



## School Calendar – WV1 Campus

August 24, 2017

Check the website calendar for all practices, rehearsals and clubs @ <http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/>  
West Valley One Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/americanprepWV1>

School Hours – Aug 28-Sept 1 – Mon, Tues, Fri – 8:15 – 3:25/3:50 Second Dismissal  
Wed & Thurs – 8:15 – 2:25/2:50 Second Dismissal

Friday, Aug 25	“Lights On!” Family Event – 3:30 – 5:30 pm
Monday, Aug 28	Sistema & Collegium Hall Begins
Thursday, Aug 31	S.W.Y.K. Assembly – 8:15 – 8:45 am
Thursday, Aug 31	Ambassador Event - 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Unity Hike – 8:15 am - 2:30 pm
Wednesday, Sept 6	Ambassador Event – W.O.R.K. Party - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 8:00am-12:00 pm
Wednesday, Sept 13	Ambassador Event – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Leaders for Life – 1:10-3:45 pm
Friday, Sept 15	<b>Secondary Early Dismissal</b> – 12:15 pm – Parent Teacher Conference 1:00 – 5:00 pm – (Elementary regular schedule)
Wednesday, Sept 27	Speech Festival – 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 12:30 – 1:15, 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> – 1:30 – 2:15
Wednesday, Sept 27	Ambassador Event – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Barn Event & BBQ – 11:00-1:00

### Starting Our 2017-2018 School Year in a Stellar Way!

Welcome to our 2017-2018 school year! What an exciting first day of school we had—even the moon and sun put on a show to make it memorable. ☺ Our students thoroughly enjoyed participating in the wonder of the eclipse on Monday—an experience they will likely remember forever! What an amazing start to our school year.

This month we are focusing on the many, many ways we can be Builders. As we each reach out to welcome our new families and students, we practice the builder quality of being friendly. As we work to make good use of our time, starting the day by getting up early, and being on time to whatever place you are going, we are building our characters. Taking the time to greet someone with a smile, being patient in an unfavorable situation, assuming good will, getting right to work when there is a job to be done—all of these are ways to be Builders. Being honest in all your dealings, doing the best job possible on any given task—all ways that we build our character and show that we are Builders!

### “Lights On” Afterschool at WV1!

Bring the whole family to this fun, free event this Friday—from 3:30-5:30. “Lights On” is our annual event that kicks off our afterschool programs and clubs for the year. Come sign up for clubs and afterschool programs as WV1 jitterbugs and jives into the hip new school year! There will be enjoy root beer floats and popcorn, dancing, hula hooping, a barbershop, and more at the soda shop! Put on your favorite 50’s wear— poodle skirts and penny loafers - or just come as you are. Students that would like to dress “50’s style” for the event may wear this to school on Friday—or can change after school. See you there!



## **Text Message Updates and Reminders**

One of the pieces of feedback we received from you through our survey was the need for improving communication. In an effort to improve communication we are introducing a new system called "Remind." Remind is an application which will send a text message to a large group all at once. It works through text message but is only a one-way communication from us to your phone. It will be used sparingly and as a reminder for school events or changes to our normal school day. Our school newsletter will still be the main source of communication and calendaring.

**If you would like to opt in to receive communications from the Jr. High, please text the message "@mrsheneman" to the number 81010.** The number 81010 is a shortened phone number and @mrsheneman is the message which will activate you into the Junior High Families group.

**If you would like to opt in to receive communications from the Elementary, please text the message "@k9ge23" to the number 81010.** This will activate you into the Elementary Families group. If you have students in both elementary and Junior High, please opt in for both. During Parent Orientation this week we explained this in more detail. If you still have questions, please email or stop by the Jr. High Office or the Elementary Office. We are excited to be able to contact you more quickly when things need to be adjusted.

**Carpool/Dismissals** - New elementary students will be in Academic Extended Day (2nd dismissal) for the first term of school. This means your dismissal time will be 3:50 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Friday and 2:50 pm on Wednesday and Thursday. Please wait and enter the carpool line no earlier than 5 minutes before your student's dismissal time. (If you arrive earlier than that time, please park in a parking spot and wait until the 1st dismissal line has cleared.) We want to be sure your whole family is assigned to the same dismissal time. If you have children assigned to different dismissal times, please let the academic office know and they will correct that.

