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School Calendar – WV1 Campus September 28, 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 – Oct 2-6 – Mon, Tues, Fri – 8:15 – 3:25/3:50 Second Dismissal
Wed & Thurs – 8:15 – 2:25/2:50 Second Dismissal

Thursday, Sept 28	New Parent Orientation – 8:45-9:45 am & 6:00-7:00 pm
Friday, Sept 29	DIBELS TESTING DAY
	Land Trust Meeting – 10:00 am
Tuesday, Oct 3	Parent University @ WV2 – 6:00 pm – Parents Only Event
	Annual Utah STEM Fest
Wednesday, Oct 4	Hearing Screening
Thursday, Oct 5	S.W.Y.K. Assembly – 8:15-8:45 am
Wednesday, Oct 11	EARLY DISMISSAL – ELEMENTARY ONLY– 12:15/12:30 (End-of-Term grading day)
	NO SISTEMA
Thursday, Oct 12	S.W.Y.K. – RU ASSEMBLY – 8:15-8:45 am
	SCHOOL PICTURE - FULL UNIFORM REQUIRED
Friday, Oct 13	End of Term 1 – **NO SISTEMA OR COLLEGIUM HALL**
	Box Top Celebration – Popcorn Party
October 16-20	FALL BREAK – NO SCHOOL

UPCOMING DATES

October 23-27	COLLEGE WEEK
Tuesday, Oct 24	UCA Governing Board – 4:30 pm – District Office
Thursday, Oct 26	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conference – 3:30 -7:00 pm – **NO SISTEMA**
Friday, Oct 27	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conference – **NO SCHOOL – NO SISTEMA**
Monday, Oct 30	EARLY DISMISSAL – ALL SCHOOL – Professional Development – 12:15/12:25 pm
	NO SISTEMA OR COLLEGIUM HALL

October Builder's Theme – "I am a Builder when I am Perfectly Honest"

Honesty refers to a facet of moral character and connotes positive and virtuous attributes such as integrity, truthfulness, straightforwardness, including straightforwardness of conduct, along with the absence of lying, cheating, theft, etc. Honesty also involves being trustworthy, loyal, fair, and sincere.

Honesty is valued in many ethnic and religious cultures. "Honesty is the best policy" is a proverb of Benjamin Franklin; however, the quote "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom" is attributed to Thomas Jefferson, as used in a letter to Nathaniel Macon.

If you tell the truth, you possess the quality of honesty. If someone offers a harsh criticism of your latest attempt at songwriting, you might say, "Thank you for your honesty." Even if you don't mean it.

The original meaning of *honesty* had more to do with honor than truthfulness, although the two are naturally linked. The trait of honesty has been prized for centuries, and Shakespeare once wrote, "Honesty is the best policy. If I lose mine honor, I lose myself." The honesty flower, sometimes called the money plant, is so named because its coin-shaped seedpods are translucent, the idea of transparency symbolizing integrity.

2017-2018 End-of-School Calendar Change (Week 2/2)

As announced in the e-mail from Carolyn Sharette (9.18.17) the 2017-2018 American Prep calendars have been changed. Our students' last day of attendance will be June 1, 2018 instead of June 8, 2018. Kindergarten will be on the same schedule. Please see the revised calendar that was included in your communication envelope last week.

Text Message Updates and Reminders

If you would like to opt in to receive communications from the Jr. High through text message, 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. If you 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.

Online Grading Program for K-6

This year, our elementary grades will continue with the online grading program called ALMA. This program will allow elementary parents to check their student's grades and assignments at any time. Although we will still send report cards at the end of each term, we will no longer be sending home paper progress reports as we have in past years. This information will be accessible to parents at any time. We are asking parents to check their student's grades at least once a week. The program is scheduled to go online by the end of day next Friday, September 8. If you are new to American Preparatory Academy, you will receive an e-mail generated by the program that will give you instructions for logging in and creating a password. Your username is your first name dot last name (ex. james.smith).

If you do not receive an e-mail from ALMA, it is because we do not have an e-mail address or current e-mail address in our school records. If you do not receive an e-mail by Wednesday morning, please e-mail Mrs. Melanie Ferlo, Academic Coordinator, at **mferlo@apamail.org** and give her your updated e-mail address and all of your K-6 students. If you do not have an e-mail address, it will be necessary to get one. These are free and easily made. Your local public library can offer assistance with this. (As can most of your local, friendly teenagers!)

