder when I Befriend Others!”

The Laws of Befriending Absolutely Anyone

“Show up and help people. That’s it. Focus on this, and before long you’ll have the world in your corner.” There is no more powerful predictor of your success or failure than the people you choose to surround yourself with. It’s impossible to fully do work you love without the right people in your corner. Environment is absolutely everything. And the best part is that it’s 100% in our control. But so many people over-think it. They find every reason in the world why a certain person is too busy or not interested in them. As a result, they make zero progress. But when you break it down, there are only two things that can truly change your relationships and environment. Two actions and strategies that will allow you to make the connections you used to only dream of. And they are simple.

See People As Close Friends You Haven’t Met Yet

This is called Reframed Friendship, and when fully embraced, it changes everything about the way you interact. The next time you’re wondering about how to approach someone you’d love to connect with and make a genuine part of your world, think of how you’d treat them if they were a close friend of yours. Would you shove your product in their face? Would you constantly promote your ideas and never shut up? Would you disregard the big and important things happening in their lives? Of course not. Not even close.

We treat good friends a little differently...

- We pay attention and genuinely listen to what they have to say.
- We think of ways we can use our talents to help in meaningful ways.
- We know enough about their lives, interests and passions to make suggestions and offer real value.
- We remember their names, their birthdays, and we know about their spouse and kids.
- We do everything in our power to make their lives better.
- And we don’t do all of this because we’re expecting something in return - we do it because we flat-out care.

Making genuine connections is no different. MAKE PEOPLE’S LIVES BETTER.

January Reading University Winners

K - Rulahn Alexander	4 th - Jack Casarez
K - Aiden Herring	4 th - Ryan Nguyen
1 st - Audrea Castaneda	5 th - Jeraldine Arellanes Romero
1 st - Isabella Muro-Pardo	5 th - Yasmin Manzanares
2 nd - Mia Al jubouri	6 th - Erick Carmona
2 nd - Dulce Guerrero	6 th - Elmer Romero
3 rd - Yahir Giron Valenzuela	
3 rd - Alonzo Memmott	



Parent/Teacher Conferences - We are looking forward to our next Parent/Teacher Conferences and being able to share your student's progress with you! Please mark your calendar and make arrangements to attend—parent participation in the March conferences is expected for all students. They will be held on Thursday, March 1 from 3:30-7:00 pm and on Friday, March 2 from 8:00 am-2:00 pm. There will be no school on Friday for students.

The JH conferences will be held in the multipurpose room. You do not need to make an appointment for these conferences. The teachers will be available to discuss your student's progress during the times listed above. Please check ASPIRE to review your student's grades. If you do not know how to access your account, please contact Mr. Sheneman and he will gladly help you do this. (bsheneman@apamail.org/ 801-839-3613.)

The Elementary conferences will be held in your student's classroom. Please sign up for a conference time with the elementary teachers using the links below. It is helpful to the teachers if you include your student's name in the comment section.

Thank you so much for being such amazing parents to work with. Your support of your student is so key to their success here at school.

ELEMENTARY CONFERENCE SIGN-UPS

K-Ms. Novak's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080848AFA82BA5FA7-elementary1

K-Mrs. Schmutz's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080848AFA82BA5FB6-elementary1

1st-Mr. Nath's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0848ABAB29ABFD0-elementary2

1st-Ms. Judd's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080D49A9AA2AAAFB6-elementary3

2nd-Ms. Peterson's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0445ADAB23AAFB6-elementary2

2nd-Mrs. Spencer's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409084BADAF28A1FB6-elementary3

3rd-Mrs. Deplace's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B4AA5AA2AA5F85-elementary2

3rd-Ms. Twitchell's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0445ADAD29A1FC1-elementary2

4th-Ms. Cain's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0445ACA929A6FE3-elementary2

4th-Ms. Denison's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4EADA72BA4FB6-elementary2

5th-Mrs. Boynton's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0445ADAC2EA0FA7-elementary1

5th-Ms. Jenne's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0949A5AC2EA3FB6-elementary

6th-Mr. Mulder's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080848AFA82BA5F49-elementary1

6th-Mrs. Young's: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080848AFA82BAAFD0-elementary1

COMCAST CARES DAY - We are SO EXCITED to share this GREAT news with all of you! Every year, Comcast has a day of service called "Comcast Cares Day". On Saturday, April 21st, Comcast employees and their families will again join with volunteers from the community to do service projects all across the state! It is an amazing, generous gift that Comcast gives to communities each year.

