



School Calendar – WVI Campus

November 17, 2016

Check the website calendar for all practices, rehearsals and clubs @ <http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/>

West Valley One Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/americanprepWVI>

Nov 14-18	Class Geography Bees
Tuesday, Nov 22	Governing Board Meeting – APS Office – 12894 S Pony Express Road, Suite 600, Draper - 4:30 pm
Nov 23-25	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, Nov 30	SMILE Dental Program School Geography Bee – 1:00 pm Early Wednesday dismissal – 2:25/2:50 pm
Thursday, Dec 1	S.W.Y.K. Builder’s Assembly – 8:15 am Early Thursday dismissal – 2:25/2:50 pm Parent/Teacher Conference – Secondary – No Collegium Hall/Yes Sistema
Friday, Dec 2	Parent/Teacher Conference – Secondary, No school-Jr. High only No Collegium Hall/Yes Sistema

Other Dates

Dec 1-16	Annual Donation Drive
Thursday, Dec 8	Winter Music Concert – Elementary – 6:00 pm, Jr. High – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec 13	Sistema Winter Concert – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec 14	Early Dismissal, Elementary only – 12:15/12:30 pm- No Sistema
Dec 20	End of Term 2
Dec 21-Jan	Winter Break

November’s Builder Theme – I am a builder when I express gratitude in word and deed!

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.” –William Arthur Ward

Friday, during the Veterans’ Day assembly, while the children sang “Thank You Soldiers,” one veteran stood and saluted throughout the entire song. A salute is not a passing hello, it is not a wave of a hand or a thank you. It represents the highest degree of respect one has the ability to give. It is showing honor for what has been given.

Many soldiers during and after the Vietnam War fought hard for what they believed to be a just cause; to free the Vietnamese people from an oppressive regime. They spent years of their life in the service of a country which they loved. They served honorably and lost many, many brothers in arms for the cause. When they returned home, they were treated like criminals and traitors. They were badly treated and were shamed for their honorable service. Many of them were afraid to ever admit their respectable service to our country.

As this veteran stood and saluted, there was an overwhelming emotion felt by many. A soldier, finally getting the honor he expected to have when he originally returned. He did the one thing he knew would return the honor, he stood and saluted. He held the salute for the entire the song, the perfect pose of a man who knows what it means to give.

Being able to show honor to our veterans was a perfect way to express gratitude in word and deed. He returned the honor to our students in the most proper way he knew how.



Class Geography Bees

This is the month for our Geography Bees! Students in 1st-8th grade have participated in class bees this week. 4th-6th grade finalists from each class will compete in a school Geography Bee on Wednesday, November 30th @ 1:00 pm in the gym.

WE “CAN” CARE!



APA’s Annual Donation Drive

Get ready for APA’s multi-campus annual donation drive. Every campus, every grade and every classroom will be working together to fight hunger!

This year we’ll be gathering food items to benefit the **Utah Food Bank**. The food bank provides 31.3 million meals a year to help feed those in need right here in our own state! Let’s show we care by making sure no one goes hungry this holiday season!

The donation drive kicks off Dec. 1st and continues through Dec. 16th. We accept CANS, boxes, or plastic-packaged food items. Please no glass, expired food, or perishable items.

Yearbook Holiday Special 30% off

Order your yearbook **online** today for the *lowest* price they will ever be. It is the season of giving and these yearbooks would make a perfect gift for your student. These prices will only last until December 31st so order your yearbook quickly! Simply visit <http://ybk.bz/APA-WVI> to order yours today. *Discount is only available online, and does not extend to in-school purchases. Yearbooks are delivered at the end of the school year.

