



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

Dec 3-7 - Mon, Tues & Fri - 8:15 – 3:25/3:50 2<sup>nd</sup> Dismissal  
Wed & Thurs - 8:15-2:25/2:50 (2<sup>nd</sup> Dismissal)

Nov 28 - Dec 3	Winterim Registration
Monday, Dec 3	Jr. High Boy's Basketball - HOME vs Hawthorn - 4:30 pm
Wednesday, Dec 5	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Band, Orchestra and Choir Concert 6:00 pm
	Secondary Band, Orchestra and Choir Concert 7:00 pm
Thursday, Dec 6	S.W.Y.K. Builder's Assembly - 8:15 am
Thursday, Dec 6	Jr. High Boy's Basketball - HOME vs Legacy Prep - 4:30 pm
Thursday, Dec 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Winter Cohort Showcase & Parent Meeting - 6:00 pm
Friday, Dec 7	APA-WV1 Spirit Day
Dec 10-12	Boys Basketball State Tournament - TBD
Wednesday, Dec 12	Ambassador Event - 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Care Center Visit - 1:10-3:45 pm
Thursday, Dec 13	S.W.Y.K. - RU Assembly - 8:15 am
Thursday, Dec 13	Science Fair - 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 15	Sistema Strings Performance at Grizzlies Game 5:30 - 9:30 pm
Wednesday, Dec 19	School Geography Bee - 1:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec 19	Sistema Winter Concert - 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm
Thursday, Dec 20	Early Dismissal 12:15 pm
Dec 21-Jan 2	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>

**Upcoming Events**

Jan 3-17                      Jr. High Winterim

**December Builder's Theme: "KIGATSUKU ... When I look for ways to Serve others."**

***Kigatsuku*** means "an inner spirit to act without being told what to do." We can do great good many ways - whether in organized groups, or on our own, just as individuals who care enough to serve. It is the desire in individual hearts that power not only small, individual acts of service, but also the great acts that become mass movements and even revolutions. We each have that power.

Chieko Okazaki related a time when she was a little girl and her mother was teaching her to be *kigatsuku*. When she swept the floor, her mother would say, "Chieko, what would a kigatsuku girl do now?" Then she'd run and get the dustpan. She recognized her mother's teachings when she read to her "Verily, I say, you should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of your own free will, and bring to pass much good. For the power is in you, wherein you are an agent unto yourself."

**We are all agents unto ourselves to do good, and to bring about great things!**



## ROCK THE SOCKS: APA's Annual Community Donation Drive



**ROCK THE SOCKS!** Did you know that 30% of Utah's Homeless are children? Let's show them we care! We accept new or gently used and laundered socks of any size, color, or style. Your students can drop off donations in their elementary homeroom or secondary 4<sup>th</sup> period classroom. The drive starts TODAY! Thank you for your generosity!

## It's Geography Bee Time!

It's Geography Bee time! Our school Geography Bee will take place on Wednesday, December 19 from 1-2:15 pm. During the week of November 26-30, all 4th-8th grade students took a preliminary qualifying test. Twenty finalists from these grades will qualify to compete in the School Geography Bee! The finalists will be notified by Monday, December 3rd.

Our APA Geography Bee winner will have the opportunity to take a written qualifying test to enter the state-level competition. The state-level and national-level competitions will be held in the spring. The national champion receives a \$25,000 college scholarship!

For fun and learning, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades will be having classroom and grade level Geography Bees during this same time period. The teachers will be sending home study guides and will let you know on the learning plan when their classroom bees will be.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Geography Bee, please e-mail Mrs. Leavitt at [lleavitt@apamail.org](mailto:lleavitt@apamail.org).

## WV1 Winter Music Concert Wednesday - Featuring: Band, Choir, and Orchestra

Wednesday, December 5th - 6:00 pm - Elementary (5th/6th grade) Concert // 7:00 pm - Junior High Concert  
Concert is **MANDATORY** for students in music ensembles.

Held in the WV1 Gymnasium - Free Admission!

Performance Attire for students: Full School Uniform

Hope to see you there!



