



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 10-14 - Mon, Tues & Fri - 8:15 – 3:25/3:50 2nd Dismissal
Wed & Thurs - 8:15-2:25/2:50 (2nd Dismissal)

Nov 30 - Dec 14	Rock the Socks Donation Drive
Saturday, Dec 8	Saturday School - WV2 - 7:45 am - 11:00 am - 3636 W. 3100 S, WVC
Dec 10-12	Boys Basketball State Tournament - TBD
Wednesday, Dec 12	Ambassador Event - 7 th 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.
Friday, Dec 14	Elementary Homework Deadline
Friday, Dec 14	Big Smiles Dental Forms due
Saturday, Dec 15	Saturday School - WV2 - 7:45 am - 11:00 am - 3636 W. 3100 S, WVC
Saturday, Dec. 15	Sistema Strings Performance at Grizzlies Game 5:30 - 9:30 pm
Monday, Dec 17	Secondary Homework Deadline
Wednesday, Dec 19	School Geography Bee - 1:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec 19	Sistema Winter Concert - 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm
Wednesday, Dec 19	Last day of Sistema & Collegium Hall for Term 2
Thursday, Dec 20	Early Dismissal 12:15 pm - No Sistema or Collegium Hall
Thursday, Dec 20	END OF TERM 2
Dec 21-Jan 2	WINTER BREAK

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan 3	Beginning Term 3
Jan 11	APA Parents Club- "Health and Wellness"
Jan 3-17	Winterim - Secondary
Jan 31	Big Smiles Dental Clinic

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"

It's easy to get so caught up teaching your child how to write his letters and how to cut his food with a knife that you forget to teach your child to be kind. And some parents worry teaching kindness could actually cause a child to lose his edge in today's competitive world. But teaching kindness is valuable. Research says teaching kindness has a positive influence on a range of academic, health, and social outcomes for kids.

When kindness is taught in school, children experience increased self-esteem, increased motivation to learn, improved attendance, and decreased bullying and violence. Studies also show kids who engage in random acts of kindness are more likely to be accepted by their peers. Their good deeds improve their well-being and help them develop positive perceptions of their world. But, research also suggests children today are more self-absorbed and less empathetic than they were a decade ago. So don't expect your child to learn kindness by observing his peers. Perform acts of kindness with your children to teach them how to be generous, compassionate, and giving.

Of course, your child's acts of kindness may not be able to be all that 'random' since they'll most likely need some assistance from you. But, teaching them to do nice things for other people now could be the key to helping them recognize opportunities to show kindness later in life.



ROCK THE SOCKS: APA's Annual Community Donation Drive



ROCK THE SOCKS! Our donation drive is in full swing. We are so impressed with the amazing enthusiasm and generosity of our students. We will be able to help so many individuals, families and children in need by donating this week. Our donation drive goes until next Friday, Dec. 14th. So keep the donations coming!

Where In the World? Geography Bee Time!

It's Geography Bee time! Our 1st-3rd grades will be participating in classroom Geography Bees during the week of December 10-14. Study guides have gone home to help them prepare for the competition. The 4th-8th grade students have taken the qualifying written test and the finalists will participate in the school Geography Bee on Wednesday, December 19 from 1-2:15 pm. Good luck to all of our students as they show what they know about the world! If you would like to volunteer to help with the Geography Bee, please e-mail Mrs. Leavitt at lleavitt@apamail.org.



Mandatory Meeting for 6th-9th Graders Moving to WV2

Happy December! We are winding down the second term and will be halfway through the school year before we know it. This means we are planning enrollment for next year for our current 6th-9th graders at WV2. We look forward to our move and joining the amazing staff and students of WV2. We have scheduled several "Celebration of Excellence" meetings in which you can secure your student's place for next year at WV2. **These meetings will be at WV2.** We will not hold any meetings at WV1 for the students moving over to WV2 --you must attend a meeting at WV2. Although these meetings are not until January, we know it can be difficult to arrange to attend these mandatory meetings, so we wanted to give you the dates and times as follows:

Tuesday, January 29th at 8:30am
Tuesday, January 29th at 2pm
Wednesday, January 30th at 8:30am
Wednesday, January 30th at 6pm
Saturday, February 2nd at 9am

All meetings will be held at WV2 in the multi-purpose room. Please enter in the southeast elementary doors. The address is 3636 W. 3100 S. Please arrive on time as latecomers may be asked to attend a different meeting. See you then!