School Lunch - Please be sure your student has lunch on Monday! They can bring a home lunch or can order a school lunch online @ utahsmartlunches.com. Orders must be placed by midnight of the day before. If you have questions, please e-mail Mrs. Kristine Stevens—kstevens@apamail.org. APA is looking to train a district-wide sub for the School Lunch Program. When subbing, the time frame each day would be 8:00 - 12:30. All four campuses in the Salt Lake County have the lunch program. If you are interested in being trained for this part-time position, please contact Debra Davies ddavies@apamail.org.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables – FRESH CORN & CANTALOUPE

Corn is one of the oldest vegetables that are recorded by man. There has been evidence of corn being consumed over 7000 years ago in areas of Mexico, where it was known to grow wild. The corn kernels are packed in tight almost uniform rows. A single ear of corn can contain up to 400 kernel. Freshly harvested corn, at its peak ripeness, is very sweet, offering flavors of almond and sugar, the kernels so succulent, the skin pops as you bite into it. Most people are accustomed to eating corn in some sort of cooked manner. But did you know that corn is actually sweeter when eaten raw and is believed to contain more nutrients.

The cantaloupe gets its name from the Italian village of Cantaloupe, where it was cultivated when the fruit's seeds were brought there from Armenia. The original variety has had its seeds dispersed and cross-cultivated, throughout Europe and the Americas. The original cantaloupe was smaller, not quite as sweet as modern cultivars. Cantaloupes have been developed over time to achieve uniform size and improved flavor. This high level of consistency has contributed to the cantaloupe becoming the most widely eaten melon variety in America today.



Welcome Mrs. Carolyn DeLaMare – We would like to welcome Mrs. DeLaMare to our campus. She will be substituted for Mrs. Hernandez for the remainder of this year. Make her feel WELCOME!

Box Top Contest – For our second term contest, it will be **Grade vs. Grade**. Bring your Box Tops into school in ziploc bags. Make sure your child's name and classroom are on each label, so we can credit your class. Come check out our wall of progress, just outside the main office wall. See how well your grades are doing. Good Luck and let the games begin.

SUBSTITUTES – From our years of experience, we know that our parents make the very best subs! Do you want to be involved in an important way, learn great teaching skills, have fun AND get paid for it? We are in need of substitutes at all our APA Campuses. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested, please let us know! Apply online at www.americanprep.org. We will be having a short information meeting right after the elementary assembly on Thursday, November 3, but we can answer your questions at any time. Please e-mail our school director, Laura Leavitt, if you would like more information. leavitt@apamail.org. Our next sub training will be starting soon!

Test Data and School Report Cards Available

The 2016 School Report Cards are available on the American Prep website's Parent Library under "Plans and Reports" (<http://www.americanprep.org/plans-and-reports/>). School Improvement Plans for our Title I Campuses will also be located at this site. If you have any questions regarding this data, feel free to contact your school administrators.

District Parent Involvement Policy

At the conclusion of each school year, end-of-year assessment data is reported and organized into a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA). The CNA includes demographic, attendance, and assessment data. Also included in the CNA are the results of the annual Parent Survey. This Survey evaluates, among other things, the satisfaction of parents with the quality of the academic program and their opportunities to participate in the schools. American Preparatory administrators annually invite select staff and parents from each school to participate in a District/School Planning Meeting. This Committee reviews the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and analyzes areas for potential improvement. District/School Plans are developed with goals, action steps, and budget relationships. District and School Parent Involvement Policies are evaluated for effectiveness. School, Parent, and Student Compacts are also examined by this Committee for recommended changes.

School Parent Involvement Policies

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and will soon be accessible on the APA website under the campus drop-down tabs. West Valley Parent-Student Handbooks will be available in Spanish.