Speech Festivals

This month we have had a great time watching our students perform in their classrooms as they prepared for the Speech Festival. Such a great opportunity to be able to memorize, rehearse and perform in front of classmates. Out of each class were picked 2 students to perform for the school Speech Festival, which took place on Wednesday. Our finalists were:

1-Mr. Nath	Dylan Campbell
1-Mr. Nath	Ella Lin West
1-Ms. Judd	Draylee Paulk-Benedik
2-Ms. Peterson	Manamanya Ocwor
2-Ms. Peterson	~~Hameti Tuakoi~~
2-Mrs. Spencer	Ailin Martinez
2-Mrs. Spencer	Isaiah Orona
3-Mrs. Deplace	Ashley Campbell
3-Mrs. Deplace	Ruwaida Warsame
3-Ms.Twitchell	Okway Ocwor
3-Ms. Twitchell	Savannah Workman
4-Ms. Cain	Celeste Carmona
4-Ms. Cain	Mariana Lorenzo Plascencia
4-Ms. Denison	Francel Lang
4-Ms. Denison	Mesepa Talanoa
5-Mrs. Boynton	Amanda Enrico
5-Mrs. Boynton	Kylee Fann
5-Ms. Campbell	Sara Albazh
5-Ms. Campbell	Josh Workman
6-Mr. Mulder	Nalina Duong
6-Mr. Mulder	Jennifer Gray
6-Mrs. Young	Mackenzie Baum
6-Mrs. Young	Natalia Mendez

Yearbook 2017-18

We are excited to be starting our yearbook for the 2017-18 year! We so appreciate all of our parent volunteers, and we know you take some amazing pictures of your students at school activities. If you have any that you would like in our yearbook, send them in! We'd love to see them.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 409163614
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today!

APEF is Friends of APA (Week 2/2)

Have you heard of American Prep's Education Foundation or APEF? Beginning this year, we will be known as ***Friends of APA***! Friends of APA's mission is to enhance the APA experience for our students and families by providing energy, expertise, and financial support to each school. We are excited about this new school year, and we are dedicated to the success of each student on every campus.

What does Friends of APA do?

- **Friends of APA supports ALL fundraising for extra-curricular programs and capital improvements at each campus like** dance team, Lego club, Madrigals, Fall Festival, sports, and more! **Friends of APA awards scholarships for APA students.**
- **Friends of APA sponsors a hardship fund** to help staff, students, and families experiencing financial crises.
- **Friends of APA promotes the *Builders Club initiative.*** Research shows that the most significant positive effect on student achievement is his or her teacher. It is the purpose of the Builders Club to help ***attract and retain the best teachers and staff*** by supplying a solid source of compensation for staff bonuses. The Builders Club is a subscription based donation program wherein these funds build and bolster our ability to acquire matching assistance from corporate and community organizations. ***All American Prep families are encouraged to join the Builders Club by making a monthly donation of any amount.*** 100% of these dollars are used for teacher and staff compensation. Last year, Friends of APA contributed 10% of the total APA bonus program. It is our goal this year to increase that percentage to 20% as well as obtain matching contributions from the community. ***Please go to https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/apa-builders-club to join today!***

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.

Guidelines for carpool

- The parking spaces at the north end of the building are going to be designated "staff only" parking. This will minimize traffic in this area during peak carpool times. We ask parents and visitors to park *inside* the lot if they are coming inside the building.

- There will be no student drop-off on Crystal Avenue in the morning. Please follow the normal morning carpool procedure—one line, pulling forward as directed, students exiting the car only after you have pulled past the main office doors, not the junior high doors. This is quick and efficient and only takes a few minutes. Please do not drop your students off in the parking lot unless you have parked and are walking into the school with them using the middle crosswalk.

- For afternoon carpool, the gates in the back will be open for 2nd dismissal cars to wait until 5 minutes before that carpool begins. If you are coming inside the building, please park *inside* the parking lot.

- If your students have walking passes, but you intend to pick them up on a given day, please follow the normal carpool procedure OR allow them to walk off campus and meet you on one of the side streets. Please do not park along Crystal Avenue as this creates unsafe and unnecessary congestion during this busy traffic time.

Thank you for your cooperation with this. If you feel you have exceptional circumstances, please schedule a time to meet with the school administration to discuss this.

School Lunch –

Exciting Lunch News - This note is to announce a few major changes that will be happening next week with our school lunch program.

Please read carefully, as this is important information to know regardless of whether your student brings lunch from home or buy a school lunch.