This year, OUR AMERICAN PREP-WV1 CAMPUS has been chosen to be a site for a Comcast Cares Day! (Thank you to the Workman family for recommending us!) What an honor this is--and what a tremendous opportunity! The team leads for our Comcast Cares Day have already visited our school to get ideas of what projects could be done to clean, beautify and improve our school. We gave them our wish list! Comcast's generosity is unbelievable—not only will they organize projects for our school building and grounds, but they will provide the supplies to complete the projects! Not only that, they will donate back to our school for every volunteer that comes—both theirs and ours! And not only that, they will have donuts and pizza and t-shirts for everyone that signs up! YES! WE ARE SO EXCITED!

Our goal is to have 600 volunteers sign up for our Comcast Cares Day—which we know we can do. When we think of all the potential volunteers that might join us, we could easily exceed that number! Talk to everyone you know—cousins, aunts and uncles, neighbors, church youth groups, therapy groups, families from other APA campuses, strangers you meet in the grocery line—everyone you can think of! Along with our APA staff and our wonderful parents and students, we will astonish Comcast with the enthusiastic turnout of volunteers we will provide!

Pull out your calendars and clear the morning of Saturday, April 21st to come and participate! Check your communication envelope for a flyer and a form to register. Each adult needs to fill one out, but children under 18 can be included on the same form. We will have extra copies available at the front office. Take all you need! All registrations



turned in before the end of February will be part of a drawing for some fun prizes on March 1st--so don't wait! Get your names and your students' names in. Registration forms turned in THIS week will get their name put in twice! Let's start building our remarkable team of volunteers! So grateful to be part of this great APA community!!

School Nurse Note - As many of you know there are many different illnesses going around this time of year. Your child might be one of these students. If your child is sick, we ask that, if you are picking up your sick child's missed work, please do not bring your sick child to the school. Bringing them will continue the cycle of illness. If there is no other way than to bring your ill child in with you to pick up their work, we ask that you don't linger around the school building. The teachers & secretaries will do their best to have the child's missed work at the front office ready for a quick pick up. Again, this is all to help protect teachers, staff, and students to stay as healthy as possible during this season.

LOST & FOUND – Our Lost & Found box is bursting at the seams and needs for you to come and check and make sure nothing belongs to your children. We have a table full of jackets, sweaters, shoes, etc., with no names, therefore, no homes. Please come and check our table, across from the main office. At the end of the day, March 2nd, anything left will be taken to Good Will.

2018-2019 Priority Enrollment - Deadline: Friday, February 16th

New Siblings:

It is the time of year where we begin enrollment preparation for 2018-2019 school year. If your student has a sibling that will turn 5 before September 1st, or if you would like an older sibling to come to APA, please go the link below and register siblings.

This application is for **SIBLINGS ONLY** of students currently attending one of American Preparatory Campuses. The lottery for siblings and those with priority enrollment is scheduled for mid-March. You must complete the link below by Friday, February 16th to be considered for the lottery.

New Siblings (including Kindergartens) ONLY Link:

[2018-2019 West Valley 1 Sibling and Students of Staff Enrollment Application Solicitud de Inscripción de hermanos\(as\) y estudiantes del personal](#)

Transferring:

If you would like to request a transfer to a different American Prep Campus or will not be returning to American Prep for the 2017- 2018 school year, please click on the following link

Request a Transfer or withdraw your student for 2018-2019 School Year

<https://goo.gl/forms/ezQ5bNPvSTbfU6c93>

If there are no changes for your family enrollment for 2018-2019, you will receive an enrollment packet later, after attending a Celebration of Excellence meeting on Tuesday, March 27th, 2018 and no immediate action is required. If you have any question contact MaryCarmen Hernandez – mhernandez@apamail.org or 801-839-3613 Ext. 0021.

Be A Hero For Our Students

Are you passionate about your child's after school programs and activities? Do you want to institute a new staff appreciation initiative? Are you concerned about APA families who are experiencing hardships? Have you dreamed of establishing a scholarship? Do you have innovative ideas about how to fundraise? Is your business looking for a sponsorship opportunity? Do you enjoy working with creative, capable individuals? Are you curious about who we are and what we do?

If you are looking for a way to contribute to APA, this is the time. **Friends of APA** is looking for volunteers with a variety of imaginative ideas, talents, and skills. We provide financial support and resources to enhance the learning environment of our students and our organization is evolving right now!



Think about the last time you contributed your time and talents to an important endeavor. How did you feel - confident, compassionate, connected? Those heroic feelings result in greater energy, less depression, and increased self-worth.

Be a hero for our students by giving just a few hours a month! Are you passionate about marketing, organizing, writing, photography, web design, event planning, social media, program development, donor recognition, or community outreach? ***Sign up, ask questions, or provide feedback by contacting Whitney Haselden whaselden@apamail.org.***

Yearbook 2017-18

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 409163614
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today!

School Lunch

Over the past month, we have had many students miss school due to illness. We have received many emails asking how to cancel ordered school lunches in the event of a student absence. We appreciate your attention to this, so that we can work together to eliminate food waste and missed lunches. Please see the instructions for cancelling a student's ordered lunch.

