



## American Prep WV1 Campus Newsletter Sept 13, 2019

Electronic calendar can be accessed on the website @ <http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/>

**School hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 8:15-3:25/3:50 pm**

**Wednesday & Thursday: 8:15-2:25/2:50 pm**

Phones will be answered from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on school days – except during 1<sup>st</sup> dismissal carpool.

CALENDAR:	<b>*Volunteer Opportunities</b>
Monday, Sept 16	Parents English Class 8:30
Wednesday, Sept 18	Parents English Class @ 8:30
Wednesday, Sept 18	Adults Yoga class @ 4:00 pm
Thurs, Sept 19	Weekly Show-What-You-Know Assembly 8:15-8:45 am
Friday, Sept 20	Land Trust Committee
Thurs, Sept 26	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador "Friendship" Event * 12-:45-3:45 pm
Friday, Sept 27	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trips *
Thurs, Oct 3	Weekly Show-What-You-Know Assembly 8:15-8:45 am
Friday, Oct 4	APA Spirit Wear Day
Friday, Oct 4	End of Term Late Work Deadline
Wed, Oct 9	Reading University Store *
Tues, Oct 8	4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trips *
Thurs, Oct 10	Weekly Show-What-You-Know Assembly 8:15-8:45 am
Thurs, Oct 10	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador Event * 1:00-3:45 pm
Fri, Oct 11	End of Term 1/ Reports cards go home
Oct 14 – Oct 18	Fall Break – NO SCHOOL

### Hello American Prep Families!

### September's Builder's Theme: "Build with Enthusiasm"

Below are six traits of enthusiastic people. As you read them, think about yourself and where your strengths are. Pay attention throughout this week to the characteristics that you could improve upon with practice.

1. Enthusiastic people **RADIATE ENERGY**. When these people walk into a room, heads turn and people gather. Their smile lights up a room.
2. Enthusiastic people are **CURIOUS AND INTERESTED** in life. They love learning and live in a state of wonder, surprise, and delight.
3. Enthusiastic people **FOCUS ON THE GOOD** (even when things aren't). They emphasize what they can do rather than what they can't do.
4. Enthusiastic people **FEEL DEEPLY AND LAUGH OFTEN**. They show compassion for life's difficulties and use humor to help themselves and others through tough times.
5. Enthusiastic people **DO SOMETHING THEY LOVE** every day, no matter how small. They are passionate about their work, hobbies, craft, or the sports they play and it shows.
6. Enthusiastic people **SERVE A GREATER PURPOSE** than themselves. They have a desire to help others and build community.



I challenge you to focus specifically on one of the characteristics above and become more enthusiastic! Invite every member of the family to participate and watch what happens to the atmosphere in your home.

### **Vacant seats at APA-WV1 Campus!**

We have vacant seats at our WV1 campus on Crystal Avenue in 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to come see the school. 1255 West Crystal Avenue in West Valley City. The phone number is 801.839.3613. ***It's a great school & it is FREE!***

### **Academic Update: Cursive**

This year our students have already learned a lot of great skills and concepts! One skill that ALL students learn at American Prep is penmanship and cursive. American Prep is a cursive only school for all elementary grades (K-6). Please encourage your students to practice writing cursive at home and to be using their best penmanship skills. Starting in November, all American Prep upper elementary students (grades 4-6) will be required to complete their school work using their new cursive skills, no work done in printed writing will be accepted. Students in grades K-3 will learn cursive in their homeroom classes and will need to write in cursive as they learn the new letters. Students will continue to learn and practice these skills for the entire year.

### **Ambassador Event- Coming Up!**

We have our first Ambassador event of the year coming up on Thursday, September 26th from 12:45-3:45pm. This event is for ALL of our 5th grade students! Our first event of the year is our "APA FriendSHIP" event. At this event our students will be learning about Meet & Greet Protocol, How to Ask Intelligent Questions, How to Say a Thank You Plus One, The Responsibilities of a Guest and How to Navigate a Refreshment Line. These are some of our most important Ambassador skills! If any parents are interested in volunteering, please contact Leigh Herrera at [LHerrera@apamail.org](mailto:LHerrera@apamail.org)

**Hiring Crossing Guards:** APA-WV1 Parents—We have received the information below from West Valley City. They are hiring additional crossing guards for the upcoming school year. If you are interested, please use the link to apply. <https://wvcut.applicantpro.com/jobs/1113527.html>

### **Adult English Class**

We are excited to announce that English classes are beginning Next Week! Bring your friends and come have fun learning English on Mondays and Wednesday, from 8:30-9:30 am. The classes are free and are open to everyone who would like to improve their English skills.