## WV2 Transitioning

Plans for transitioning our 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders to WV2 for the 2019-2020 school year are in full swing! We are planning our Celebration of Excellence meetings for early next year (January/February) along with a groundbreaking for the expansion of WV2 to accommodate this move. Some of our students were able to take another field trip to WV2 to watch the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" and to mingle with the current WV2 students. Our boys were also able to attend Empowering Your Tomorrows, a STEM event at UVU, with the WV2 boys. We have some teacher swaps planned, and other fun activities, to integrate ourselves smoothly. As a parent, we hope you'll be able to continue to support your student

academically and encourage them to put their best work forward. APA is just as rigorous at WV2 as it is at WV1, so helping them to get an academic routine down now will help maintain stability when we transition to the new building. We are excited to become the one Secondary of West Valley!



## ENROLLMENT FOR NEW SIBLINGS & TRANSFER REQUEST LINKS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 23

### **NEW SIBLINGS - <https://goo.gl/forms/ft7hrb5yZfYeaVHD3>**

- If you wish to enroll new siblings (including kindergarten) for the 2019-2020 school year, you must make an enrollment request for them. Use the enrollment link for NEW SIBLINGS. These must be submitted by December 12 to get priority enrollment before new student lotteries begin.

### **TRANSFER REQUESTS**

The link to request a transfer to a different APA campus: <https://goo.gl/forms/V3COoB2lcaEHXOdx1>. Requests are processed in the order that they are received, sibling priority taken into consideration. Open seats are limited, so please be sure to get on the transfer waitlist before new student lotteries begin in January. Even if you have requested a transfer before, you need to fill it out again.

### **ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT APA STUDENTS**

- Students that are currently attending APA **DO NOT** need to register for the enrollment lotteries each year. We assume you are going to stay, unless you notify us otherwise. Your enrollment links for the 2019-20 school year will be given to you at the mandatory "Celebration of Excellence" enrollment meetings held in the spring. Dates for these will be in the newsletter.

### **ENROLLMENT FOR 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS MOVING TO THE WV2 CAMPUS**

- Your students will automatically be transferred to the West Valley 2 campus. You do not need to request a transfer unless you are requesting a transfer to the Draper 3 campus. You will attend an enrollment meeting at WV2 in the spring and receive the online re-enrollment link from WV2. Students will need to meet the requirements of the APA promotion policy. (See Parent-Student Handbook)

### **IF YOU HAVE FRIENDS, RELATIVES OR NEIGHBORS INTERESTED IN APA:**

- 2019-2020 Registration for the first enrollment lottery opened on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. If you have friends or family that wish to enroll at the American Prep\ WV1 campus, they should go online to [americanprep.org](http://americanprep.org) and register for the lottery. First lotteries will take place early in January. In anticipation of all the changes at our campus, there are an exciting number of potential new seats available for K-6 students at our WV1 campus.

### **APA-WV1: Elementary- Uniform Policy**

As winter weather is coming on, we find a need to clarify our uniform policy and we have also made some changes. Please see below!

1. **YES, it's cold outside!!!** Please remember to send your children with a coat for outside play, with gloves and hats when appropriate.
2. **These boots were made for walkin'!!!** Every year we have questions about boots. Once the snow hits, students may want boots to wear on the playground. If they are snow boots, that is great - we will ask that students change into shoes when they come inside but snow boots can be really great on the playground - warm, skid-proof, etc! Unfortunately, the "dress boots" many girls wear have VERY slippery soles and don't do well in snow or ice. They really were made for walking in climate controlled hallways! But not so much for a slippery playground! Please consider that our playgrounds sometimes do have snow on them!
3. **BRRR!** In an effort to help girls in K-6 to stay warm, they may wear navy pants instead of their skirts or under their skirts, whichever they choose. Watch the online uniform guide for instructions on what type of uniform pants are permitted. It should be updated in the next day or two with the style guides.

We are excited to have a healthy and happy winter. Thank you for preparing your children for the upcoming season of snow and wet weather.



## **Flu Season Reminder**

Just a reminder about expectations regarding sick students. If your student has a fever or is vomiting, they are not to attend school. The CDC recommends that children be free of fever for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Flu season is especially bad this year. Keeping sick children home from school helps slow the spread of disease. Some symptoms of the flu may be fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, chills, fatigue, and sometimes diarrhea and vomiting. Hand hygiene is the number one way of preventing the transmission of disease. Please do your part to keep all our students healthy.

## **Curriculum News**

Sometimes our students' textbooks and library books get lost or damaged. We are diligent in collecting lost/damaged book fees so we can purchase those replacements for our students to use. We are not able to accept replacement books provided by parents, but have different options to help with the reduction of and payment of fees. Please contact Bonnie Meyerson at [bmeyerson@apamail.org](mailto:bmeyerson@apamail.org) for help or questions.