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 for terms 2 and 3. Please see below!

1. **IT'S COLD!** Please remember to send your children with a coat for outside play, with gloves and hats when appropriate.



2. **BOOTS!** 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. **NAVY PANTS FOR ELEMENTARY GIRLS!** 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.

Although Jr. High students may wear boots to school, no boots are allowed in Jr. High classrooms so please make sure your Jr. High students have their regular school shoes to wear inside the building.

Big Smiles Dental Clinic - (Optional Program) Big Smiles will be coming to our school for a dental day on January 31, 2019. A state licensed dentist will check your child's mouth & teeth, as well as provide a cleaning, x-rays as necessary, fluoride treatment and apply sealants, as needed. Additional care, such as fillings, may also be provided. A dental report card will be sent home with your child. Medicaid, CHIP, and most private insurances are accepted so this generally will cost parents nothing. A self-pay option is also available. In addition, for those who are unable to pay, there are grants available. No student will be turned away due to inability to pay. Fill out a permission slip and return to your student's teacher. Online permission slips are also an option. Permission slips are due Friday, December 14.

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.

Job Opportunities at americanprep.org/careers/

For West Valley 1 Campus:

- **School Lunch Specialist**- Hours: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Tuesday – Friday OR 10:10 am to 3:40 pm Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 10:10 am to 3:10 pm Wednesday, Thursday- Pay: \$11.00
- **ELL Instructor** Qualified candidates will be able to help non-English speaking students achieve a functional mastery of the English language in one year or less, using the Direct Instruction Spoken English (DISE) program. **WORK SCHEDULE** Monday-Friday 12:00-4:00pm, 20 hours per week. **COMPENSATION** \$12.00 - \$14.00 per hour

After School Homework Mentor M, T, F - 3:15 pm-7:00 pm, W, Th- 2:15 pm-6:00 pm. This is a non-benefited position. Pay \$11-12/hr. DOE.



American Prep Education Foundation (APEF) - Job Opportunity

The APEF is a "sister" organization to APA. It is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to support the mission of American Prep schools. APEF conducts fundraising on behalf of all the APA schools.

The Foundation is seeking an Executive Director and we thought we'd let our parents know so they could help us find just the right individual to fill this very important position! Here are the details:

We are seeking an individual to fill the role of Executive Director of APEF who:

1. Knows the vision and mission of American Preparatory Academy and is highly enthusiastic about it
2. Is excited about building that vision among the APA parent community, the staff, and the general public
3. Is able to recruit enthusiastic parents and staff members to advance the interests of American Prep

Professional Qualifications:

- Transparent and high integrity leadership
- Development and Fundraising experience
- Project Management experience, including financial, technological, logistical management
- Strong organizational skills including planning, organizing, delegating, program development and task facilitation
- Ability to convey a vision of APEF's strategic future and primary goals to staff, board, volunteers and donors
- Knowledge of fundraising strategies and donor relations
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Ability to interface and engage diverse volunteer and donor groups
- Demonstrated ability to oversee and collaborate with volunteers and staff members
- Strong public speaking ability

Job Responsibilities:

- Oversee all fundraising activities at all the campuses from a budgetary, approval and policy perspective, ensuring all fundraising activities meet the mission of the organization and fulfill all state and local legal requirements
- Work collaboratively with a professional development professional on creating a capital campaign to support the building of the auditoriums in WVC and in Draper
- Implement the capital campaign, working with the board, staff, school constituents, and potential donors
- Planning and operation of annual budget.
- Serving as APEF's primary spokesperson to school families, staff, the media and general public
- Develop APEF policies and procedures, as needed, to result in a strong non-profit organization.
- Oversee organization Board and committee meetings.
- Other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors.

