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Thank you, West Valley 1 parents, for all your volunteer help! The last week of school in December was memorable and fun for our students and staff!

Calendar *New dates added

- Every Wednesday
 - Every Thursday
 - Mondays & Fridays
 - Fridays
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- Monday, January 6
 - Friday, January 10
 - January 13-17
 - Tuesday, January 14
 - Thursday, January 16
 - Friday, January 17
 - Friday, January 17
 - Monday, January 20
 - Tuesday, January 21
 - Thursday, January 23
 - Friday, January 24
 - Wednesday, January 29
 - Thursday, January 30
 - Thursday, January 30
 - Thursday, February 6
 - Friday, February 7
 - Friday, February 7
 - Friday, February 7
 - Friday, February 14
 - Friday, February 14
 - February 17-21
 - Monday, February 24
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- 4th-6th Show-What-You-Know Assembly @ 8:15 am. Parents are always welcome!
 - K-3rd Show-What-You-Know Assembly @ 8:15 am. Parents are always welcome!
 - Free Adult English Classes @ 2:30-3:15
 - Friday Clubs – 2 more club days in Session 1. 3:50-4:30pm.
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- Term 3 Begins (Jan 6-Feb 14)**
 - Friday Clubs**
 - Classroom Spelling Bees held this week**
 - Parent Empowerment Zoom Meeting: Human Trafficking 7:00 pm**
 - 5th Grade Maturation Night: 5:00 pm Boys & a Parent / 6:00 pm Girls & a Parent**
 - APA School Spirit Day – Wear your APA spirit shirts / sweatshirts**
 - Friday Clubs - Last Club Day of Session 1 (Session 2 starts mid February)**
 - No School – Martin Luther King Day**
 - WV1 Winter Land Trust Meeting 8:30am**
 - Governing Board Meeting @ 7pm**
 - Early Dismissal 12:15/12:35 Staff Professional Development**
 - 1-3 Grade School Spelling Bee 1-2pm**
 - 4-6 Grade School Spelling Bee 8:30-9:30 / no K-3 assembly today**
 - 5th Grade Ambassador Event: Celebration! 12:25-2:50**
 - 6th Grade Ambassador Event: Celebration! 12:25-2:50**
 - APA School Spirit Day – Wear your APA spirit shirts / sweatshirts**
 - Early Dismissal - 12:15/12:35 - Elementary Grading Day – No Sistema**
 - District Charter Science Fair @ SLCC-Miller Campus**
 - End of Term 3 – Report Cards come home**
 - RU Store**
 - Mid-Winter Break – No School**
 - Term 4 Begins (Feb 24-April 4)**

January Builder Theme:

I Am a Builder When I Think Positive Thoughts About Myself and Others

Each month, as part of our Character Development program, we focus on an important character trait with our students that will help them flourish as they grow into confident, caring and contributing human beings. We call this our Builder Theme of the Month. This month, our theme is about the power of positive thoughts—and the impact that positive thoughts can have on ourselves and others. Please enjoy this video prepared by American Prep’s Character Development team introducing this month’s theme. You do not need to have a vimeo account or to sign in to view the video.

<https://vimeo.com/1037938365/e786b47e95>



Virtual Parent Empowerment Night – Tuesday, 1/14 @ 7pm

Did you know there were around 580 victims of human trafficking IN UTAH in 2022? And over 700 cases since 2007 IN UTAH. This issue is not happening just in other places: this is happening on our streets. Sex trafficking, labor trafficking, male, female, old, young. Do you know how to spot? Please join us for our Virtual Parent Empowerment night on Tuesday, January 14th at 7pm to learn what human trafficking is, how to spot it, how to arm yourself against it, and how to report it. Join us with this link: <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/84652487368>

West Valley 1 parents can earn 1 – 1.5 hours of volunteer time for attending these valuable meetings. Report this using the link at the end of the newsletter.



Enrollment for 2025-2026 School Year-Lotteries For New Students Have Started!

Our lotteries for next school year have started—and we are excited to welcome some wonderful new families to our APA community! If you have current students and have not completed your re-enrollment for next year, please check your email and complete the process ASAP! If you have friends or family members interested in attending APA, they begin the process on our website at americanprep.org/applynow For questions, please reach out to our campus registrar, Mrs. Gamez, at mgamez@apamail.org

Current Students: Re-Enrollment Process - REQUIRED and time sensitive

1. Re-Enroll online: Log in to your [Skyward Family Access](#) account.
 - a. Click 2026 School Year Re-Enrollment
 - b. Fill out and complete the re-enrollment information for each student you currently have enrolled at APA and do this **by January 26, 2025**
2. Attend a Celebration of Excellence meeting (these meetings will be held at the school campus in April 2025).
3. Ensure your student qualifies for promotion to the next grade or meet with an administrator to discuss.

