



6th Grade Science Fair on Friday!

Calendar *New dates added

- Every Wednesday
- Every Thursday
- Mondays & Fridays
- Fridays

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 – 3:50-4:30pm.

- **December 16***
- Tuesday, December 17
- Wednesday, December 18
- **Wednesday, December 18***
- **Thursday, December 19***
- **Friday, December 20***
- Friday, December 20
- Friday, December 20
- December 23-Jan 3
- Monday, January 6

Final Performance! WV3 Drama Department's: "A Christmas Carol"
 Sistema Winter Concert @ 6:00pm
 5th/6th Grade Winter Music Concert @ 6:00pm
FINAL DAY! "Rock the Socks" Donation Drive
If we meet our goal of 4000 pairs of socks... "Rock YOUR socks" DAY!
Staff & Students – Favorite Fun Sweater or Spirit Wear Day
 RU Store for 2nd Term
 End of Term 2 – Report Cards - Early Dismissal 12:15/12:35
 Winter Break – No School
 Term 3 Begins

December Builder Theme:

I Am a Builder When I Look for Ways to Serve Others (Kigatsuku)

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“Kigatsuku” is a beloved idea that has been part of American Prep’s Builder themes for many, many years. It comes from a Japanese word. When typed into “Google Translate” (amazing tool) it offers up these different translations: NOTICE. REALIZE.

PERCEIVE. BECOME AWARE. I am a builder when I notice, realize, perceive or become aware of a need around me. I notice—and then quietly take action. That is the spirit of kigatsuku. That is being a builder!

Enrollment for 2025-2026 School Year

Get Your Re-Enrollment Done & New Siblings Enrolled before Lotteries Start!

Enrollment has opened for the 2025-2026 school year! The process has been tweaked a little from previous years, so please carefully read the important information below regarding how to re-enroll your current student(s), how to enroll a new sibling to APA, or how to submit a campus transfer request. 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.

New Siblings:

If you would like to enroll a new student that is a sibling of a currently enrolled student, you can do so [here](#). Be sure and apply **by January 1st**. Siblings have priority enrollment before lottery students IF they are in the application system prior to our first lottery which will run on January 7th.

Campus Transfers of currently enrolled students:

If you would like to request a campus transfer for your student(s) please feel out [this form](#) by **January 1st, 2025**.

New Families

We love to welcome new families to APA! If you know of any friends or family that may be interested in attending APA, they begin the application process on our website at americanprep.org/applynow

2024 Donation Drive “ROCK THE SOCKS” Update



ROCK THE SOCKS! This coming Wednesday, December 18th is our final day of the donation drive. It has been so heartwarming to see the generosity of our families & staff and to see how much we can accomplish as we all work together. Even if it is only one pair of socks that you can contribute, your support of the children and families in need in our

community will be appreciated and will help us meet our campus goal of donating 4000 pairs of new socks! Our donations will be delivered to the Road Home shelter next Friday!

If you've been in the building, it's hard to miss the "clothesline" hanging down the hallway with signs & socks noting every 200 pairs of socks we've collected. We started down by the gym and the 5th grade classes. 200, 400, 600...and



then we were at 1000. We reached the front hallway midweek, and hung our 2000 sign! On Friday morning, our 6th grade student council collected and counted the donations from the classroom and our total was at 2769! Amazing! But that wasn't the end...a parent brought in a donation later that day that sent us over 3000! Our goal of 4000 is clear and in sight! THANK YOU!

If/when we meet that campus goal of 4000, we will celebrate on Thursday with a "Rock YOUR Sock" day—where staff

& students (and parents!) can get creative with their socks and have some fun at a "Sock Hop" during the day with Ms. Jackson, our Character Development Director.



Music Concert Parking this Week

Thank you for supporting our student musicians—we have the Sistema Winter Concert on Tuesday @ 6pm and the 5th/6th Grade Winter Concert on Wednesday @ 6pm. *The gates will be open to the back of the school if additional parking is needed. If you park in the back, use the first set of doors in back to enter the building.* Come a little early so you have time to be parked and seated before 6:00pm. The concerts start right on time and go by quickly. We don't want anyone to miss their student's performance!

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!

Winter Wear Reminders: Coats, Jackets, Sweaters & Boots (Week 2 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.