This is a full-time position.

Salary is commensurate with experience and other qualifications.

Salary range: \$40,000-50,000.

Location: Draper, UT

Hours: 8-4:30 M-F or as needed



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 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, 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

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. 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 worker, Jenni Ruiz (jruiz@apamail.org) is 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.

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.

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables- Autumn King Seedless Grapes & Red Seedless Grapes

Introduced just 8 years ago this green variety of grapes currently dominates the late season domestic green grape market. Some of its characteristics are a very large berry, very firm with a light crunch and a mild sweet flavor. In fact, the huge quick success to this grape is mainly due to its size and appearance. Watch out because due to the size of some of these monster grapes you may mistake them for a green plum.

Grapes are no stranger when it comes to fresh fruits. In fact, they are one of the most popular well-liked fruits available to eat. There are thousands of varieties of grapes but most are categorized as either green, red or black. Green grapes were the first known color of grapes and then followed red which quickly took over as a favorite over the green. Red grapes are available year round because they are grown in both the northern and southern hemispheres. Summertime grapes in the USA come primarily from Mexico and California whereas winter time grapes are imported from Southern regions such as Chile and Peru.



FSO - Family School Organization

Julia Soledad - 801-574-5523 - edyjuliasld@hotmail.com
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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.

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 20th, so send, send, send!

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

Parent Club - SAVE THE DATE!!!

"Health and Wellness"

Do you deal with high stress levels or experience anxiety daily? Come to learn techniques to manage both stress and anxiety. Wear comfortable clothes.

Date: Friday, January 11, 2019, 5:30

Bring: Blanket and pillow and Healthy dish and recipe to share.

Childcare provided

Family Yoga Night

Come enjoy a fun night of yoga and bring your whole family!

Friday, February 1, 2018, 2019, 5:30

Bring: Yoga mat for each person (recommended, not required)

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 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.

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ A family in Murray needs help to pick up ONE student on Wednesday and Thursday- willing to help \$\$\$



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.

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

Collegium Hall is a rockin'-and-a-rollin'! With the end of the term coming Dec. 20, the students are working hard on getting all missing assignments completed and turned in by Dec. 17, which is the LAST DAY for all late work for term 2. Our impressive homework totals are currently:

7th---309

8th---493

9th---640

Anyone needing assistance getting their missing work completed, please join us in Collegium Hall!

Starting next term, we will have our Collegium Hall Winterim classes, Jan. 3-17. Classes are being created now, and registration for them will be shortly, taking place during Collegium Hall. If you have questions regarding Collegium Hall Winterim, please see Ms. Collier.

CLUBS

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

Coding - Friday, 3:30-4:40pm - 5th - 9th - Room 138 - Ms. Oveson

PE - Last Wed of each month - 2:30-3:30pm - 6th-9th - 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 - 4th-8th - Room 101 - Mrs. Deplace

Stage Productions - Tues/Fri - 4:00-5:00pm - 4th-9th - 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)

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 Winter Registration: Sistema registration is open now for January on a case by case basis. We will only be accepting students who already play in the school band, orchestra, or 2nd grade violin cohort. Students must audition for Mrs. McCullough (strings) or Ms. Petersen (winds and percussion). If you are interested, please email Mrs. McCullough (cmccullough@apamail.org)

Drum Bus: Last week during Sistema our students enjoyed a drumming adventure with Nels Andersen on his Drum Bus. The students use percussion instruments to make the sounds of rainforest. They learned more about each other through asking questions and drumming responses. It was truly a magical time! Thanks Nels for helping us discover so many new things!

Sistema Calendar:

- 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:
 - Call Craig Handy 801-988-8026 for \$10 tickets. Say you are with Sistema Utah.
 - All performers will be provided a ticket. Parents and others will need to purchase tickets to attend.

If you order through <http://www.utahgrizzlies.com/> or get them from the box office, the tickets will cost more \$\$.

- Dec. 18 **Sistema Dress Rehearsal**
 - All Sistema students must attend full program day. Pick between 6:00-6:30
- 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