



## American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter February 5, 2021

CALENDAR	
Feb 8-12	<b>Hands for Hope challenge continues*</b>
Wed, Feb 10	<b>Carpool Competition Celebrations!*</b>
Thursday, Feb 11	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador “Western Round Up” Event 12:15-2:45
Friday, Feb 12	<b>End-of-Term Spirit Day! Wear your APA spirit wear!*</b>
Friday, Feb 12	End of Term 3 / Report Cards come home
Feb 15-19	No School—Mid Winter Break
Monday, Feb 22	<b>Back to School! Term 4 Begins*</b>
Tuesday, Feb 23	<b>Parent Empowerment Meeting: Suicide Prevention (English)*</b>
Wed, Feb 24	<b>Parent Empowerment Meeting: Suicide Prevention (Spanish)*</b>
	(Evening Zoom Times for these meetings will be coming!)
Tuesday, Mar 2	<b>12:15 Dismissal*</b> (Professional Development Day for staff)
Friday, Mar 5	<b>APA Spirit Day! Wear your APA spirit wear!*</b>
March 15-19	<b>Staff Appreciation Week*</b>
	<b>*New additions to this newsletter calendar list</b>
	Electronic calendar can be accessed on the website @ <a href="http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/">http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/</a>
	Facebook page: <a href="https://facebook.com/americanprepWV/">https://facebook.com/americanprepWV/</a>

### ***February Builder Theme:***

***I am a builder when I use my words to encourage others.***

We recently celebrated National School Choice Week and invited you, our WV1 parents and students, to share your thoughts on why you love your school. Thank you for taking the time to do this! Your words are so positive and encouraging and we are eager to share them with our entire staff. We would also like to share them with you—right here in our first February newsletter! (Thank you Google Translate!)



**Here's what you love about YOUR school of choice—  
AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY-WEST VALLEY 1**

*¡GRACIAS PADRES Y ESTUDIANTES!  
Esto es lo que le encanta de SU escuela de elección:  
AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY-WEST VALLEY 1*

Everything! The curriculum is amazing and it is preparing our children for a very successful future. The staff is incredible and really worked hard to make it a safe environment for in class learning. I love the patriotism, character building and learning. I am grateful every day for APA!!!



¡Todo! El plan de estudios es asombroso y está preparando a nuestros niños para un futuro muy exitoso. El personal es increíble y realmente trabajó duro para crear un entorno seguro para el aprendizaje en clase. Me encanta el patriotismo, la formación del carácter y el aprendizaje. ¡¡¡Estoy agradecido todos los días por APA !!!

**Me gusta que siempre están disponibles para ayudar a los padres. También me gusta el cariño y esfuerzo que ponen para educar a nuestros hijos.**

*I like that they are always available to help parents. I also like the love and effort they put into educating our children.*

**I love that the teachers are so invested in teaching the children with a positive mindset. I love that they also have rhymes and cheers to help the kids with learning different subjects.**

*Me encanta que los maestros estén tan interesados en enseñar a los niños con una mentalidad positiva. Me encanta que también tengan rimas y vítores para ayudar a los niños a aprender diferentes materias.*

**La forma que tienen los maestros para enseñar a los estudiantes.**

*The way teachers teach students.*

**I love that students are taught to be accountable, doesn't matter if you're a kindergartner or a sixth grader, students are accountable. I also love the uniform policy. It teaches students at a young age to be presentable and ready for everyday learning. I also love that APA teaches responsibility, students need to come prepared with their dockets and learning plan. We also love the wonderful Sistema music program at APA, it not only teaches them music but builds their confidence. We also love the teachers who strive for our kids to be successful. There are so many things we love about APA. We only listed a few of the great things we love at APA.**

*Me encanta que a los estudiantes se les enseñe a ser responsables, no importa si eres un estudiante de jardín de infantes o de sexto grado, los estudiantes son responsables. También me encanta la política de uniformes. Enseña a los estudiantes a una edad temprana a estar presentables y listos para el aprendizaje diario. También me encanta que APA enseñe responsabilidad, los estudiantes deben venir preparados con sus expedientes y plan de aprendizaje. También nos encanta el maravilloso programa de música Sistema en APA, no solo les enseña música, sino que también les da confianza. También amamos a los maestros que se esfuerzan por que nuestros hijos tengan éxito. Hay tantas cosas que nos encantan de APA. Solo enumeramos algunas de las grandes cosas que amamos en APA.*