Política del Distrito con la Participación de los Padres

Al final de cada año escolar, los datos de evaluación de fin de año se reportan y organizan en una exhaustiva evaluación de necesidades (CNA por sus siglas en inglés). CNA incluye datos demográficos, asistencia y evaluación. También se incluyen en CNA, los resultados de la Encuesta anual de Padres. Esta encuesta evalúa, entre otras cosas, la satisfacción de los padres con la calidad del programa académico y sus oportunidades de participar en las escuelas. Los administradores de American Preparatory anualmente invitan a personal selecto y a los padres de cada escuela para participar en una reunión de planificación del Distrito/Escuela. Este Comité revisa la exhaustiva evaluación de necesidades y analiza las potenciales áreas de mejora. Los Planes de Distrito/Escuela se desarrollan con las metas, los pasos a seguir y las relaciones presupuestarias. Las políticas del Distrito y de la Escuela con la Participación de los Padres son evaluados para la eficacia. Los compactos de la Escuela, Padres y Estudiantes también son examinados por este Comité para los cambios recomendados.



Políticas de la Escuela con la Participación de los Padres

Políticas participación de los padres varían ligeramente en el campus y se encuentran dentro de los Manuales de Padres y Estudiantes. Estos manuales se distribuyen anualmente a los padres y pronto estarán accesibles en la página web de la APA bajo las pestañas desplegadas campus . West Valley Padres y Estudiantes Manuales estará disponible en español .

Safety Improvements for Carpool

In response to your feedback and suggestions, we are making some improvements to our carpool procedures. Please see the note included in your communication envelope for these updates. These will take effect Monday, November 21.

Highly Qualified Teachers

The USOE (Utah State Office of Education) sets standards to qualify teachers in the state of Utah to be highly qualified to teach. **All of the teachers at American Preparatory Academy are considered highly qualified to teach by the state of Utah (USOE qualified).**

At American Prep we hire the most capable people to do the best job for our students. The following teachers all meet the state's Highly Qualified requirements, but do not meet the Federal HQ requirements. We are required to report this to our parents each year, and we are happy to do so! Let us tell you a little about our amazing staff members!

Elizabeth Bankhead (6th grade teacher) came to American Preparatory Academy this year opening a new position as the science teacher for fifth and sixth graders. Ms. Bankhead graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor degree in Biology. She has years of experience as a biologist and ecologist and feels privileged to now be teaching subjects that have inspired and filled her professional life. Nearly every week the students get to explore science through hands on activities and labs that she has enjoyed creating. This semester she has applied to Utah's Alternate Route to Licensure in order to become a certified teacher. She thanks you for letting her be a part of your child's learning by sharing the world of science with them!

McKenzie Denison (4th grade teacher) received her Bachelor of Theatre Arts with an emphasis in designs and technology from Southern Utah University in 2012, where she fell in love with children's theatre. She then went to New York to work at a summer camp geared towards educating children in the arts and learned a lot. She participates in community youth theatre programs whenever she gets the chance. She loves helping children find their voice and their confidence in any way possible. She is excited to continue helping young minds and honing her skills as she takes her Utah Teaching License classes.

Phillip Howard (JH English teacher) graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor's degree in English and a minor in Philosophy. After graduating, he spent five years working at a Shimizu West High School in Shimizu Ward, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan. He taught communication English to 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. While working there, he discovered his passion for teaching and wanted to combine it with his love of English. He returned to America and began to work at American Preparatory Academy in August 2016. He is also participating in the Alternative Routes to Licensure program to obtain his teaching license.

Victoria Mauro (JH Science teacher) graduated from American University in Washington, DC with a Bachelor's degree in Biology. She has worked both in research and medicine and is excited to share her experience with her students. This will be her second full year at the APA West Valley I campus, where she loves her job as the Junior High Science teacher. Ms. Mauro is working diligently towards her Utah Teaching License, taking both the necessary tests and classes to continue following her passion of teaching.