**APEF- SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATION DRIVE:** Because APA provides school supplies to all of its students, as parents we don't have to go to Target or Walmart alongside everyone else who is doing their back to school shopping for notebooks, pencils, crayons, etc. But this is a significant expense for APA, so Friends of APA is looking for parents who are willing to donate money to offset some of those costs. To donate to our School Supplies Donation Drive, please go to [americanprepfoundation.org](http://americanprepfoundation.org) and click on the SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION DRIVE button. Any donation is greatly appreciated.



## INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

Do you have an old instrument lying around collecting dust? APA is looking for band and orchestra instrument donations. We have many students in need of instruments. If you would like to donate an instrument, please contact me at the email address or phone number above. This is a great way to help some of our APA students, and it's a tax write-off for you!

## Lunch Applications

If you had Free/Reduced lunch status last year and have not completed an application, your status is EXPIRING! You will be charged full price for all meals on October 1 or later. We encourage you to complete an application for Free/Reduced lunch as soon as possible - it takes up to 10 days to process and receive notification. <https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/>

## 2019-20 School Land Trust Program

"The School LAND Trust program brings tens of millions of dollars annually to academic programs in public schools across Utah. The funds are generated from school trust lands... Each public school in Utah elects a school community council consisting of parents, teachers, and the principal. Charter Schools have Trust Lands Councils... Each council carefully reviews student assessments and progress to decide which academic areas they want to focus on. Plans are developed to improve student academic performance in the identified academic areas with the annual School LAND Trust funds. The plans are approved by the council, submitted on this website, and approved by the local school board or chartering entity." [www.schoollandtrust.org](http://www.schoollandtrust.org). Our WV1 campus will receive \$73,591 from Land Trust this school year.

Your ***Land Trust Committee Members for the 2019-20 SY*** are:

Laura Orwin

Antonia Oviedo

Gina Tua'one

Jonathan Ricks - newly elected

Christina Rivera - newly elected

Vanessa Gonzalez - newly elected

Laura Leavitt – Elementary Director

MaryCarmen Gamez - Administrative Director

Our next WV 1 Land Trust Committee Member Meeting will be held at the school building on

**September 20, 2019, at 10:00 AM.** Parents and the public are welcome to attend. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting will be **held March 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM.** Our final Land Trust Committee/Stakeholder meeting will be held over the summer, after State Testing results are received. See our website, <https://westvalley1.americanprep.org/> for reports and other information.

## FSO- Get Involved! Volunteer! Be Part of APA's Family School Organization

Thank you to all those who signed up to volunteer at our Parent Orientation night. The signup sheets will be in the front lobby if you have not had a chance to see the many ways you can volunteer at the school. We are still looking for one more parent to serve as our FSO co-president. Qualifications? Enthusiastic, excited to help other parents get involved with the school, at least a year of APA parent experience under their belt, willing to commit to a 2-year adventure with FSO. If this sounds like you-



-or you have some questions about this opportunity--please contact Mrs. Leavitt lleavitt@apamail.org or Ms. Gamez [mgamez@apamail.org](mailto:mgamez@apamail.org).

## **Professional Qualifications:**

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

## **District Parent and Family Engagement 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 and Family Engagement Policies are evaluated for effectiveness. School, Parent, and Student Compacts are also examined by this Committee for recommended changes.

## **School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

School Parent Involvement Policies are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are also accessible on the American Prep website <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>. West Valley Handbooks are provided in both English and Spanish.

## **Sistema ♪♪♪♪ *MAKE A NOTE!***

**Sistema Phone Number: 801-839-3613 Ex 0032**

**Pick-up time on:** 6:05 - 6:30 Monday, Tuesday, and Friday / 5:05 - 5:30 Wed and Thursday

- Oct. 25 **Sistema Strings Logan Field Trip**
- Oct. 30-31 **No Sistema** - Parent Teacher's Conference
- Nov. 1 **No Sistema**