

October 2, 2023

APA-West Valley 1 Newsletter



September's Day of Service!

American Prep-West Valley 1: 801-839-3613 / Website @ <https://westvalley1.americanprep.org/>

Calendar

*Newly added dates to this list

- Every Wednesday 4th-6th Show-What-You-Know Assembly @ 8:15 am. Parents are always welcome!
- Every Thursday K-3rd Show-What-You-Know Assembly @ 8:15 am. Parents are always welcome!

- Tuesday, Oct 3 4th-6th Grade Field Trips (Parent volunteer opportunity!)
- Friday, Oct 6 Early Dismissal 12:15/12:35 (Grading Day)
- Friday, Oct 6 Spirit Day! Students can wear their APA Spirit Wear
- October 9-13 White Ribbon Week (CD team leads activities on making healthy tech/media choices)
- Tuesday, Oct 10 1st-3rd Grade Field Trips (Parent volunteer opportunity!)
- Tuesday, Oct 10 Parent Empowerment Zoom 7-8pm (Suicide Prevention)
- **Wednesday, Oct 11*** **RU (Reading University) Store for 1st Term***
- **Thursday, Oct 12*** **School Picture Day – Full Uniform***
- Friday, Oct 13 End of 1st Term / Spirit Wear Day / Report Cards come home
- October 16-20 Fall Break / No School

October Builders Theme: I am a Builder when I am perfectly honest.

Recently, I had the opportunity to sit in on a conversation between a student and one of our West Valley City police officers. I was very impressed with the officer—he was so kind and gentle with the student—and SO wise. The officer asked the student what he thought was the worst possible thing that could happen in consequence to what had happened. The student replied, “Being suspended.” This, he agreed, was a tough consequence, but said, “There is something worse that could happen.” He went on to share that having someone lose trust with you because you didn’t or wouldn’t tell the truth was even a bigger deal. He explained that when we’ve made a mistake—even a big mistake—but we admit it with perfect honesty, own it and take responsibility for it, people respect that.

I was grateful to be part of this lesson on honesty, so compassionately shared by this officer. Being perfectly honest is challenging at times, but so worth our every effort.

Are you on ALMA? No surprises for you.

Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, October 13, the last day of the term. If you have been checking the ALMA grading program regularly, this will be a time to celebrate your student’s accomplishments during this first term—with no unexpected surprises! Our grading program, ALMA, is accessible to you 24/7 to view your students grades and to be aware of any work that has not been turned in or can be redone for a better score. If you have not activated your ALMA account, please email Mrs. Ferlo or Ms. Cannon in the academic office and they will help you get started.

mferlo@apamail.org or hcannon@apamail.org

Free English Classes!

If you are interested in learning English or improving your English, come and join our adult English classes. They are free and open to anyone in the community. Bring a friend and come! Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30pm. Check in at the front office when you arrive.

White Ribbon Week – What to Expect

Oct 9-13 is “White Ribbon Week” at West Valley 1. The Character Development team has daily videos prepared and activities planned (M,W, & F) to teach our students about making wise choices with media and technology. There will be a sheet stapled to their learning plans on Monday with a list of the themes/power statements they will be learning about each day. Please send a few minutes talking about this as a family—and then initial the box for that day. Students who participate in these daily discussions with their parents will be able to wear a favorite hat to celebrate on Friday. Keep the paper on the learning plan all week and be sure to sign on the days you had these valuable family discussions.

Compliance Items:

District Parent and Family Engagement Policy (Week 4 of 4)

American Prep recognizes that parent and family engagement is key to student achievement. We provide many opportunities for parents and family members to participate in, and stay informed of, their student’s academic achievement.

American Preparatory Academy trains staff annually during pre-service and teacher academy on how to communicate, build meaningful connections, and otherwise involve parents/families and the school. These topics are reinforced during professional development opportunities throughout the year as needed.

Additional details regarding Parent and Family Engagement are available in the annual Parent-Student Handbooks (PSHB) which are distributed annually, posted on the school websites, and available in Spanish at our West Valley campuses. For the full District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, please refer to this [link](#) on the Policy page of the americanprep.org website.

School Parent and Family Engagement Policies (Week 4 of 4)

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are now accessible on the APA website under the Parent Library drop-down tab. West Valley Parent-Student Handbooks will be available in Spanish.

Mandated Assessments and Opt-Outs (Week 4 of 4)

American Preparatory recognizes that Standardized Testing is an essential tool for measuring student learning and teacher success. The data obtained from these assessments may be utilized by teachers and administrators to review student academic progress, plan instruction, and share with students and parents. Summative assessments allow for data to be used in public reporting about school quality. Parent’s may opt-out of most state standardized tests by submitting a Parental Exclusion form to the Academic Director. You can learn more about the state assessments administered at American Prep and find the testing schedules for your student’s campus by following this link: <https://www.americanprep.org/state-assessments/>.

Such a Long Time Ago...

Think way back...all the way to our Parent “Back to School” Orientation in August. We ran out of time to announce all the prize winners—and said we would post the rest of the numbers by the front door. We did—but had some unclaimed prizes. It’s a little late, but we still have your prizes waiting for you! 😊 If your family number is one of these, please come to the front office to claim your prize! (Don’t be shy!)

616	4517	6125	7327	7985	8283
737	4798	6143	7344	8276	8292
1431	5793	7254	7764	8277	8317
2548	6091	7285	7937	8282	8320

Volunteering at APA—did you fill out the volunteer survey at the beginning of the year?



WV1 Parents—did you take the opportunity to complete the Volunteer Availability survey at the beginning of the year? This will give us information about how you would like to volunteer, the best times for you, how much notice you need to be able to arrange your schedule—all kinds of great information! If you have not, would you take a couple minutes and complete it? If you have any questions, please send an email to our FSO (Family/School Organization) leadership (Celeste Lopez, Angie Van Leeuwen and Madison Parsons) at wv1fso@apamail.org.

[Volunteer Availability Survey](#)

Report Your Volunteer Hours and Donations (Included every week)

Do you have volunteer hours to report for 1st term?

Did you help at Lights On? Did you come to the Day of Service? (Be sure you report hours for each family member that came and worked!) Did you go on a field trip? Did you watch the Parent Empowerment Zoom meeting? (You can report 2 hours of volunteer time for that!) Have you helped here at school or made donations to the classroom? Have your family/carpool # close by and take a minute to report these! Please use this link to report them. It is included on the back of your carpool tag as well. <https://forms.gle/WEMFz3JjkSc535Lb8>