**Es el mejor lugar donde mi hija puede estar. Para mis hijas les deseo la mejor educación posible, y en American Preparatory Academy West Valley 1 lo estoy consiguiendo. Estamos muy orgullosos de ella y de todo lo que ha conseguido aprender en menos de 1 año escolar. Para muchos familiares les resulta sorprendente escuchar y ver como mi hija con 5 años sabe sumar, restar, a comenzado a leer algunas palabras.. son maravillosos en serio!!!!. Gracias!!**

*It is the best place where my daughter can be. For my daughters I wish them the best education possible, and at American Preparatory Academy West Valley 1 I am getting it. We are very proud of her and all that she has learned in less than 1 school year. For many relatives it is surprising to hear and see how my daughter with 5 years knows how to add, subtract, has begun to read some words ... they are seriously wonderful !!!! Thank you!!*

**What I love about APA is that students are being tested and put in the right placement in intensive classes that help them enhance their academics. Another thing that I like is that students are taught to be great citizens. I love everything about APA. Staff are very polite, patient and smart and there is great leadership.**

*Lo que me encanta de APA es que los estudiantes están siendo evaluados y colocados en la ubicación correcta en clases intensivas que los ayudan a mejorar sus estudios. Otra cosa que me gusta es que a los estudiantes se les enseña a ser grandes ciudadanos. Amo todo sobre APA. El personal es muy educado, paciente e inteligente y hay un gran liderazgo.*



**I love how they recognize the carpool every day.**

*Me encanta cómo reconocen el viaje compartido todos los días.*

**I love that the administration knows my name and each of my children's names! Even the ones that don't go to school yet. I also love that I get to volunteer inside the classroom! (Hopefully that will happen again soon, darn COVID) It is SO important for me to be involved in my kids schooling and APA keeps me in the loop.**

*¡Me encanta que la administración sepa mi nombre y el nombre de cada uno de mis hijos! Incluso los que aún no van a la escuela. ¡También me encanta poder ser voluntario dentro del salón de clases! (Con suerte, eso volverá a suceder pronto, maldito COVID) Es MUY importante para mí participar en la educación de mis hijos y la APA me mantiene al tanto.*

**The structure and curriculum is amazing. We are so thankful for APA and everything it has done for our family.**

*La estructura y el plan de estudios es asombroso. Estamos muy agradecidos por APA y todo lo que ha hecho por nuestra familia.*

**As parent I really like this school because I can see the progress of my daughter in many aspects.**

*Como padre, me gusta mucho esta escuela porque puedo ver el progreso de mi hija en muchos aspectos.*

**Súper bien organizada y segura, su personal realmente forman un Gran Equipo**

*Super well organized and safe, your staff really make a Great Team*

**They help my kid learn on their levels.**

*Ayudan a mi hijo a aprender a su nivel.*

**The teachers are awesome and truly care about not only educating our kids, but teaching them responsibility for themselves and respect for themselves as well as others.**

*Los maestros son increíbles y realmente se preocupan no solo por educar a nuestros hijos, sino también por enseñarles la responsabilidad por ellos mismos y el respeto por ellos mismos y por los demás.*

**The staff is pretty friendly. Teachers do great teaching the students. Carpool is faster.**

*El personal es bastante amable. Los profesores enseñan muy bien a los estudiantes. Carpool es más rápido.*

**La organización con los estudiantes y los ciudadanos.**

*The organization with students and citizens.*

**Toda la organización, el personal y maestros muy amables en todo aspect.**

*All the organization, staff and teachers very friendly in every aspect.*

**I love my school because the teachers are very nice.**

*Amo mi escuela porque los profesores son muy agradables.*

**I love the teachers, they play an awesome role in APA.**

*Amo a los maestros, ellos juegan un papel increíble en APA.*



Everything at school is good.

*Todo en la escuela es bueno.*

The uniform--everyone is the same.

*El uniforme - todos son iguales.*

All the staff in the school are awesome, good teaching. Best choice we've made.

*Todo el personal de la escuela es increíble, buena enseñanza. La mejor elección que hemos hecho.*

I love American Preparatory Academy because it is a very good school.

*Me encanta American Preparatory Academy porque es una muy buena escuela.*

I love school because homework is fun.

*Amo la escuela porque la tarea es divertida.*

I love my school because it teaches me new things I never knew before.

*Amo mi escuela porque me enseña cosas nuevas que nunca supe antes.*

I have the best teacher.

*Tengo la mejor profesora.*

La atención que reciben mis hijos de parte de sus maestros y de todo el personal de APA WV1.

*The attention my children receive from their teachers and all APA WV1 staff.*

Teachers and school personnel help child/children that need more help to achieve their goals.