**Reading University** - Thanks in part to our RU reviewers. So far this year we have added 165 books to the RU list. In total we have added 1,700 books to the RU list in the last 4 years. We are grateful for this help and the great quality of books we are able to have students read.

To see some of the recently added books, go to the DRA2 site on [americanprep.org](http://americanprep.org), Resources, and Reading University. There can be found newly published books that have been added to current RU series, new great books by list and highlighted by the blog. Check it out!

## **Adult English Class- Jr High breakout room**

Advanced Group - Mondays - 8:15 - 9:15 am

Beginners Group - Wednesdays - 8:20 - 9:15 am

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Meyerson [bmeyerson@apamail.org](mailto:bmeyerson@apamail.org)

**Free English classes** (from survival level to understanding your children's education reports), job readiness classes, and citizenship classes. The website is <https://www.eslcenter.org/programs>. The phone number is 801-328-608. Flyers are available at the front offices.

## **YEARBOOK**

Theme: "Around the World in 180 Days" - We Need More!!!

Please send your pictures of you and your family in your travels around the world today!" Send your pictures to Mrs. Eddards - [leddards@apamail.org](mailto:leddards@apamail.org). Make sure to include names and places. Looking forward to an amazing year of fun.

## **REMINDER TO ORDER LUNCH FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**

The menu for December & January are now available! You can order online - the link for online ordering can be found here: <https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/> If you need help ordering lunch, our school lunch workers, Jenni Ruiz ([jruiz@apamail.org](mailto:jruiz@apamail.org)) and Charity Lavatai ([clavatai@apamail.org](mailto:clavatai@apamail.org)) are available from 8:00 am until 9:30 am, and then from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm every day. You can also email [lunch@apamail.org](mailto:lunch@apamail.org).

We have included the lunch menu for December & January with this newsletter. A CHANGE in January is that we are offering the muffin and breadsticks EVERY WEEK! These are the 2 most popular items.



## FSO - Family School Organization

Julia Soledad - 801-574-5523 - [edyjuliasld@hotmail.com](mailto:edyjuliasld@hotmail.com)

Israel Claveria - 801-556-2853 - [israel\\_claveria@hotmail.com](mailto:israel_claveria@hotmail.com)

**WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!** We have a map up and need pictures to fill it. Start snapping and sending. Go through photo albums and share the many places you have been and are from. We want this to excite everyone to get out and see the world. Bring your pictures into the front office or send them to Julia Soledad at [edyjuliasld@hotmail.com](mailto:edyjuliasld@hotmail.com).

**Box tops** - Our next box top contest is up and running. At the end of this term the winning class will win a piñata party. This will take place around December 20<sup>th</sup>, so send, send, send!

**FSO Meeting** - Our next meeting will be in January, 2019

### **Volunteers Opportunity - We need you!**

- **Lunch Room:** Are you available to help during Elementary lunch? We would love to have you volunteer! You can help by reading to the children, handing out lunches, opening cartons of milk, and more! We especially need help in the younger grades, but we can use your time and support in whatever classroom you prefer.
- **Ambassador: Parents!** Volunteers are needed and welcome! We need volunteers to be team leaders to help students rotate between stations, and assist with setup and cleanup. You are going to love to be a part of all of the fun festivities we have planned! If you are available to help for any amount of time, please contact Hailey Stevens at [hstevens@apamail.org](mailto:hstevens@apamail.org) or call the Junior High Office.

### **Community Corner**

**Carpool connection** - We have several families that are in need of help with carpooling. If you would be able to help please contact Ms. Gamez at [mgamez@apamail.org](mailto:mgamez@apamail.org).

- ⇒ A family in West Jordan on 6200 South and Cougar Lane is looking for help transporting one child to and from school. Parent is willing to help as well.
- ⇒ A family in West Valley on 3600 South and 3200 West, needs transportation for one child to and from school. they are willing to help with gas and speak Spanish.
- ⇒ A family in West Valley on Redwood Rd and Parkway Avenue would like to find someone to help a student to get to school in the morning.

## **Ambassador Program**

### **7th Grade Ambassador Event: Care Center Visits**

Our upcoming 7th grade Ambassador event is on Wednesday, December 12th for the Care Center Visits. We will be visiting Elderly Care Centers and spending time with the residents through singing, service and crafts! For the Care Center event students will need to be picked up at school at 3:45pm. They are expected to be in full uniform and need to turn in permission forms to attend. If parents are interested in volunteering at the Care Centers, please contact Hailey Stevens at [hstevens@apamail.org](mailto:hstevens@apamail.org).



