

## 2024-2025 - A PALETTE OF POSSIBILITIES!

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### Calendar

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| • Thursday, August 29    | Parent “Back to School” Orientation (parents only!) 6-8pm                                 |
| • Monday, September 2    | Labor Day – No School   |
| • Friday, September 6    | Friday APA Spirit Wear Day  |
| • Friday, September 6    | WV1 “Lights On” Family Event 3:30-5:30pm <i>Volunteer Opportunity</i>                     |
| • Tuesday, September 10  | Parent Empowerment Zoom 7pm “Internet Safety & Bullying”                                  |
| • Tuesday, September 17  | Constitution Day – Reading of the Constitution – 9 am.                                    |
| • Thursday, September 19 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador Event: “Take Flight” 12-3pm <i>Volunteer Opportunity</i> |
| • Friday, September 20   | Friday APA Spirit Wear Day  |
| • Thursday, September 26 | Vision Screening 8am -12pm <i>Volunteer Opportunity</i>                                   |
| • Thursday, September 26 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador Event – “Friendship” 12-3 <i>Volunteer Opportunity</i>   |

### Hello American Prep-West Valley 1 Families:

These newsletters are a way to keep our APA West Valley 1 families informed! We will send them to the email address you provided during registration and will also, usually, send a hard copy to your student. Take a few minutes each week to stay up to date on school events by reading the weekly newsletter.

### The BIG Event of the Week: Parent Orientation on Thursday, Aug 29 @ 6:00pm

Some of you may remember from the enrollment meeting you attended that there are 5 required APA parent meetings during the school year. This Thursday is the first of those mandatory meetings: our “Back to School” Parent Orientation.

This is a fun and informative evening planned for parents/guardians only. It starts at 6:00 pm sharp in the gym. Come prepared to receive important information to help your student have a successful year here at American Prep. The 6-7 general meeting will be followed by two 20-minute rotations where you will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and learn about the curriculum and expectations for your child's new grade and what your role as a parent is. Dockets, learning plans, Reading University, volunteering, field trips, homework, access to ALMA, our grading program, and MORE! Parent and student handbooks will be distributed as you arrive and register.

We will fill the parking lot, so the playground gate will be open to allow for additional parking at the rear of the school. Bring your questions! We will be ready to answer them! Bring your cell phone! We'll teach you how to report your first hour of volunteer time!



### Next Week’s Big Fun: “Lights On” Family Event

**Friday, September 6 at 3:30-5:30** Mark your calendars! This is an event for the whole family! This fun, fantastic, free family event is sponsored by our amazing after school team. There will be games, food, music, information booths and a first look at this year's Friday clubs. Everyone is welcome, but students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend. More details to come!

### Enrollment—Openings in Third Grade

Do you have friends or family with third graders? We have enrollment spots available in third grade! Ask them to contact the school if they are interested in enrolling their student.

### District Parent Information (Week 1 of 4)

#### District Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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](http://americanprep.org) website.

### **School Parent and Family Engagement Policies**

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.

### **Professional Qualifications**

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.

### **Mandated Assessments and Opt-Outs**

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/>.

### **Looking Ahead: Field Trip Chaperoning - Fingerprints Required**

To chaperone a field trip or supervise American Preparatory Academy students, it is a requirement that each individual who plans to volunteer for these activities complete the fingerprinting procedure. This only needs to be completed once while you are at APA, so if you completed fingerprinting last year, you do not need to do it again.

Registration for fingerprinting appointments is now available. There are appointments starting next week at the district office in Draper and at the West Valley 2 campus. Please read the registration carefully to make sure you register at the location that is most convenient for you.

The fingerprinting process is not transferable (for example, changing parents on the morning of a field trip). It must be completed by each individual who will be volunteering. If you hope to volunteer at APA in this way: volunteer as a chaperone on a field trip or work with students in an after-school club. [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

### **Looking For A Few More Great Employees!**

APA still has some open positions for smart, motivated and enthusiastic people. If you have friends or family who might be interested, could you share this information with them and encourage them to apply?

*We are hiring for instructor positions - we provide all training and no license is required.*

*We are hiring substitutes.*

Details and additional open positions can be found on the website [www.americanprep.org/careers](http://www.americanprep.org/careers) or accessed directly through the careers page.

<https://www.paycomonline.net/v4/ats/web.php/jobs?clientkey=C126D0FB88263FB854A5139FECF46E55>

### **Volunteering at APA**

We love and appreciate our parent volunteers! Each family is asked to commit 20 hours of volunteer time during the school year, and there are many different ways to contribute. At your parent orientation this week, your teachers will share ways for you to volunteer in the classroom. The FSO (our volunteer parent leaders) will have information about school events you can participate in. In each week's newsletter (except this week!) there will be a QR code and link to report your volunteer hours for the 2024-2025 year. Tip: Memorize your family number on the rideshare pickup tag! You'll use it for many things throughout the year, including reporting your volunteer hours. ☺