*Los maestros y el personal de la escuela ayudan a los niños que necesitan más ayuda para lograr sus objetivos.*

My son learns a lot and is even smarter than he was at the other school. I see the difference! APA-WV1 is best for my son. 😊

*Mi hijo aprende mucho y es incluso más inteligente que en la otra escuela. ¡Veo la diferencia! APA-WV1 es lo mejor para mi hijo. 😊*

I love APA-WV1 because it shows all the principals of learning.

*Amo APA-WV1 porque muestra todos los principios del aprendizaje.*

I like Reading and Math.

*Me gusta la lectura y las matemáticas.*

Staff is very dedicated. Teachers are prepared with materials and ready to teach and help our children. They are organized and have a plan every day for our children to learn. Sometimes too strict on rules but gives good core to kids. Maybe less homework will be nice. In general, very good school.

*El personal es muy dedicado. Los maestros están preparados con materiales y listos para enseñar y ayudar a nuestros niños. Están organizados y tienen un plan todos los días para que nuestros hijos aprendan. A veces es demasiado estricto con las reglas, pero les da una buena base a los niños. Quizás menos tarea sea agradable. En general, muy buena escuela.*



1. Get to change classes

2. Everything!!!!!!!!!!

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2. Todo !!!!!!!!!!

I like the teachers.

*Me gustan las maestras.*

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I love the way they teach my son, and the respect they instill in him. He respects the school because the school respects him and makes him feel an important part of a community. I love many things about this school--the commitment that is perceived from all its teachers. They are out in the snow in the cold, waiting for our children and receiving them every day. That's a very humble thing.

*Me encanta la forma en que enseñan a mi hijo y el respeto que le infunden. Respetan la escuela porque la escuela lo respeta y lo hace sentir parte importante de una comunidad. Me encantan muchas cosas de esta escuela, el compromiso que se percibe de todos sus profesores. Están en la nieve en el frío, esperando a nuestros hijos y recibéndolos todos los días. Eso es algo muy humilde.*

It focuses on my level of knowledge.

*Se centra en mi nivel de conocimiento.*

What I love about my school is that everybody is treated equally and everybody is friends.

*Lo que me encanta de mi escuela es que todos son tratados por igual y todos son amigos.*

It's kinda fun and I like being with my friends and my teachers are nice and they help me so I can be smart.

*Es un poco divertido y me gusta estar con mis amigos y mis profesores son amables y me ayudan para que pueda ser inteligente.*

My son loves the way you guys teach him to read.

*A mi hijo le encanta la forma en que ustedes le enseñan a leer.*

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The education given to our children and the staff and community that helps our children learn and grow.

*La educación dada a nuestros niños y al personal y la comunidad que ayuda a nuestros niños a aprender y crecer.*



Es una excelente escuela con un aprendizaje más avanzado tiene excelentes maestros y un buen servicio siempre tratan de lo mejor, en cuanto a la escuela hay una buena organización. Se saben organizar me encanta que mis hijos estudien en esa escuela gracias a todos los maestros y directoras y a las recepcionistas!

*It is an excellent school with more advanced learning, it has excellent teachers and a good service, they always try to improve it, as for the school there is a good organization. They know how to organize, I love that my children study at that school thanks to all the teachers and principals and the receptionists!*

### Teaching style & staff.

*Estilo de enseñanza y personal.*

I love everything about our school, from the way they receive us to the way they let us go home. I love the spirit I feel from our school and all I can say is I'm looking forward for even better days at our school!

*Me encanta todo sobre nuestra escuela, desde la forma en que nos reciben hasta la forma en que nos dejan ir a casa. Me encanta el espíritu que siento de nuestra escuela y todo lo que puedo decir es que espero con ansias días aún mejores en nuestra escuela.*

THANK YOU PARENTS AND STUDENTS!



### **Hands for Hope Challenge** (Week 2 of 2)

Last week we kicked off our “Hands for Hope” Challenge. Each student should have come home on Thursday with a “hope coin” so that they can start a kindness ripple. As the coin moves from person to person who are each performing a kind act, a ripple effect is created that will have a long-lasting, positive impact on our home, school, community and country.

If you haven't started, start today! How it works: Your child does a kind act for a family member, neighbor or friend. They pass their hope coin on to the person they did the kind act for. Then that person does a kind deed and passes the coin forward! Each coin has a unique number on it, and using that number, your child can record their kind act on the website [www.flagforhope.com](http://www.flagforhope.com) and then watch how their kind act rippled out from person to person. (If needed, they can also do this at school.) The instructions on how to record online are found on the coin.

Let's spread kindness one small act at a time! Are you ready for the challenge?