THANK YOU for Your Support... We “ROCKED THE SOCKS”!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year’s donation drive! We had an ambitious goal of collecting 4000 pairs of socks and with your generous support we not only met our goal, we blew it out of the water! On the final count by our 6th grade student council team who helped with the daily counting and collecting, we had 5706 pairs of socks filling the bins in the front hallway! Amazing!



Staff and students celebrated with a Rock Your Socks Day and every grade came to the multipurpose room for a “Sock Hop” activity with Ms. Jackson. (5th grade in the photo above.) On the last day of school, the 6th grade student council team went with Ms. Jackson, to deliver those thousands of socks to a local organization that helps families and individuals in need.

Free Adult English Classes

For anyone hoping to improve their English speaking skills, our adult English classes have begun! All are welcome to come join the class, taught by our wonderful ELL instructor, Mr. Gonzales. English classes are held on Mondays and Fridays from 2:30-3:15. No need to sign up...just come!

From the American Preparatory Education Foundation: APA Community Business Directory

Happy New Year! We are excited to offer a new opportunity for our APA community this year! We are fortunate to be part of a vibrant community filled with successful, entrepreneurial, and creative individuals like you. In the spirit of supporting one another, we are excited to offer our APA Community's Business Directory. It's easy to join. Visit

[APA Community Business Directory Form](#). Let's work together to build a thriving, interconnected community. We hope you'll join us in making this directory a success!



SCAN ME

Winter Wear Reminders: Coats, Jackets, Sweaters & Boots (Week 3 of 3)

COATS & JACKETS & SWEATERS: Cold weather is officially here! Please be sure that your student comes to school with a coat or warm jacket for wearing outside. We work hard and we play hard at APA—and your student will be outside for recess multiple times during the day! These are NOT worn in class, so provide your student with a navy uniform sweater if they want an extra layer while inside. If you need assistance with a coat, please contact Ms. Gamez. mgamez@apamail.org.

BOOTS: When snow is on the ground, students may wear snow boots to wear to and from school and out to recess. They should change into their school shoes once they are inside. K-6 girls may wear all black dress boots as a shoe option during terms 2, 3 & 4. These should be low-heeled and plain without distracting decorations.

LABELS: Be sure you write your students name on all items so they can be identified and returned to them if they are turned in.

LOST & FOUND: If you are missing something, please check the lost & found rack in the main hallway. Unclaimed items are donated to charity at the end of every term.

Volunteering at APA



***THANK YOU** to the parents who run the RU (Reading University) Store each term! The students love the opportunity to celebrate successfully meeting their reading goals by choosing from the tables of fun prizes!*

***THANK YOU** to the parents who came and helped decorate the multipurpose room for the Sock Hop and Staff Holiday Party! It was so fun and festive we were reluctant to take it down!!*

***THANK YOU** to the parents who provided soda & appetizers for the Staff Holiday Party and/or made donations for the "Neighbor Gifts". The food was delicious and thoroughly appreciated by the staff—a wonderful way to finish out 2024 together! That same afternoon, we delivered gift bags and a note of appreciation to a dozen of our neighbors around the school. The note read: To our wonderful neighbors, from the families and staff at APA. ☺*

***THANK YOU** to those families that stayed after the music concerts in December and helped stack chairs, take down the pipe and drape, and get the room ready for PE the following morning. It was an immense help!*

***THANK YOU** to the parents who are so willing to jump in and help when they see a need—even at unexpected times and in unexpected ways. You make our APA community something special!*

Current/Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Do you have a few hours on Thursday afternoons or Friday mornings? We could use a regular volunteer to help with printing the newsletter and delivering them to classrooms. Email Mrs. Leavitt and Mrs. Gamez if this sounds like a fun way to volunteer! lleavitt@apamail.org / mgamez@apamail.org

More info coming on Volunteering for the school Spelling Bees and our 5th & 6th grade Ambassador events.



Reporting Your Volunteer Hours (Every week!)

Thank you for volunteering! This link and QR code to report hours will be at the end of every newsletter.
[Report Volunteer Hours](#)

