



American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter August 27, 2021

CALENDAR	FIRST TERM EVENTS & DATES
Wed Sept 1,8,15,22,29	September "Show What You Know" Assemblies 8:15-8:45 am
Friday, Sept 3	Spirit Wear Friday (1 st Friday of the Month - Wear your APA spirit wear!)
Monday, Sept 6	No School - Labor Day
Wed Sept 8,15,22,29	September "SWYK" Assemblies (Weekly campus assembly @ 8:15)
Friday, Sept 10	"Lights On" Family/Community Event @ APA-WV1 3:30-5:30pm
Tuesday, Sept 14	"Parent Empowerment" Zoom Workshop #1: Mental Health 7-8 pm
Thursday, Sept 16	5 th Grade Ambassador Event: "Friendship" 12:25-2:50pm
Friday, Sept 17	Constitution Day: Reading of the Constitution!
Thursday, Sept 23	6 th Grade Ambassador Event: "Take Flight" 12:25-2:50pm
September 27-Oct 1	West Valley 1 "College Week"
Friday, Oct 1	Spirit Wear Friday (1 st Friday of the Month - Wear your APA spirit wear!)
Tuesday, Oct 5	4 th - 6 th Grade Fieldtrips
Friday, Oct 8	12:15 Dismissal for all Students (1 st Term Grading Day)
Tuesday, Oct 12	1 st - 3 rd Grade Fieldtrips
Thursday, Oct 14	School Photo Day
Friday, Oct 15	End of Term 1-Report Cards come home
October 18-22	No School - Fall Break
Electronic calendar can be accessed on the website @ http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/ Facebook page: https://facebook.com/americanprepWV/	

WV1 "MUST READ" info. If you only have 90 seconds...read this.

- **Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent "Back to School" Orientation.**
What an incredible group of parents we have at APA West Valley 1! We are so excited to team with you in giving your students a stellar educational experience this year. If you missed this meeting (one of the 4 mandatory ones) please reach out to your homeroom teachers for the information you missed. Their emails are on the learning plan.
- **Parents in the Building - Help Us Maintain Your Student's Safety & Security**
 - We are now 10 days into our school year and almost every one of our WV1 students are confident about navigating their way to their classroom. We encourage all families to drop their student(s) at the curb in the morning and allow them to gather in the gym with their classmates (before 8:00) or go straight to their classrooms (after 8:00.)
 - Parents who are walking up with their students will be invited to say goodbye at the door. If you do need to come into the school, always enter through the main entrance.
 - If you need to go somewhere beyond the front office area, please sign in and get a visitor tag. We expect every adult in the building that is not wearing APA employee identification will to have signed in and be wearing a bright, yellow visitor tag. Thank you for your complete cooperation with this!



August Builder Theme: Be A Builder!

The “Builders” poem is a foundational part of our Character Development program here at APA. It talks about our choice to be someone who is a builder—building those around them in their homes, in their classroom, in their community—and building themselves as well. All of our students and staff memorize this poem and we encourage our APA-West Valley 1 parents to memorize it as well. It packs a powerful message!

Builders

*I saw them tearing a building down
A gang of men in a busy town*

*With a yo heave ho and a lusty yell
They swung a beam and the sidewall fell.*

*I asked the foreman if these men were as skilled
As those he would hire if he were to build.*

*He laughed and said, “Oh, no indeed,
Common labor is all I need,*

*For they can wreck in a day or two,
What builders have taken years to do.”*

*So I asked myself, as I went my way,
Which of these roles am I to play?*

*Am I the builder, who works with care,
Measuring life by the rule and square?*

*Or am I the wrecker who walks the town,
Content in the role of tearing down?*

*I’ve made my decision; I’ll start today,
I’ll be a builder in every way.*

-Anonymous and final lines by Howard Headlee



Spirit Days – Spirit Wear (Week 2 of 2)

The first Friday of each month is Spirit Day! Students, staff (and parents too!) are welcome to wear their APA Spirit Wear on this day. These Spirit Wear tops are worn with the normal uniform bottoms. Our next Spirit Day will be Friday, September 3. APA spirit wear can be purchased online at www.americanprep.org/store

“Lights On” Family/Community Event – September 10 (Week 2 of 3)

On Friday, September 10, 3:30-5:30pm. This fun afternoon is for the whole family! There will be games and activities, performances by our Sistema music students and information about our upcoming Friday Clubs. Community partners will be joining us to share info and opportunities with our families. If you have contact with an organization that would like to participate as a community partner, please email Mrs. Connie McCullough. cmccullough@apamail.org. This is a great time to meet other parents and have some family fun!

Uniforms—Getting it Just Right! (Week 3 of 3)

Our teachers will be vigilant this month helping your students wear their uniform correctly! If you are unsure about shoes (all black- soles and tops) or whether your child wears a knit polo or a dress shirt with their uniform (K-3 polo or dress shirt/blouse, 4-6 dress shirt/blouse only) or what they can wear on Fridays as an option...please check the uniform guide on the website and the helpful uniform videos put together by the Character Development team. Remember that during Term 1 (and Term 5) students may wear khaki uniform shorts as an option.

Here are the links:



Uniform Guide: <https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Draper-1-Draper-2-West-Valley-1-.pdf>

Uniform Videos: These links will be live if you access this newsletter from your email.

K - 3rd Grade Uniforms



3rd - 4th Grade Uniform Transition



4th - 6th Grade Uniform





Volunteering - Reporting Your Hours and Donations (Every Week!)



We will again be reporting volunteer hours and donations via this google form. Thanks to parent feedback, we will give you updates each term on where you are at in your 20 hours of volunteer time. Please sign up with your teacher for classroom opportunities or on the sign up sheets at Parent “Back to School” Orientation on August 25. We are so excited to have our parents back with us! Report your volunteer hours here: <https://forms.gle/PwHYzJA6bioCTjrGA>
This link will be included with each newsletter for handy access.

Hooray for music and our student musicians! They are learning so much in the Afterschool Sistema Utah program!



