

September 11, 2023

APA-West Valley 1 Newsletter



Last Thursday, the 6th graders participated in a service project organized by our character development team—making sandwiches for a local food pantry.
American Prep-West Valley 1: 801-839-3613 / Website @ <https://westvalley1.americanprep.org/>

Calendar

- 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, Sept 12 Parent Empowerment Zoom 7-8pm (Internet and Cell Phone Safety)
- Saturday, Sept 16 WVC's "My Hometown" Day of Service at our school. 8am-12 noon
- Tuesday, Sept 19 Read the Constitution Day-Live Broadcast (WV1 @ 11am)
- Tuesday, Sept 19 StemFest Free Family Night 4-8pm at Mountain America Expo Center
- Wed, Sept 20 5th/6th Grade StemFest Field Trip
- September 25-29 College Week! (Activities w/ the Character Development team)
- 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 Parent Empowerment Zoom 7-8pm (Suicide Prevention)
- Friday, Oct 13 End of 1st Term / Spirit Day
- October 16-20 Fall Break / No School

September Builders Theme: I am a Builder when I build with enthusiasm.

Last Friday...were you there? The day was filled with builders who shared their enthusiasm. It was felt in the morning from parents who arrived early to help cut up hundreds of pieces of watermelon in record time and to set up tables and chairs and canopies for the big event. It was felt throughout the day by students and staff anticipating the fun! It was seen as parents and staff jumped in to help with games and check-in and nacho serving and bounce house fun! It was shared with our community partners who always enjoy coming to West Valley 1. Enthusiasm was shared by staff and parents who stepped up to play "Are You Smarter than an APA Student"—even after they found out that egg roulette was involved! There was tremendous enthusiasm shown during cleanup which left our back yard spotlessly clean and ready for the next day—thank you to all the students and parents and staff who made that happen! Enthusiasm truly is infectious—and your generous enthusiasm spread to make our Lights On event such fun for all. We are builders who know how to build with enthusiasm! Thank you!

And if you volunteered for Lights On—please be sure to report your hours with the link at the end of the newsletter!

Parent Empowerment Zoom Meeting – This Tuesday @ 6pm.

Our first parent empowerment meeting will be about internet and cell phone safety. This will be a virtual meeting at 7 PM on September 12th. You can join this meeting by using the following zoom link: <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/89267303321> Have your family/carpool number ready—you will use this at the end of the meeting to document your attendance and earn an incentive for your student(s)—this time a special CornHole game at lunch recess this week. The meeting will also be available in Spanish.



“Day of Service” – THIS Saturday, Sept 16th, 8-12 noon

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of something special! On Saturday, September 16, we are so fortunate to be partnering with WVC's "My Hometown" to have a day of service at our school. Our students and families will join with other volunteers from the community to do some easy cleanup and projects around the school. Even if you can only come for one hour—do it. This will be a memorable morning—building friendships, knocking out a bunch of volunteer hours and beautifying our campus and neighborhood. If you can, bring gloves, rakes, blowers, weed whackers, stepladders, squeegees— there are many projects to work on! Let's see what this amazing WV1 community can do!

Compliance Items:

Professional Qualifications (Week 3 of 4)

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. In accordance with state regulation, all APA teachers are licensed through one of three licensing paths: Professional, Associates and LEA specific. 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 (Week 2 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 2 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 2 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/>.

Report Your Volunteer Hours and Donations (Included every week)

Thank you for your volunteer hours and donations! Please use this link to report them. It is included on the back of your carpool tag as well. <https://forms.gle/WEMFz3JjkSc535Lb8>