BUILDERS OF THE MONTH - November		
Kindergarten	Mrs. Fisher	Antonella Ruenes Garcia
Kindergarten	Mrs. Hendersen	Charlotte Leavitt
Kindergarten	Mrs. Montoya	Cory Okimoto
1st Grade	Mrs. Brakey & Mrs. Lukow	Maria Maslah
1st Grade	Mrs. Crandall	Lillian Demarreau
1st Grade	Ms. Cannon	Thiago Jerez
2nd Grade	Ms. Cooper	Sulieti Lavaki
2nd Grade	Mrs. Douglas	Grolia Ineza
2nd Grade	Mrs. Williamson	Christian Olivera Caruci
3rd Grade	Mr. Ferlo	Lorraine Sherman
3rd Grade	Mr. Henderson	Bell Rangel
3rd Grade	Ms. Stelly	Mia Spinks
4th Grade	Mr. Beard	Susannah Cervantes
4th Grade	Mrs. McCarthy	Cora Orwin
4th Grade	Ms. Morrison	Shema Heritier
5th Grade	Mrs. Bonzo	Jaelynn Aguirre
5th Grade	Mrs. Furniss	Julian Duerden
5th Grade	Mr. Hand	Khadija Taha
6th Grade	Mrs. Beebe	Stephanie Diaz
6th Grade	Mrs. Fullmer	Brayan Munoz Hernandez
6th Grade	Ms. Marlowe	Hyrum Ricks

Congratulations Builders— Expressing Gratitude Through Word and Deed!

Each month, we have the wonderful opportunity to honor a student from each class who has consistently shown the builder trait we focused on during that month. In November, the character trait we focused on was expressing gratitude. Congratulations to these K-6 students who were recognized at their weekly assembly for being great examples of builders who show their gratitude through word and deed!

Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Plans (Week 2 of 2)

The 2023-24 Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Plans are available on americanprep.org under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports titled “Teacher and Student Success Act Plan (TSSA)” Or you may find our campus TSSA Plans by going directly to this link: <https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/FY25-TSSA-Plan-WV1.pdf>

School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) Plan (2 of 2)

The 2023-24 School Improvement Plan is available on americanprep.org under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports, “School Improvement Plan.” The TSI goals are included in this plan and marked in the far left column. Or you may find our campus SIP by going directly to this link: <https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/West-Valley-1-2025-School-Improvement-Plan-including-TSI-Plan.pdf>

Title IA Schoolwide Plan (Week 2 of 2)

The 2023-24 Title IA Schoolwide Improvement Plan is available on americanprep.org under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports, “Title IA Schoolwide Plan” Or you may find our campus Plan by going directly to this link: <https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/West-Valley-1-2025-Title-IA-Schoolwide-Plan-English.pdf>

Volunteering at APA



***THANK YOU** to the parents, friends & family members who came to be judges at the 6th grade Science Fair on Friday. Each student had the opportunity to present their projects to an adult at least 4 times. Thank you for helping to make this year's fair a rousing success.*

***THANK YOU** to the parent volunteers who come each week to help in the classrooms, work on projects for the teachers, to grade math tests, to straighten and vacuum the workroom and staff breakroom, to help in the office—to jump in and help whenever there is a need! You are all wonderful and we love your presence here on campus!*

Current/Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Here are some fun and appreciated ways to volunteer before we leave on winter break.

Staff Holiday Party: After school on Friday, the staff will be gathering for some end-of-2024 fun together. Donate a favorite appetizer to share with the staff, purchase 2-liter bottles of soda, or help with decorating and set-up. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8AF2CA1FFC43-54044153-feed/>



Neighbor Gift Baskets: Contribute an item to go into a gift basket or bag for our APA neighbors.

To: Our Wonderful Neighbors, With appreciation from: The APA-West Valley 1 Families & Staff. The staff will deliver these after school on Friday. We hope to give our thanks to every neighbor who experiences our twice-a-day carpool traffic and to those neighbors who have homes that back up to our playground area--the ones who are regularly returning our soccer balls that have found their way over the fence and into their yards! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8AF2CA1FFC43-53939244-neighborhood/>



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](#)

AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY
PRESENTS

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

BASED ON THE CHARLES DICKENS CLASSIC

SHOWTIMES
DECEMBER 13TH AT 7 PM
DECEMBER 14TH AT 2 PM
DECEMBER 14TH AT 7 PM
DECEMBER 18TH AT 7 PM
WV3 BLACK BOX THEATRE

TICKET PRICES
GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10
STUDENT: \$8
SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE