



School Calendar – WVI Campus

September 8, 2016

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

Wednesday, Sept. 7	7 th Grade Art Club begins– 2:30-4:00 (Every other Wednesday)
Thursday, Sept. 8	Latin Club begins – during 2 nd dismissal “Show What You Know” Assembly – 8:15-8:45 Cross-Country Meet – @Ogden Prep. Academy
Monday, Sept. 12	Knights of the Game Table begins – 3:50-4:50 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 13	Math Club begins – Tuesday-4:00-5:00, Wednesday-3:00-4:00pm Cross-country Meet – @APA WVI
Wednesday, Sept. 14	S.T.E.A.M. Club begins – 2:50-4:00 pm (Every other Wednesday)
Thursday, Sept. 15	9 th Grade Leadership Challenge & Unity Walk - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm “Show What You Know” Assembly – 8:15-8:45 Cross-country Meet - @Ascent Academy
Friday, Sept 16	8 th Grade Ambassador Event – W.O.R.K. Party - 8:00 am - 12:30 pm ALL Jr. High ONLY – Early Dismissal – 12:15/12:30 pm Parent/Teacher Conference, Jr. High, by invitation only No Collegium Hall / YES Sistema
Wednesday, Sept. 21	7th and 8th grade Ambassador activity - Leaders for Life Opening Ceremonies.

Other Dates

Friday, Oct. 7 No Collegium Hall or Sistema

September’s Builder Theme - I am a Builder when I am Building with Enthusiasm

Using enthusiastic language is a powerful way to communicate. Hail the almighty body language and voice tonality when you want to communicate something. If you are enthusiastic, it not only makes you more attractive, it also makes your words and message so much more powerful. When you are feeling enthusiastic, that feeling comes through in your body language and voice tonality. Those two parts make up over 90% of communication. *Don’t let your enthusiasm drown in a sea of negative voices!*

New Online Grading Program for K-6

This year, our elementary grades are piloting a new, 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 Tuesday, September 13th. You will receive an e-mail generated by the program that will give you instructions for logging in and creating a password.



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. 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!)

Because we keep very few grades during the first weeks of school as our students are waking up their brains and adjusting to the rigor of their new schedules, there may not be many assignments reported. This is expected. You will see an increase in the number of assignments as the weeks progress. We are excited to offer this flexibility to our parents and students and will look forward to the launching of the program next Tuesday. Thanks in advance for helping us work through the unexpected kinks and tweaks that always accompany this kind of endeavor.

Reading University in Elementary—What’s It All About?

Reading University, often referred to as “RU”, is a program of *student independent reading*. The purpose of the program is to encourage students to read regularly, outside of school hours, and expose them to good literature. When students become enthusiastic readers, not only do they build their vocabulary and imaginations and understanding of the world, they most often see increased academic success in every subject. Time spent in independent reading has been shown to be a defining indicator in a student’s academic success.

Reading University is a graded subject in elementary and will be part of your student’s report card. The grade is based purely upon the number of books that your student reads each term. It is reported to the teacher by turning in the list of books (Title, Author and Parent Signature to say it was read) each term. We call this the RU Log. You should find this paper in your student’s gray RU folder in their docket. If you cannot find it, please ask the teacher for another copy.

Each grade requires a different number of books to be completed for each term:

- Kindergarten—8 books per term
- 1st Grade—8 books per term
- 2nd Grade—6 books per term
- 3rd Grade—5 books per term
- 4th Grade—3 books per term
- 5th Grade—3 books per term
- 6th Grade—3 books per term

Books are selected from the Reading University book list. The RU book list is most easily accessed from the school website: www.americanprep.org. Click on our campus—West Valley 1- - at the bottom of the page. Click on the “resources” tab at the top, then “Reading University”. The book lists can be viewed by grade, or books can be searched by title or author. If you need help with this, please ask your teacher or the Academic Office and we can help you.



Some other important points about Reading University:

- Students can read books that are at or above their grade level or one grade level below. (3rd graders, for example, can read books on the 2nd grade list and up)
- Students can have books read to them. This is true for not just our beginning readers in K and 1st, but students in all grades. For example, reading a book from the 6th grade list together as a family could count for each of your students.
- Books on tape are okay to use for Reading University. It is especially good to have a copy of the book as well so that the student may read along with the narrator.
- Books that are not on the RU list can also be enjoyed, but only one per term can count toward the RU reading requirements.
- Books can be checked out from the public library. Books from the RU list are also available to be checked out from the classroom library.
- At the end of each term, students will have the opportunity to earn small prizes at the “RU store” for completing or doubling their RU goal.

If you have suggestions for excellent books to be added to the RU list, we would love your input. If you are interested in being a parent who does volunteer time reading the books that have been recommended, we can use that help too! If you have any questions—please, please ask. Reading University is the subject that every student should be earning an A+ in, yet it is the subject that is most failed at our campus. Get your students off to a great start with their independent reading!

Summer School Packets – We are still collecting Summer packets if you haven’t brought the in yet!

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.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables began this week on Tuesday

On Tuesday we had the opportunity to enjoy the GOLDEN RIPE PINEAPPLE. The gold ripe variety of pineapple has been around for about 20 years. It used to be that pineapples were very green on the outside with a light yellow to whitish flesh on the inside with mild sweetness, until a major grower, known as Del Monte, developed a seed known as the MD2 seed or ‘Gold Ripe’ variety. Currently, the gold ripe variety is about all you can buy and all growers are producing it.

Thursday we had PEACHES. There are hundreds of varieties of peaches ranging in different colors. Peaches are classified as ‘clingstone’ where the pit hugs the flesh and then there are ‘freestone’ where the pit is loose and is easily removed. Most common peaches are yellow varieties and are freestone varieties. They are distinguished by their fuzz and are known to be very juicy and sweet when ripe.



Carpool/Dismissals - New elementary students will be in Academic Extended Day (2nd dismissal) for the first month 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.)

Also parents, please don't park in the driveway on the east side of the building. This is private property!

Box Top Contest – Our Box top contest will be teacher against teacher. All grades can participate. Remember to put your teacher name on them. Those who turn in at least 10, will be getting a small prize. Contest ends October 14th.

Jr. High News

Our cross country team is up and going. Ms. Larsen is excited about taking on this cross country team. They practice Mondays morning at 6:45 am. Upcoming meets will be Tuesdays and Thursdays through September at 4:30 pm. Their first meet is Thursday, September 8th. Volunteers are need at the meets that are at our campus on Tuesday, September 13th, and Thursday, September 22nd.

Volleyball is also coming up quickly. Mrs. Goodman is the volleyball coach. Their practices are afterschool on Tuesday until 5:00 pm. A schedule of their games will be coming soon. Thank you for being so supportive!

PARENT UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, September 13th at WV2, will be the Parent University Event from 6:00-7:30 pm. This event will feature guest speakers from University of Utah and GEAR UP, as they discuss scholarships, financial aid, the college application process, and more. Parent University will also count towards your parent volunteer hours! Any parent that attends also allows 1 tardy to be erased from their student's schedule. Refreshments will be served and Spanish translation will be provided if needed. If you have any questions, please email Laura Dye at ldye@apamail.org. Hope to see you there! WV1 will also sponsor this event in February if you are unable to attend this one.

On Friday, September 16 is Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1:00-4:00pm. This is by invitation only, for struggling students. But if you would like to talk to any of your student's teachers, please feel free to come.



Ambassadors

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!

Attention parents and students! We are so excited to kick off this year with our 7th and 8th grade Leaders for Life Opening Ceremonies! At this event, students will learn how to demonstrate positive character traits, strong leadership by thinking out of the box, and respectful behavior. In addition, students will learn and review proper “meet and greet” protocol, and will be taught how professional body language is a key factor in making a good impression. The event will be on Wednesday September 21st from 1:10-3:45pm. Parents if you would like to volunteer to help at this event, please email Hailey Stevens at hstevens@apamail.org or volunteer online by visiting apaambassadors.org and clicking on the “Volunteer Online” tab! We are excited to see you there!