1. Alternate entree options will now be offered beginning October 2nd.
2. Changes have been made to the overall lunch menu.
3. These changes will affect the way the online ordering system appears when you go to place an order.
4. For those who have already ordered lunches, please go through any current orders, as they may have changed.

The website to order school lunch is 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

Fruit & Vegetable Program – Plums

There are literally hundreds if not thousands of plum varieties available today, with many more coming forth each year. Two things that remain most constant are the colors. Most plums are either classified as a black plum or a red plum. Plums are considered a 'stone fruit' because of the pit, seed or stone that can be found inside. Three things all plums have in common are thin skin, a single pit and sweet juicy flesh. Plums are usually considered a summer time treat but now with the availability of different growing regions worldwide, we can eat plums from a different country during our winter months

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. Please e-mail our school director, Laura Leavitt or Melanie Ferlo, our Academic Coordinator, if you would like more information- lleavitt@apamail.org or mferlo@apamail.org. Our next sub training will be starting soon!

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Family School Organization

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Box Tops

Thank you to our new wonderful Box Tops Administrators, Sheila Franco and Rosangela Carbaja. They will be picking up Box Tops from every class each week. Don't forget to send your Box Tops to your children's teachers! For our first term Box Top celebration we will have a "popcorn party" prize! The term ends on October 13th, so send your Box Tops and have your children' class enjoy some popcorn if they are the grade with the most Box Tops collected.

Contact Information

We are very thankful for all the wonderful parents who returned their information to our FSO Committee. We will be contacting you with information of opportunities to help the school and your classrooms.

Volunteer Corner

We want to thank all the wonderful parents who are already doing so much for the school and in their children's classrooms when they volunteer. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
We want to remind you that all volunteer hours get reported to the school district and can lead to grants. Therefore, please don't forget to report your hours on the communication folder to keep a record at school.
At the same time, we want to announce that we will have small raffles each term for our volunteers at APA. Every time you volunteer in the school, the classroom or at home, just stop by the front office to get a ticket, add your information and enter a chance to win cool prizes! There will be a major drawing at our APA Volunteer Assembly at the end of the year! The more tickets you enter the more chances you have to win!

Community Corner

Adult English Speaking classed will begin in October on Mondays and Wednesday at 8:15-9:15 am. This is a class that is open to all members of the community. The classes will be taught by Bonnie Meyerson. Come enjoy an opportunity to increase you skills in speaking the English language.

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

Automatic Calling System - Parents, somehow there has been a crossover with the automatic calling system at West Valley 2 and our campus. Please ignore the automatic response system calls as we sort this out. Mrs. Salvador, our Jr. High Secretary, will call home for verification of absent students. You can also avoid that call if you call the school before 8:30am when your child is missing school for any reason. Thank you for your patience as we work towards a solution.

Parent University @ WV2 - October 3rd, 6 PM

Join us on Tuesday, October 3rd at WV2 for Parent University from 6-7:00 pm. This event is presented by GEAR UP. This parents-only event will feature guest speakers from the Weber State University, as they discuss scholarships, financial aid, the college application process, and more. Parent University will also count toward your parent volunteer hours, and secondary parents may earn tardy removal options for your student! Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please email Amberley Motz (amotz@apamail.org) or Rob Guido (rguido@apamail.org). This event is made possible by our GEAR UP grant.

Hands-on Science with World Class Planetary Scientists - The Division for Planetary Sciences of the American Astronomical Society, the nation's most prestigious planetary science organization, has invited our 6-9th grade students to participate in mini science classes and presentations on Thursday, October 19th from either 10:30am - 12:00pm or 1:30pm - 3:00pm. This FREE event will feature STEM activities ranging from getting to play with a Mars rover, experiencing a cool globe that can project different planet and moon landscapes, and going inside an inflatable planetarium. Students will also have the opportunity to speak with world famous scientists and engineers at the forefront of astronomy research. The sessions consist of 6 different 15 minute activities, for a total of 90 minutes. Participating students get a cool bag of NASA swag to take home as

well! This event is during our APA fall break, therefore the school will not be providing transportation to and from this event. Parents and families must make their own transportation arrangements. Registration can be found at https://aas.org/dpsstudents

Jr. High Sports Schedule

Cross-Country

Meets – Thursday, 9/28 – 5:30 pm - Region Meet – Hawthorn – 9062 South 2200 West, West Jordan

AMBASSADORS

5th and 6th Grade Ambassador Activity: FriendSHIP

Welcome Aboard the APA FriendSHIP was a success! Students were able to practice and master very important skills about being a true friend. How to write a thank you note, meet and greet, navigate a reception line, and ask intelligent questions; were some of the lessons taught during this event. Thank you to all parents for your support by making sure your student could attend this event. A big thanks to all of our amazing parent volunteers! These events would not be possible without you or your students!

