



Monday was our 100th day of school! A few of the staff members looked the age! Thanks—some of you—for your expressions of concern! ☺
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Calendar *New dates added

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| • 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! |
| • Mondays & Fridays | Free Adult English Classes @ 2:30-3:15 |
| • Friday, February 7 | APA School Spirit Day – Wear your APA spirit shirts / sweatshirts |
| • Friday, February 7 | Early Dismissal - 12:15/12:35 - Elementary Grading Day – No Sistema |
| • Friday, February 7 | District Charter Science Fair @ SLCC-Miller Campus |
| • Friday, February 14 | End of Term 3 – Report Cards come home |
| • Friday, February 14 | RU Store |
| • February 17-21 | Mid-Winter Break – No School |
| • Monday, February 24 | Term 4 Begins (Feb 24-April 4) |

February Builder Theme:

I Am a Builder When I Use My Words to Encourage Others

Last month we talked about the power of having positive thoughts—positive thoughts about ourselves and positive thoughts about others. This month, we turn those positive thoughts into positive words—words that will motivate and encourage those around us. Your students will have the opportunity to share their positive words with the staff here at school as they write special notes for them that will be given as a gift to them during staff appreciation week. Watch for their special note paper to come home next week so they can get a start on their notes over the break!

Valentines Day (Feb 14) – A Day of Caring and Sharing

Can my student share valentines with their classmates? (Week 3 of 3)

This is a great question—and the short answer is “yes”. From the Parent-Student Handbook (page 30 under Holiday Celebrations) here are the guidelines:



We encourage students to show they care by doing good deeds for others all during the month. If students wish to exchange valentine cards or treats (completely optional) they may within the following 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

Want some more interesting reading? The Parent-Student Handbook can be accessed on our school website under Parent Resources. [Parent/Student Handbook 24-25](#)



Virtual Parent Empowerment Tuesday!

Are there times that you feel you and your child aren't speaking the same language? Would you like better connection with your child? We will address these questions on Tuesday, February 11th at 7pm for our Virtual Parent Empowerment night. We will learn strategies and things to do to have clearer communication, correct poor communication, and connect with our loved ones. Join us on zoom at 7pm! Join Zoom Meeting <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/83659677400>



6th-8th Grade Boys Volleyball Tryouts at WV2

6th – 8th grade Boys Volleyball tryouts will be Monday, February 10th from 3:30-5pm in the small gym at WV2. Students MUST academically qualify to be eligible, that is, they must have no more than 2 F's for the current term.

To sign up for tryouts please fill out this form ONCE: <https://forms.gle/ek2GwPJDMsi2d62k9>

If you have further questions, please contact the JH Athletic Director, Irene Christenson at ichristenson@apamail.org

Attention ALL Students: Notecard Art Contest

From the American Preparatory Education Foundation:

APEF 5TH ANNUAL

Notecard Art Contest

APA students! You are invited to create a piece of art to be used on thank you cards for donors as well as for teachers and staff to show appreciation.

Fill out the form to submit your art.
Accepting digital submission Feb 10-March 2.

For examples of previous art submitted, go to www.americanprepfoundation.org/artcontest.

*The winner will receive a \$50
Amazon Card!*



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Congratulations Builders—Thinking positively about myself and others.

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 January the character trait we focused on was being a positive thinker. Congratulations to these K-6 students who were recognized at this week's assemblies for being great examples of positive builders.

BUILDERS OF THE MONTH: JANUARY		
I am a builder when I think positive thoughts about myself and others.		
Kindergarten	Mrs. Fisher	Jose Flores Soto
Kindergarten	Mrs. Hendersen	Sashikh Samy
Kindergarten	Mrs. Montoya	George Williamson
1st Grade	Mrs. Brakey & M	Mila Mota
1st Grade	Mrs. Crandall	Ngunlen Par
1st Grade	Ms. Cannon	Ana Acosta Arevalo
2nd Grade	Ms. Cooper	Emily Huaman
2nd Grade	Mrs. Douglas	Noel DeMartinis
2nd Grade	Mrs. Williamson	Fateh Partola
3rd Grade	Mr. Ferlo	Mathias Jimenez
3rd Grade	Mr. Henderson	Bell Rangel
3rd Grade	Ms. Stelly	David Gaspar
4th Grade	Mr. Beard	Salome Basto Valero
4th Grade	Mrs. McCarthy	Ava Guzman Herrera
4th Grade	Ms. Morrison	Fatima Martinez
5th Grade	Mrs. Bonzo	AddiLynn Sandoval
5th Grade	Mrs. Furniss	Emma Garner
5th Grade	Mr. Hand	Elias Hernandez
6th Grade	Mrs. Beebe	Angie Castelan
6th Grade	Mrs. Fullmer	Sofia Ayala Flores
6th Grade	Ms. Marlowe	Ximena Camacho

The Next Session of Friday Clubs will be Starting at the end of February (Week

3 of 3)

Thank you to all the club mentors who made it possible for SO MANY students to participate in Friday Clubs during September-December. The next session of Friday Clubs will begin after mid-winter break. As before, signup information will be emailed out and club spots will be filled on a first come-first served basis. The club line-up is being prepared, so keep an eye on your email for the sign-up link.

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!

Exciting Opportunity to Become a

Substitute Teacher! (Until 5 of you are persuaded to say "yes" 😊)

We're hiring substitutes at our West Valley 1 campus! If you're passionate about education and want to support our students, we'd love to have you join our team. We are looking for classroom and front office substitutes. Click [HERE](#) to apply and make a difference in our classroom community! Thank you



for your support!

Volunteering at APA



***THANK YOU** to the parents who came and helped with the Ambassador event for 6th grade this last week! Like 5th grade's event last week, it was a royal celebration!*

***THANK YOU** to the parents who come and enjoy the morning assemblies each week. (4th-6th is typically on Wednesday mornings; K-3rd on Thursday mornings.) We love having you here!*

Current/Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Look forward to information coming from our FSO leadership about our annual Staff Appreciation Week (March 24-28.) There will be many ways to volunteer and contribute as we celebrate and honor our wonderful APA-West Valley 1 staff!



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. An update of your volunteer hours for the school year will be coming home with report cards next week. If you have any unreported hours, please report them in the next few days. [Report Volunteer Hours](#)