

## Calendar

- Every Wednesday 4-6 “Show-What-You-Know” assembly @ 8:15 Parents are always welcome!
- Every Thursday K-3 “Show-What-You-Know” assembly @ 8:15 Parents are always welcome!
- Most Fridays/ Friday Clubs: Pickup at 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday/Thursdays @ 8:30 School tours and new student assessments by appointment

### \* Dates newly added to this list

Feb 12-16	Mar 4-8	Classroom Speech Festivals- <b>NEW DATES: March 4-8*</b>
Tuesday, Feb 13		Parent Empowerment Zoom Meeting – 7 pm - Communication
Friday, Feb 16		Spirit Wear Friday!
Friday, Feb 16		End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term: report cards come home
Feb 19-23		NO SCHOOL – Midwinter Break
Monday, Feb 26		Term 4 begins
<b>Friday, Mar 1*</b>		<b>Spirit Wear Friday!</b>
Monday, Mar 4		Builder of the Year Assembly (By invitation)
<b>Tuesday, March 12*</b>		<b>Parent Empowerment Zoom Meeting – 7 p.m. – Substance Abuse</b>
<b>March 13 &amp; 14*</b>		<b>Parent Teacher Conferences 3-8pm by appointment (no Sistema)</b>
<b>Thursday, Mar 14*</b>		<b>Spirit Wear Thursday!</b>
<b>Friday, March 15*</b>		<b>No school for students (Conference comp day for teachers)</b>
<b>March 18-22*</b>		<b>Staff Appreciation Week</b>
<b>Thursday, Mar 21*</b>		<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador Event: Success Express 12:25-2:50</b>
<b>Friday, March 22*</b>		<b>School Speech Festival (4th-6th @ 1pm &amp; K-3rd @ 2:15pm)</b>
<b>Saturday, March 23*</b>		<b>Regional Spelling Bee (Good luck Swabir &amp; Gongchai!)</b>
<b>Monday, March 25*</b>		<b>RU Store for 4<sup>th</sup> Term</b>
<b>Monday, March 25*</b>		<b>5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Spring Music Concert 6:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 26*</b>		<b>Early Dismissal 12:15/12:25 (Staff Professional Development)</b>
<b>Friday, March 29*</b>		<b>End of Term 4</b>
<b>April 1-5*</b>		<b>No School - Spring Break</b>

## February Builders Theme: I am a builder when I befriend others



This month’s Builder theme is about friendship—learning how to be a good friend, learning how to make a friend, and learning how to be a friendly person! Enjoy this month’s lunch time video from the Character Development team introducing this month’s theme. <https://vimeo.com/906470969/c3ff202dfb>

## Celebration of Excellence Follow-up Links

Thank you, West Valley 1 parents for attending your Celebration of Excellence/Re-Enrollment meetings during the past few weeks. There were a couple of links that I promised to share:



**Minimize Tech/Maximize Happiness:** This informational powerpoint is found on the [americanprep.org](http://americanprep.org) website under parent resources. It discusses further the reasons and research behind APA’s bold decision to encourage parents and students to wait until after high school to own a smart device.



**Utah Stories:** The Rise of Utah’s Charter Schools. <https://hubs.ly/Q02f5YcP0>  
This is the story published in December in Utah Stories. One of the author’s sources included Carolyn Sharette, the founder and executive director of American Prep.

## Valentine's Day this Wednesday

This Wednesday, February 14 is Valentines Day. 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 know that exchanging valentines is not expected; it is just an option for parents & students who wish to do this.

## Science Fair Congratulations and Thank You to Volunteers!

On February 2, fifteen of our students qualified to enter their science fair projects at the Salt Lake Charter Science Fair. Congratulations to these students for their excellent work at this year's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair and congratulations to Lunna, Maria and Keeya who will be moving on to the :

Student:	Project:
Miah Torres Hernandez	Incredible Powders
Duglismar Castellanos	How Static Energy Works on Different Materials
Deangelo Pinto-Reyes	Penny Project
Natalia Gomez Gomez	Coca-Cola and Chicken Bone
Lunna Escalona	Turning Milk into Plastic *
Eduardo Chiluiza Loor	Solar Powered Water Desalination
Dakota Baker	Fantastic Rubberband Car
Reagan Van Leuween	Balloon Magic
Maria Contreras Quintero	Stubborn Stains *
Keeya Sarmin	Incredible Pennies *
Melanie Lozano	Growing Crystals
Kevin Garcia Verduzco	Density of an Egg
William Orwin	Soda and Mentos
Miranda Salas	Can Plants Stop Erosion
Victoria Gonzalez	No More Brown Apples

A BIG THANK YOU to the parents who volunteered as judges for the Salt Lake Charter Science Fair! We are asked to provide one judge for every three students who advance to this level—and your willingness to be a judge made it possible for all our qualified students to participate.

## New Siblings Enrollment & Re-Enrollment Meetings

Parents—if you have any siblings that you hope to enroll for next year, now is the time to start that process. You will start the process by signing up for an application tour at West Valley 1. Use this link to choose a date to come to the school. This is the first step for enrollment for all new students coming to American Prep in 2024-2025—including our new siblings. Here is the link. <https://www.americanprep.org/applynow/>

Keep in mind:

- Families with 6th grade students going into 7th grade will attend a WV2 meeting.
- If you have students at both campuses, please plan on attending a meeting at both schools.
- If your student is not meeting promotion requirements at this time, a 2024-2025 seat will be reserved for them, but their grade assignment will be finalized later in the spring, depending on their progress in meeting promotion requirements.