Michael McCawley (JH Band teacher) received his Bachelor of Music from the University of Saskatchewan with a major in Music Education. He taught Junior High and High School Band and Guitar for the Prince Albert separate School Board from 1982 to 1984. Michael moved to Windsor Ontario in 1984 where he performed with the Windsor, London and Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestras, and was the Publicist and Concert Coordinator for the School of Music at the University of Windsor. Since moving to Utah, he has been a long term substitute for the Utah Symphony, Principal Tuba for the Ballet West Orchestra since 1993 and an avid freelance musician. His love of teaching led to positions as adjunct faculty with Weber State (1992-94) Utah State (1994-2001) and currently Utah Valley University as Professor of Tuba and Euphonium, as well as Brass Chamber Music coach. Michael joined the faculty of American Preparatory Academy in January 2016 and teaches Band at both the WV1 and WV2 campus. His wife, Dr. Geralyn Giovannetti, is Professor of Oboe at BYU.

K'Leena Murphy (5th grade teacher) attended Utah State University where she received her Bachelor degree in Sociology. After graduating, Ms. Murphy became a Camp Director where she had the opportunity to work with and educate children of all ages. In addition to teaching children in a professional capacity, Ms. Murphy has enjoyed working with children in her personal life as well. She has volunteered and served on several committees and boards associated with helping teach children throughout the majority of her life. She is currently working towards obtaining her Utah Teaching License through the ARL program.

Tawni Romero (Kindergarten teacher) attended the University of Phoenix where she received an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor of Science in Human Services Management, and a Master of Science in School Counseling. She is a mother of three very active boys and has spent most of her life teaching and interacting with children. She is currently working as a Kindergarten Teacher at West Valley 1, and enjoys teaching her students, as well as learning from them every day.

Justina Spencer (2nd grade teacher) attended the University of Utah where she received her Bachelor degree in Human Development and Family Studies with a minor in disability studies. This is her fourth year working at American Preparatory Academy, and she loves it. In her free time, she volunteers at the Empress Theater as their residential properties mistress. She is currently working on the Alternative Route to Licensure to obtain her Utah Teaching License.

Mahonri Stewart (JH Drama teacher) received his MFA degree in Theatre: Dramatic Writing from Arizona State University and his Bachelor degree in Theatre Arts from Utah Valley University. He is a Kennedy Center national award winning playwright, who has had over 20 of his plays produced on the college and community levels, and several of his plays published. He has taught theater, playwriting, drama, English, and humanities at Utah Valley University, Provo College, High Tech High in San Diego, East Valley High School, and Pioneer High School for the Arts.

Rebecca Twitchell (3rd grade teacher) received her Bachelor of Science degree in Literature at Utah Valley University in 2012. While at UVU she took some education classes and discovered a love for teaching. She is a third-year teacher, working on her ARL through Salt Lake Community College.

If you have any questions about any of our amazing teachers and their qualifications, please feel free to contact Debra Davies, Administrative Director (ddavies@apamail.org).



After-School Programs (Sistema & Collegium Hall)

Our afterschool team will be holding our first **Parent Club** meeting on **Tuesday, November 29th from 6:00-6:30 pm**. All parents and guardians with students in WVI's afterschool programs are invited to attend! For this first meeting, parents will get to know one another over light refreshments, have the chance to ask questions with a handful of staff, and get linked to our program on social media. We'll also be available to help parents get logged on to ALMA and/or ASPIRE to check their student's grades. Come have a treat and have fun getting to know your fellow APA parents a little better! See you there!

During our Collegium Hall, we are continuing to make progress in our completion of homework assignments. We are up to 1260 completed assignments towards our 2000 assignments goal for term 2. All parents are welcome to come and visit their students in the Collegium Hall classrooms after school. We invite you to talk with the mentors to know what your student is completing in Collegium Hall and how you can help them with homework at home.