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**JUNIOR HIGH NEWS**

**AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS (Sistema & Collegium Hall)**

Collegium Hall - Mon, Tues, & Fri - 3:25 - 6:30pm  
Wed & Thurs - 2:25 - 5:30pm

**COLLEGIUM HALL'S UPDATED CHECK-OUT POLICY**

Due to safety concerns, students will no longer be able to check themselves out from Collegium Hall. A guardian must check out the student in person with the student's mentor. If a student needs to contact his/her guardian, a school phone must be used with a mentor's permission. (Cell phones are not allowed during after-school hours under any circumstance.) A student with a walking pass may leave only after informing his/her guardian of his/her departure time. If it is dark out, he/she will not be permitted to walk home, and must stay in Collegium Hall.

A student may check out for an at-home sports game, with a guardian's permission. This will be a phone call verified by the mentor, with assurance that the student will be picked up at the end of the game.

**This policy will be in full effect as of Wednesday, November 14.** Thank you for your understanding as we implement this new policy in Collegium Hall.

**Collegium Hall**

Homework is under control in Collegium Hall! Term 2 totals are on the rise:

7th---238

8th---392

9th---473

Seventh and eighth grades are close to matching their Term 1 totals, and it's only Mid-term! Amazing! Ninth grade has actually surpassed their Term 1 total! Collegium Hall Mentors are great to help out our students with homework. If you could use their assistance, please come to Collegium Hall right after school.

Don't forget about all of the amazing clubs offered this year at APA. If you want to learn to create an app, check out Coding Club on Fridays. If you need to get out some energy, check out the PE Club that started on Nov 28, and once a month thereafter.

**CLUBS**

**Board Games & Magic the Gathering** - Tuesday, 3:50-5:30pm - 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grades - Room 138 - Mr. Christiansen

**Coding** - Friday, 3:30-4:40pm - 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - Room 138 - Ms. Oveson

**PE** - Last Wed of each month - 2:30-3:30pm - 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> - Gym - Mrs. Western - Nov 28, Dec 19, January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22.

**Robotics** - (Club full) - Thursday, 2:50-4:00pm - 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> - Room 101 - Mrs. Deplace

**Stage Productions** - Tues/Fri - 4:00-5:00pm - 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> - Room 102 - Ms. Denison

**Yearbook** (Photographers needed) - Every other Tuesday (Starting 11/27) - 4:00-5:00 pm - Rm 144  
Mrs. Eddards (Average grade of C or above)



## **Parent Club**

Thanks to all the amazing parents that came to our Parent Empowerment meeting last week. We learned so much from Ms. Okelberry. Our next Parent Club is a "Health and Wellness Workshop" in January. Date TBA

## **2nd Grade Parents**

Parent Violin Cohort Meeting and Showcase - Dec. 6th, at 6:00 in the WV1 Multipurpose Room  
Violin and singing performance presented by our amazing 2nd grade students.

## **Winter Concert**

As we are getting ready for our Winter Concert on Dec. 19, it is very important students stay for all their classes in Sistema. Mark your calendar that students must attend the full program for Dress Rehearsal on Dec. 18 3:30-6:00 and Dec. 19, 2:30-6:15 with our concert starting at 5:30. Plan your schedules accordingly.

## **Sistema Calendar:**

- Dec. 6 **2nd Grade Winter Cohort Showcase and Parent Meeting** 6:00 (for all 2nd grade students and parents)
- Dec 11 - **Sistema Teacher Showcase** 6:00-6:30 pm - Come enjoy the fun
- Dec. 15 - **Sistema Strings Performance at Grizzlies Game** 5:30 - 9:30
  - Repertoire: Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America, Star Wars and Holiday Songs (Only those in our Sistema Strings and Pre-Sistema Strings will be performing.)
  - Tickets: If you are interested in going to the game you can order tickets by calling Craig Handy 801-988-8026 and say you are with Sistema. Otherwise you can purchase them at the box office or online <http://www.utahgrizzlies.com/>
- Dec. 19 - **Sistema Winter Concert** 5:30 - 6:15
- Dec. 20 - **No Sistema or Collegium Hall** (12:15 dismissal)
- Dec. 21- Jan. 2 Winter Break (No Sistema)
- Jan. 4 - Sistema Strings Performance at U of U Women's Basketball Game