9th Grade Ambassador Event: Leadership Challenge and Unity Walk

We are ready to celebrate being back at school with the 9th Grade Unity Hike on Wednesday September 14th. This is an all-day activity , that starts at 8:00 am, 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! 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!

* **Note:** Signed permission slips are required and must be turned in to 4th period teachers by Friday, September 9th for full points.

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

Parents! Volunteers are needed and welcome at this event! If you are available to help for any amount of time, please contact Hailey Stevens at hstevens@apamail.org.

8th Grade Ambassador Event: W.O.R.K. Party

On Friday, September 16th all 8th Grade students will have the opportunity to provide community service at the Stable Place. The event will run from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm. 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. stands for Wonderful Opportunities to Render Kindness. Here APA not only do we teach our students how to work hard, but also how to find opportunities to serve their community.



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

Parents! Volunteers are needed and welcome at this event! If you are available to help for any amount of time, please contact Hailey Stevens at hstevens@apamail.org.

After-school programs (Sistema & Collegium Hall)

Sistema: Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 3:30-6:30 pm

Wednesday and Thursday: 2:30-5:30 pm

Collegium Hall: Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 3:30-6:30 pm

Wednesday and Thursday: 2:30-5:30 pm

Math Club: Tuesday – 4:00-5:00, Wednesday 3:00-4:00 pm – Starting Sept. 13th

Knights of the Game Table: Mondays - 3:50-4:50 pm – Starting Sept. 12th

Robotics Club – TBA

Latin Club – Monday and Thursday - during 2nd dismissal – Starting Sept. 8th

7th Grade Art Club – Every other Wednesday – 2:30 – 4:00 pm (Starting Sept. 7th)

S.T.E.A.M Club – Every other Wednesday – 2:30 – 4:00 pm (Starting Sept. 14th)

Collegium Hall - Collegium Hall has begun! Every day after school junior high students may stay with our mentors to receive help on their homework and missing assignments. A healthy snack is provided. Students also have access to computers as necessary. Please help us keep our classrooms productive by reminding your student to bring ALL their homework supplies with them when they check in at 3:35/2:35. You may pick them up **from the classroom** at any time **before 6:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays or 5:30 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays**. 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."

Sistema ♪♪♪♪ *MAKE A NOTE!* ♪♪♪♪

Sistema has been fun! Here are a few reminders: Sistema Students need to bring a reading book every day. If they don't have homework they will read or practice during the homework time. Each student will work on homework during Academic Extended Day and at the end of Sistema while waiting for parent pick-up. If you feel your Sistema student needs more homework time or if your child's school day teacher recommends a homework class your Sistema student will receive a homework class in lieu of one music class. We try to avoid them losing their instrument class. If you choose to have your Sistema student in the homework class, we will have you fill out a form which can be picked up from the Sistema desk.



Sistema runs from 3:55-6:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and 2:55-5:30 on Wed. and Thursdays. **Parents must come into the school to sign their student out.** When you enter, go to the Sistema desk and wait in the lobby until your child has been brought to you. This is part of our security protocol. Thanks for your patience as we streamline this process. Your child's protection is our most important to us.

Events and Concerts:

- **Oct. 8th 10:00-1:30** “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star Wars” Suzuki Association of Utah Violin SL Regional Activity. This will be for Violin students. More details to come.
- **Oct. 14th Sistema Strings Logan Tour** by invitation only.

Dates we will not have Sistema: Elementary Early Dismissal days (12:15 dismissal), Elementary No School days, Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences and any regular no school holidays.

- **Oct. 7th NO SISTEMA** -Teacher development for all afterschool staff. (No afterschool programs this day.)
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