Elementary:

Knights of the Game Table: Mondays - 3:50-4:50 pm

Robotics Club: Thursdays - 2:50-4:00 pm

Sistema: M/T/F - 3:50-6:30 pm, W/Th - 2:50-5:30 pm

Secondary:

Latin Club: Monday and Thursday - during 2nd dismissal

7th Grade Art Club: Mondays - 3:30 – 5:00 pm

S.T.E.A.M Club: Every other Wednesday (Some Thursdays) (11/16, 11/30, 12/14) – 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Math Club: Tuesday – 4:00-5:00 pm, Wednesday - 3:00-4:00 pm

Collegium Hall: M/T/F - 3:30-6:30 pm, W-Th - 2:30-5:30 pm

Yearbook Club: W/F - 11/9, 11/18, 12/2, 12/7, 12/16 – W-3:00-4:00 pm, F-4:00-5:00 pm

For safety reasons, please come into the building to pick up your student during afterschool hours. If you have any questions, please contact our Afterschool Director, Amberley Motz, at amotz@apamail.org.

****Please remember: Sistema students are invited to participate in one club at a time. If your child has expressed interest in multiple clubs, they will be directed to choose one as a focus.**

Yearbook Club! Any 7th-9th grade students interested in joining Yearbook Club can get a packet from the Jr. High office that contains expectations, a calendar, and a permission slip. It will be on Wednesdays at 3:00-4:00 and Fridays at 4:00-5:00. Check Afterschool calendar for dates.

Submit Yearbook Photos

****Parents, volunteers and staff**** We are excited to be getting a head start on our school yearbook, but we need your help! We would love it if you could send in any pictures you have taken at APA events or activities thus far, and continue to submit them throughout the year. We want to showcase our wonderful students, so if you have photos you can share with us, go to www.hjshare.com and use the code: *APAWVI* and upload them. Thank you for your help! (Information on yearbook sales coming soon.)



Sistema ♪♪♪♪ MAKE A NOTE! ♪♪♪♪

Drum Bus - Last week we had the Drum Bus for our fun specials activity. Students had to earn this activity by being prepared, being on time, and being helpful. Mr. Anderson, owner of the Drum Bus, taught us so many things. We had so much fun playing different rhythms on the drums, all while the lights changed color to our beat. Mr. Anderson taught us some call and response activities, and had us all create a group beat box composition with using our voices and the drum. It was a memorable experience. We hope to have him come again next year.

- ✓ Nov. 18 - Ensemble Day
- ✓ Nov. 22 - Bach Buck Store and Ensemble Day
- ✓ Nov. 25 - Ensemble Day
- ✓ Dec. 2 - Ensemble Day
- ✓ Dec. 9 - Ensemble Day
- ✓ Dec. 12 - Rehearsal for Winter Concert
- ✓ Dec. 13 - Winter Concert – 6:00 pm (note date change)
- ✓ Dec. 14 - No Sistema (due to elementary grading day)
- ✓ Dec. 15 - Sistema Strings Performance group performing at WV2 Winter Concert (Regular Sistema Schedule for all other Sistema Students)
- ✓ Dec. 16, 19, 20 Sistema will be held these days.
- ✓ Dec. 21-Jan. 2 No Sistema

Community Corner

English Class - We are excited about our English classes. Everybody is welcome to come and bring a friend. Come have fun learning English. The classes are **free** and are open to everyone who would like to improve their English skills. Classes are on Mondays & Wednesdays from 8:15-9:15 am.

* Comcast is offering very affordable internet to any family who is on the Federal Free Reduced Lunch program. Just \$9.99 instead of \$40. They also offer quality laptops to families in need for just \$150. <https://internetessentials.com/>

Volunteer Corner

- Holiday Boutique - The Draper 2 campus will be holding its first annual Holiday Boutique Friday, November 18 (5-8pm) and Saturday, November 19 (9am-1pm). If you have an interest in being a vendor, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/apaboutiquevendors/> for more information. Please also pass this information on to friends and family who may be interested. Save the dates. This is a great fundraiser for APA and a great way to support many local businesses. You may also contact Michelle Goudge at apadraper2events.com with any questions.
- Ambassador Activities - Parents Volunteers are needed and welcome, please contact Hailey Stevens at hstevens@apamail.org, or call the Jr. High office at 801.839.3613 ext. 139.