



American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter -- February 11, 2022 --

Website @ <https://westvalley1.americanprep.org/>

Upcoming Events

*Newly added to this newsletter calendar

Tuesdays/Thursdays	Free English Classes! Tues 2:25-3:25 / Thurs 1:25-2:25
Wednesdays	“SWYK” 4 th -6 th Assemblies @ 8:15 (parents always invited)
Thursdays	“SWYK” K-3 rd Assemblies @ 8:15 (parents always invited)
Friday, Feb 18	February “Friday Clubs”
Friday, Feb 11	Final Work Deadline for Term 3
Friday, Feb 11	12:15/12:30 Early Dismissal Day (Term 3 Grading Day)
Friday, Feb 18	End of Term 3
Feb 21-25	No School – Midwinter Break
Monday, Feb 28	Term 4 Begins

February Builder Theme: I am a Builder When I Befriend Others

I think we have all experienced this—going to a meeting or a class or a church activity or even standing in line at the grocery store—and being pleasantly surprised at how warm and welcoming the group or experience feels. If we analyzed it, we would probably discover that all it took was one or two friendly people reaching out to make it feel that way! Even if we are shy by nature, WE can be that person that makes a difference! WE can sit by someone who is sitting alone. WE can introduce ourselves to someone we haven’t met. We teach the students an easy way of doing that: “Hello! I’m _____. I don’t believe we’ve met.” WE can invite people into our circles and in little ways, can make a HUGE impact. I am a Builder when I befriend others.

If you missed the Character Development “chew time” video on making friends, here is the link again! It is so worth watching!

<https://vimeo.com/672114523>



Watch for these valuable points:

- Be friendly first
- Introduce yourself with a smile
- Start a conversation by using good questions
- Be aware of others—include everyone.

Need ALMA Grading Program Help?

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

A Reminder about Valentine's Day (Week 2 of 2)

(See Parent-Student Handbook P.23 / Holiday Celebrations for more information)

At American Prep, we celebrate holidays differently than many schools traditionally do. Valentine's Day in February is one of those days. During February, we encourage our students to show they care by doing good deeds for others throughout the month. Academic time is never sacrificed for class "holiday" parties—but students who wish to exchange valentine cards or treats on Monday, February 14 may do so within the following 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.

Vision Screenings-March 2

We will be conducting vision screenings for all students on Wednesday, March 2. The students will be given a distance vision test to see if they can see at a 20/30 level. We will notify you of results of the test only if your student does not pass. If a student does not pass, you will receive a referral letter with more instructions.

Vision screening is not a substitute for an eye examination by an eye care specialist, and it is important that your child see an eye care specialist once a year to evaluate eye health. If you do not wish your child to participate in the screening program, please pick up an exemption form at the front office.

We can use LOTS of parent volunteers to assist with these vision screenings. A short training is provided. This is a great way to give some volunteer hours! (This is not a volunteer opportunity that will work to bring small children.)



Please contact Mrs. Leavitt (lleavitt@apamail.org) with questions or if you are available to volunteer.

Newsletter Readers

Hello newsletter readers! THANK YOU for reading the newsletter. One of our campus goals this year is to continue to improve our communication with our parents—and one of the ways is by increasing the readership of our weekly newsletter. And it IS growing! We'd love to add your name into our drawing exclusively for our newsletter readers! (Starting last week until our Celebration



of Excellence ReEnrollment Meeting in March, your name is going in for a drawing for an adorable APA Bear. And YES! If you read the newsletter every week, put your name in every week! Use this link to put your name in! <https://forms.gle/kqEpD9do7SkecqkB8>

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

Please use this QR code or link to report your volunteer hours! This info will be included with each newsletter for handy access.

<https://forms.gle/263GFvy31yMaZg927>