8th Grade Barn Event - Wednesday, September 27th -1:00pm - 4:30pm

On Wednesday, September 27th, all 8th Grade students participated in the 8th Grade Barn Dance and BBQ where they learned essential skills such as listening during conversation, the importance of teamwork, how to seat a lady, and how having a positive attitude makes a big difference when the going gets rough!
** This is a required event and will be included in students 4th period Ambassador Hour grade.

The Ambassador program is always looking for volunteers at our Ambassador events! If you are available for ANY amount of time, please email Hailey Stevens at hstevens@apamail.org or call 801.839.3616 ext.139.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS (Sistema & Collegium Hall)

Annual Utah STEM Fest - On Tuesday, October 3rd, Collegium Hall will be hosting their first ever optional field trip to the annual Utah STEM Fest at the South Towne Expo Center! 7-10th grade students will have the opportunity to have first-hand experiences with over 100 hands on activities and booths. Stop by the secondary office to pick up a permission form - these must be returned to Ms. Motz and Mrs. Stevens ASAP to secure your spot. Regular Collegium Hall will still be available for those unable to attend. The bus will leave at 4:00 pm for WV1 students and return to campus around 7:00.

2017-2018 Afterschool Club Line Up

Most of our fabulous clubs are now up and running! A couple clubs are full, but if you are still interested in signing up for a club, please email the club advisor for availability. **Note: Sistema students are permitted to participate in one extracurricular (including clubs) in addition to their Sistema classes.**

Latin Club with Mrs. Adamson (open to 7-9th grade), Mondays and Thursdays during second dismissal, Purple break out room
Art Club with Ms. Cahoon (open to 6-7th grade), Wednesdays from 2:30 - 4:00 pm, Art Room
Robotics Club with Mrs. Deplace (open to 4-8th grade), Thursdays from 2:50 - 4:00 pm, Mrs. Deplace's room
Improv Club with Mrs. Spencer and Ms. Denison (open to 6-9th grade), Tuesdays from 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Room TBD
Knights of the Game Table with Mr. Nath (open to 4-7th grade), Mondays from 3:50 - 5:20 pm, Science room
Math Club with Mrs. Woodcox and Ms. Carson (open to 7-9th grade), Tuesdays & Fridays from 4:15 - 6:30 pm, Mrs. Woodcox's room and Ms. Carson's room
Knitting Club with Ms. Cain and Mrs. Leavitt (open to 4-6th grade), Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:50 - 4:50 pm, Ms. Cain's room, first meeting on Monday, October 2

All parents are required to come into the building to pick up their student during afterschool hours.

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Sistema ♫♫♩♫ *MAKE A NOTE!*

SAU Activity Update - Avi Friedlander came to Utah and had a great time to rock out with many Suzuki students and our Sistema Strings and Pre-Sistema Strings group. They played a snippet of "Cashmere" by Led Zeppelin on their instruments. We also had fun Celtic fiddling with Liz Davis Maxfield.

Sistema Showcase - We will have our first Sistema Showcase on Oct. 10 at 6:00-6:30. Come see what your student has been working on.

Sistema Calendar

- Oct. 10: Sistema Showcase at 6:00-6:30
- Oct. 11: NO SISTEMA (12:15 Elementary Early Dismissal)
- Oct. 12: Bach Buck Store and Ensemble Day
- Oct. 13: NO SISTEMA (PD for Afterschool Teachers)
- Oct. 16-20: NO SISTEMA (Fall Break)
- Oct. 26-27: NO SISTEMA (Elementary Parent Teacher Conference)
- Oct. 30 NO SISTEMA (12:15 dismissal)

*Reminder that every Friday is Ensemble day. Students have a different schedule that day since they get to do a special activity and orchestra or band depending on their instrument. They need their instrument every day.

Sistema Strings Performance

Sept. 29, Sistema Strings @ University of Utah Volleyball Game. (Game starts at 6:00 pm) Chaperones needed. Anyone who would like to attend the U of U Volleyball game this Friday, may purchase tickets: http://utahutes.com/documents/2017/8/28/VB_Family_Pass.pdf Sistema Strings will be playing the National Anthem at this televised event.