(Promotion policy can be found on P.42 of your Parent/Student Handbook or at this link from the website under Parent Resources/Policies.

<https://secure.compliancebridge.com/amerprep/portal/getdoc.php?file=184> )

- Families who choose not to attend a re-enrollment meeting will be withdrawn for the 2024-2025 school year and will need to go through the lottery process @ [www.americanprep.org](http://www.americanprep.org) to seek registration for next year...so if you are coming back, please don't miss your meeting!

## Campus Transfer Applications: Link Now Available

If your student is already an American Prep student and would like to request a transfer to a different campus, the link is now available. Transfer applications must be submitted each calendar year, so even if you've applied before, you'll need to apply

again for 2024-2025. Campus transfer link: <https://login.leadrox.com/v2/preview/KrIVvU9HV1VggXUVEjHH>  
**6th grade students going to 7th grade at West Valley 3 do NOT need to request a transfer. This will happen automatically when you re-enroll and if they are meeting promotion requirements for 6th grade.**

## Snow Boot Reminder



If your student wears snow boots to school, please remember to send their black, uniform shoes for them to change into while they are inside.

## Lost and found

Please come check the lost and found for any items your student may be missing. And thank you to the parents who have come in and take a few minutes to organize all the items. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the term...and we still have a lot of winter left! Come claim these coats and jackets and sweaters!

## Session 2 of Friday Clubs Starting Soon – Enrollment for NEW club participants open!

Check your email! Enrollment for students NEW to Friday Clubs is now open and the information should be in your inbox. The final day to submit the form is Monday, January 29—but club spots will be filled in the order they are received—so don't wait! This Friday, January 26 is the last club day for Session 1...Session 2 clubs begin on Friday, February 2.

## Congratulations to our BUILDER & READING UNIVERSITY AWARD WINNERS

Three cheers for the following students who were recognized during January assemblies! Way to go, students!

BUILDERS OF THE MONTH		
Kindergarten	Mrs. Hendersen	David Pena Naranjo
Kindergarten	Mrs. Montoya	Abdulmutalib Atta
Kindergarten	Mrs. Fisher	Hope Aikhoinbare
1st Grade	Mrs. Crandall	Coen Stanford- Vanderelburg
1st Grade	Ms. Hall	Abbigail Garnique
1st Grade	Ms. Weight	Lamaila Mustafic
2nd Grade	Mrs. Douglas	Adam Sannoh
3rd Grade	Mr. Ferlo	Britany Villalpando Martinez
3rd Grade	Mr. Henderson	Galilea Nunez Naranjo
3rd Grade	Ms. Stelly	Abdullah Sannoh
4th Grade	Mr. Beard	Briana Avila
4th Grade	Mrs. Brown	Jasmin Oliver Salome
4th Grade	Mrs. Tindell	Ashley Rea Hernandez
5th Grade	Mrs. Bonzo	Aryan Khan
5th Grade	Mr. Hand	DJ Sprengeler
6th Grade	Ms. Beebe	Nessa Freeman
6th Grade	Mr. Crandall	Maria Contreras Quintero
6th Grade	Mrs. Fullmer	Kenny Keo

READING UNIVERSITY AWARDS		
Kindergarten	Mrs. Hendersen	Milly Ramos
Kindergarten	Mrs. Montoya	Adeline Crandall
Kindergarten	Mrs. Fisher	Dominic Perez Martinez
1st Grade	Mrs. Crandall	Juan Carlo (Jr.) Valladares Castejon
1st Grade	Ms. Hall	Diego Lopez
1st Grade	Ms. Weight	Jose Luis Contreras Mendoza
2nd Grade	Mrs. Douglas	Keysean McCleary
2nd Grade	Mrs. Williamson	Mia Nieves Obregon
3rd Grade	Mr. Ferlo	Abigail Aguirre
3rd Grade	Mr. Henderson	Jeremy Mendoza
3rd Grade	Ms. Stelly	Ximena Hernandez
4th Grade	Mr. Beard	Laiba Rahman
4th Grade	Mrs. Brown	Arantxa Pena Canadas
4th Grade	Mrs. Tindell	Ray Munoz
5th Grade	Mrs. Bonzo	Joshua Vargas
5th Grade	Mr. Hand	Angel Saldana
6th Grade	Ms. Beebe	Deangelo Pinto-Reyes
6th Grade	Mr. Crandall	Brithany Bendezu Pinedo
6th Grade	Mrs. Fullmer	Yazmin Cervantes Escobedo

## Congratulations to our Classroom Spelling Bee Finalists

Congratulations to the students who were finalists in their classroom bees last week! Two students from each class will be competing in the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> School Spelling Bees next week. 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> on Monday, January 29 @ 2:30pm and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday, January 30 @ 8:30am. Parents are welcome to attend. Good luck students!

## Are you in ALMA? (Every week it fits).

Our grading program, ALMA, is available 24/7 to view your students' grades and check for any work that has not been turned in or that can be redone for a better score. If you have not activated your ALMA account, please email Ms. Ferlo or Ms. Cannon in the academic office and they will help you get started. [mferlo@apamail.org](mailto:mferlo@apamail.org) or [hcannon@apamail.org](mailto:hcannon@apamail.org)



## Do you have volunteer and donation hours to report? (Included every week)

Use this link to report them. It is also included on the back of the carpool label.

<https://forms.gle/WEMFz3JjkSc535Lb8>