STEP 1:

If you know that your student is going to miss school the next day, log into your lunch account **before 11:59 p.m.** the night before and click on the lunch you want to cancel (blue text and a white background). Lunches must be cancelled by 11:59pm in order to receive credit. Our vendor cannot make quantity adjustments beyond this time.

STEP 2:

A box will appear with the option to cancel and credit the lunch back to your account. Once you click this button, your balance (found on the upper right corner of the menu) will increase and the item will turn to a blue background with white text. If you receive free school lunches, please note that your balance will not increase. Credits to your account may be used in the future purchase of school lunches.

As always, please contact your school lunch manager, Kristine Stevens, if you have any questions. She will be happy to help you. Please note that Mrs. Stevens cannot cancel lunches via email if the cancellation deadline has been missed already. kstevens@apamail.org

The website to order school lunches is <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>

If you would like to apply for free or reduced price meals for your student, please contact Mrs. Stevens. We accept and process applications year-round and there is no penalty for applying, regardless of result.

Fruits & Vegetables - Stem Strawberries

Strawberries grow in many different sizes and shapes. The sizes and shapes come from various growing attributes such as seed variety, soil, water and most importantly, weather conditions. Most growers will take their most premium strawberries according to size, shape and color and will harvest them with a 2 to 3-inch portion of the stem left attached to the fruit. This particular strawberry they will call and sell as a Stem Strawberry. They are bought and used primarily for dipping and are oftentimes referred to as 'dipping strawberries'. The idea is that the stem serves as a handle or holding piece while one dips the berry into chocolate, or any other fruit dip. They are most popular around Valentine's Day and Mother's Day.



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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Family School Organization



Antonia Oviedo – 801-661-8725 – anny1977@live.com (left)
Julia Soledad – 801-574-5523 – edyjuliasld@hotmail.com (right)

Anyone who would like to help in any way, contact Mrs. Oviedo or Mrs. Soledad by calls or texts at any time.

Volunteer Raffle – Remember to keep picking up your tickets for the Volunteer Raffle, but most important is recording your **VOLUNTEER HOURS** on your **COMMUNICATION FOLDERS!**

Box Tops – The current Box Top contest is going forward and everyone needs to continue sending in their Box Tops. The winner of this contest will be a pizza party. This time the winner will go to a class and not the whole grade, so everyone needs to work hard to get their pizza party. The party will be February 16th, the last day of this term. All the box tops that have been submitted to that point will then be turned in by March 1st. So keep buying those special products and sending the Box Tops in. And not just for the party, for the great things the Box Tops can do for our school.

English Classes every Monday, Wednesday!

English classes have had such a great start and are being enjoyed by everyone who has come! Bring your friends and come have fun learning English. These community classes are free and open to everyone who would like to improve their English skills. The days and times are: Monday and Wednesday @ 8:30-9:30 am. Please contact Mrs. Meyerson if you have any questions! bmeyerson@apamail.org.

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

PE Uniforms- Students are required to wear the APA PE uniform. We will be adding this fee to student's accounts. During PE students need to check in with their PE teacher to show them their PE uniform. Those who do not have an APA uniform will need to purchase one. They can be purchased in the JR High office for \$15.

Name Tags/Uniform Infractions- In an effort to keep students in class, we will be using a 3 strikes system for students who are missing a name tag or a piece of their uniform (sweater/vest not included). The student will need to call home and inform their parent that they have forgotten an item, and see if someone can bring it to them and if not they will be given a pass for the day. The student can buy a replacement name tag at the office for \$5. Once the student has used their 3 passes, they will be asked to sit out of class until someone can bring them whatever they are missing or until the end of the day. They will be able to receive 3 pass for each (3 for name tag and 3 for uniform infractions).

7th Grade Capitol Tour

Our 7th grade students had the opportunity to travel to the capitol building in the middle of the legislative session. Students toured the capitol building and met with representatives and senators. They also had the privilege to see floor time in both the Senate and the House. In this enriching experience, students got to see firsthand what happens when Congress is in session.

9th Grade Capitol Tour

On the week back from the break, 9th grade will have the opportunity to visit the state capitol on Wednesday, February 28th! We will be observing committees as well as seeing floor time in the Senate and the House. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to see firsthand how our legislature operates. Permission forms went home this week and should have been turned in.



Parent University @ WV1 – February 28th @ 6:00 PM

Join us on Wednesday, February 28th at WV1 for Parent University from 6:00-7:00 pm. This event is presented by GEAR UP. This parents-only event will feature professionals from Paradigm Shift; they are experts in the field on a national level. We are keeping our Latino families in mind. Speakers will discuss scholarships, financial aid, the college application process, and more. This event will be in **both** Spanish and English, it is accessible for any West Valley parent. Parent University events count toward your parent volunteer hours; secondary parents will also earn **three tardy removals** for each of their students! This might help them avoid Saturday School. If you have any questions, please email Rob Guido (rguido@apamail.org). See you there!