### **Character Development—6<sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador Event This Week**

YEE-HAW! Our last ambassador event for our 6th grade students will be Western Hoedown on **Thursday, February 11th from 12:15-2:45pm**. At this event the students will learn a fun line dance, learn the difference between the host and hostess and their responsibilities, how to stop bullying and how to be a hard worker. We love our





elementary Ambassador events and how fun they are! If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact Jamie Jackson at [jjackson@apamail.org](mailto:jjackson@apamail.org).

Our Western Roundup was a fantastic event last week for our 5th grade students! They have mastered their dining etiquette and flashed back in time with their boot scootin' dancing skills! They learned how important hard work is for today as well as the future and how to become a better friend. We just love your students and are grateful to have taught them such valuable skills.

### **Valentines Day** (Week 2 of 2)

Parents have been inquiring about whether students will be able to exchange valentines this year. Yes—on Friday, February 12--if students wish to exchange valentine cards or treats, they may within these guidelines:

- All classmates must be included in the giving
- Treats must be wrapped as they will be placed in backpacks to be enjoyed at home.

Please remember this is not expected; it is just an option for parents & students who wish to do this.

### **Exceptional Recommendation from Accreditation Review** (Week 2 of 2)

Every 5 years, we are required to undergo an Accreditation Review. Cognia is the approved Accrediting agency for public schools across multiple states. The Review Team from Cognia that conducted American Prep's recent review represented decades of education experience in public school districts and charters across multiple states. As part of their extensive review, Cognia conducted observations in multiple APA classrooms, examined over 400 documents, and interviewed 117 stakeholders, including board members, admin, teachers, parents, community members, students, and support staff.

We are excited to announce that American Prep received an exceptional recommendation of Accreditation from its recent review. The Index of Education Quality (IEQ) is the numeric score given an institution at the conclusion of the Accreditation Review process. The 5-year average

COGNIA IEQ score for institutions is 280. American Prep received an IEQ rating of 350 out of 400—far above average and indicating that APA “Demonstrates noteworthy practices producing clear results that positively impact the institution.”

Cognia specifically noted these powerful practices at APA:

1. The American Preparatory Academy (APA), directed by the chief executive officer (CEO) and the leadership team, tirelessly commit to the institution's purpose and direction.



2. APA's governing board established a comprehensive set of policies and procedures, including a strong code of ethics, allowing them to fulfill their roles and responsibilities for the institution and schools' direction.
3. APA schools provide a structured and positive culture that exemplifies the system's mission statement "...to ensure that each student achieves maximum academic proficiency and develops virtuous character and motivation for a productive citizenry."
4. APA exemplifies a data-driven system where teachers record, collect, analyze, and use both formative and summative assessments to update the curriculum and assess student learning.
5. APA provides staff members with professional learning activities based on data-driven needs assessments with a focus on collaboration and collegiality.
6. The system provides access to information resources and materials to support the curriculum and allocates human, material, and fiscal resources in alignment with the organizational purpose and improvement of student performance.

We are grateful to the staff, parents, students, and community members who contribute in meaningful ways to the culture and mission of excellence at American Prep!

### **Test Data and School Report Cards Available** (Week 2 of 2)

The 2019-2020 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 administrator.

### **Coming March 15-19—Staff Appreciation Week—Volunteers Needed!**

If you are interested in being part of the parent committee helping to plan our Staff Appreciation Week the week of March 15-19, please let Mrs. Leavitt know!

([lleavitt@apamail.org](mailto:lleavitt@apamail.org)) We would like to find one enthusiastic parent from each class to serve on this committee. When you email, please include your student's grade and homeroom teacher's name.

If you work for a company that you think would be willing to donate a gift card or product for some fun prizes for the week, please ask them! We can start gathering these things right now! This is always such a fun week to show our appreciation to our amazing staff.

### **Lost and Found Is Filling Up Again!**

If your student is missing any belongings, please come check the Lost and Found bin! We will have it near the front door next week. Be sure you are writing your student's name on EVERYTHING they bring or wear to school!

### **Need ALMA Grading Program Help?**





Are you checking your student's grades weekly? Please call or email Mrs. Melanie Ferlo ([mferlo@apamail.org](mailto:mferlo@apamail.org)) or Ms. Brenna Wiscombe ([bwiscombe@apamail.org](mailto:bwiscombe@apamail.org)) in the Academic Office if you need help with the ALMA grading program.

### **Term 3 Volunteer Hours**

We are nearing the end of Term 3. If you have not updated your volunteer hours, please use the link below to do that. Remember that donations can (and should) be reported! Thank you for the creative ways that you are volunteering.

### **Reporting Your Volunteer Hours**



Please use this google form link or scan the QR code to report your volunteer hours:  
<https://forms.gle/BM4czREG5qKbiPicA>



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