**School Lunch** - Please be sure your student has lunch each day! They can bring a home lunch or can order a school lunch online at <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>. Orders must be placed by midnight of the day before. If you have questions, please e-mail Mrs. Kristine Stevens—[kstevens@apamail.org](mailto:kstevens@apamail.org)

## **AMBASSADORS**

At APA we believe in not only helping students achieve academic success, but also in developing virtuous character and citizenship. This program starts in K-4th when we teach students how to introduce themselves to others and shake hands while making eye contact. It continues in grades 5th-9th where they start participating in Ambassador events and have more opportunities to lead and serve. Ambassador events are high energy, interactive experiences where students learn important social and professional skills in a hands-on environment. These events are part of our required curriculum and students in 7th-9th receive a grade for participating.

The Ambassador program is always looking for volunteers at our Ambassador events! The biggest thing we need help with is at the events. During an Ambassador event, you will be in charge of a group of students as they go from one classroom to the next and participate in a workshop. We also need help serving food at some of the stations in the workshop. If you are available for ANY amount of time, please email Hailey Stevens at [hstevens@apamail.org](mailto:hstevens@apamail.org) or call 801.839.3616 ext.139.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Unity Hike** - We are ready to celebrate being back at school with the 9th Grade Unity Hike on Thursday, August 31st. This is an all-day activity that focuses on unifying our students and building teamwork skills. All students are required to attend and must be on time so they don't miss the bus! We pull out at 8:15 am. Please send your student with a water bottle. Supplemental water and snacks will be provided. They need to come with a positive attitude and dressed in their polo's, long jeans and comfortable walking shoes. It's sure to be a great time!



**W.O.R.K. Party** - On Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, all 8th Grade students will have the opportunity to provide community service at The Stable Place. The event will run from 8:00 am - 12:00pm. The goal of these projects will be to allow students to do physical, not so glamorous work, to help them realize that everyone has the responsibility to help out in their community. Hence, the acronym W.O.R.K., which stands for Wonderful Opportunities to Render Kindness. Here at APA, we not only teach our students how to work hard, but also how to find opportunities to serve their community.

\* **Note:** Signed permission slips are required and must be turned in to 4th period teachers by Friday, September 1st for full points.

\*\* This is a required event and will be included in students 4th period Ambassador Hour grade.

## After-school programs (Sistema & Collegium Hall) – beginning August 28!

### Sistema MAKE A NOTE!

Our amazing Sistema Strings had two great opportunities to perform in the last week. They performed on Aug. 14 for a benefit concert by Will Hagan, Andrea Hagan, and our own Ms. Aleman. They raised fund to help support our Sistema program and for the Sistema program in Venezuela. The other performance was last Tuesday, when they were invited to perform the Star-Spangled Banner for West Valley City Community Council. They will be on TV. We will share the link on our Sistema Utah Facebook page.

**To Register for Sistema: DEADLINE FRIDAY at 5:30 pm**

1. Go to <http://westvalley1.americanprep.org>
2. Scroll down and click on Afterschool
3. Scroll down to the Sistema section. Just above my picture is the two registrations links in dark red lettering.

Aug. 25

3:30- 5:30 – “Lights On!” Family Event

5:30 - Last day to register for Sistema (Friday by 5:30)

Instrument Rental: Summerhays Music will be at “Lights On” renting instruments. They will also have an instrument petting zoo for those who are not sure which instrument to choose.

Aug. 28

Sistema and Collegium Hall programs begin

Aug. 29

6:00 - Sistema Parent Meeting (end of Sistema day for all parents)

Monday Tuesday Friday:

3:30 - 3:45 - Academic Extended Day (AED)

3:50 - 4:40 - Sistema 1st period (includes snack time. We provide the snack)

4:42 - 5:22 - Sistema 2nd period

5:24 - 6:05 - 3rd period

6:05 - 6:30 - Homework time and parent pickup. (Must come into the school to sign your student out.)

Wednesday and Thursday:

2:30 - 2:45 - Academic Extended Day (AED)

2:50 - 3:40 - Sistema 1st period (includes snack time. We provide the snack)

3:42 - 4:22 - Sistema 2nd period

4:24 - 5:05 - 3rd period

5:05 - 5:30 - Homework time and parent pickup. (Must come into the school to sign your student out.)

If you have not received an email confirmation about your student's enrollment in Sistema, please email Mrs. McCullough at [cmccullough@apamail.org](mailto:cmccullough@apamail.org).