SheTech Explorer Day - SheTech Explorer Day is a conference for high school girls in 9th through 12th grade. This day-long event will include hands-on workshops in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Our ultimate goal is to expose girls to technology in a fun atmosphere, as well as meet STEM role models to learn more about opportunities in those fields. It will be held on March 1, 2018 at the Mountain America Expo Center in Sandy. Transportation from WV2 and lunch will be provided. Contact Mrs. Dye or Ms. Motz for questions. Permission slips need to be turned in by February 16.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS (Sistema & Collegium Hall)

Collegium Hall

Collegium Hall is back in full swing, working on homework and missing work. 7th and 8th grades are working towards completing 5000 assignments per grade, while 9th grade reaches for 3000 assignments. If they meet their goal, they'll earn a pizza party! The first grade to meet their goal will get an additional prize!
Here's where each grades currently stands:

7th grade: 2822 completed assignments
8th grade: 2721 completed assignments
9th grade: 1267 completed assignments

CLUBS

Monday

Latin Club (grades 7-9) in room 148 with Mrs. Adamson from 3:35 to 3:55 pm
Newsies Club (grades 7-9) in room 141 with Ms. Kelly from 4:05 to 5:00 pm
Knights of the Game Table Club (grades 4-6) in room 125 with Mr. Nath from 4:00 to 5:30 pm
Knitting Club (grades 4-6) in room 104 with Ms. Cain from 4:00 to 5:00 pm
3D Printing Club (grades 6-9) in room 138 with Mr. Langford from 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Tuesday

Improv Club (grades 7-9) in room 126 with Ms. Denison and Ms. Spencer from 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Anime Club (grades 7-9) in room 144 with Ms. Carson from 3:30 to 5:00 pm
Knitting Club (grades 4-6) in room 104 with Ms. Cain from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Art Club (grades 6-7) in room 125 with Ms. Cahoon from 2:30 to 4:00 pm
Adulting Club (grades 7-9) in room 148 with Ms. Adamson from 3:00 to 3:30 pm

Thursday

Latin Club (grades 7-9) in room 150 with Mrs. Adamson from 2:35 to 2:55 pm

Friday

Math Club (grades 7-9) in room 142 with Mrs. Woodcox and Ms. Carson from 4:15 to 6:30 pm

Afterschool Day on the Hill: Feb. 7th was a wonderful opportunity for Sistema Strings to represent our school at the Utah State Capitol. Sistema Strings debuted two new fiddle songs and finished off with our signature Twinkle and Zorro's Mark. Mrs. Findlay was so gracious to take the students on a tour of the capitol. They learned a lot about the House of Representatives and the House of the Senate. We were lucky to have met Rep. Levar Christensen and took a picture with Senator Karen Mayne. It was an experience we will all remember.

Ensemble Day: Many of you know that in January we made some changes to our ensemble day schedules. Our new schedule is the same time schedule as our regular Sistema week schedule. The new schedule for the younger string instrument students has two activity classes and an instrument technique class. Older string instrument students have two activity classes and a small group class, where they will learn to work as a trio or quartet, along with note reading, improve, and will begin to write their own music as a group. Band students have a small group, Band, and one activity class. We are excited to offer a computer coding class for those who are interested, as one of their activity classes. Students have been writing stories, which some will be developed into their own musical compositions.

Checking Out Early: We understand it is a very long day for students who attend school and then stay after for our afterschool program, especially for your youngest students. For all those in grades 3-6th grade they are capable to stay for our full program. Most students in first and second grade are also able to stay for the full program. It is important that students do not miss more than one day a week, as per the Sistema Utah policy. We understand that there have been many students absent from the program due to being ill. Please help support and respect our teachers by having your student attend every day. We are so grateful parents are picking up students between classes, when they have had to pick up their student early from Sistema. Thank you for your support of our music program.

Safety Assembly: We want to thank Mrs. Riviera, our school's Social Worker, for coming and teaching us about the different types of safety. We learned about these four areas of safety: Academically, Physically, Socially, and Emotionally. Mrs. Riviera gave all the students glow stick bracelets to help remind them how our new 'Safety' knowledge can light our path to success.

Sistema Calendar

- Feb. 16: Bach Buck Store
- Feb. 19-23: No Sistema – Midwinter Break

Other Dates to Mark on your calendar:

- March. 1 - 2: No Sistema (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- March. 12: No Sistema (Professional Development)
- March. 21: No Sistema (Staff Appreciation Dinner)
- March. 28: No Sistema (12:15 Dismissal Grading Day)