



American Prep WV1 Campus Newsletter November 1, 2019

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<https://facebook.com/americanprepWV/>

School hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 8:15-3:25/3:50 pm
Wednesday & Thursday: 8:15-2:25/2:50 pm

CALENDAR:	*Volunteer Opportunities
Nov 4-8	White Ribbon Week
Tue, Nov 5	Parent Empowerment Workshop: "Internet Safety" @ 6:00 pm
Wed, Nov 6	Parent Yoga & Meditation class @ 4:30 pm in the gym
Thurs, Nov 7	Show What You Know Assembly: K-6 th / K-3 Builder Awards
Thurs, Nov 7	Veterans Day Assembly at 1:00 pm *
Fri, Nov 8	Friday Clubs *
Fri & Sat, Nov 8 & 9	4 th Annual Holiday Boutique at Draper 3 campus
Wed, Nov 13	Retake Picture Day *
Wed, Nov 13	Hearing Screening- K, 1 st , 3 rd and all new students
Thursday, Nov 14	Show What You Know Assembly: K-6 th / 4-6 Builder Awards
Tuesday, Nov 19	Mental Health and Suicide Prevention- Parent Workshop @ 6:00 pm
Wed, Nov, 20	Hearing Screening- K, 1 st , 3 rd and all new students
Nov 21	Show What You Know Assembly: K-6 th RU Awards
Nov 22	Midterm Missing work deadline
Wed & Thurs, Nov 27-29	Thanksgiving Break- NO school
Dec 13	School Science Fair
Dec 13	End of Term 2 Missing Work Deadline
Thurs, Dec 19	Geography Bee *
Friday, Dec 20	Early Dismissal 12:15/12:35 pm
Mon, Dec 23-Jan 3	No School- Winter Break

Hello American Prep Families!

November's Builder's Theme: "Showing Gratitude Through Word & Deed"

Saying "thank you" is a powerful positive force for good when we get in the habit of saying it to our family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers! We are challenging our students find ways to express gratitude during the month of November. We hope our parents will find some things to thank your children for this month!

We sometimes make the mistake in thinking that if we say "thank you" for something "normal", our kids will conclude the wrong thing – but really, we are just modeling healthy personal interactions when we say thanks to others for even the small things they do for us. Some examples could be "thank you for coming to breakfast on time" – or "thank you for putting your backpack in your room" – or "thank you for bringing me your learning plan!" We all like to be thanked – it is contagious! We hope you hear many thanks in your homes this month.

Thank you to all of our wonderful elementary parents who attended Parent-Teacher conferences! We very much enjoyed getting to know you and discussing your student's progress.



Veterans Day Assembly

Last week you received 2 invitations to share with a veteran—please use those to invite your veteran friends. If you are bringing a veteran guest, please plan on attending the assembly and reception with them. (**Ages 16 and older please.**) If you are not accompanying a veteran, please enjoy the livestream of the event and share the link with others who may be interested. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please e-mail wv1volunteers@apamail.org.

Live Stream Information: To view the Veterans Day assembly online on Thursday, November 7th @ 1:00, use this link: <https://live.ksl.com>. This link takes visitors to a page of “Live and Upcoming Events”. On the appropriate day and time, click the link on the event list.

Our 1st Parent Empowerment Tuesday! “Internet Safety” Nov 5th @ 6-7 pm

Parents who attend will earn a “FREE SHOE DAY” for their students on Wednesday, November 6

Join us for our first Parent Empowerment workshop on Tuesday, November 5th at 6:00. These workshops are designed to help you, as parents, become informed on critical issues that are facing our families. This workshop will focus on helping you and your kids learn how to use social media in a positive way. We will also provide tips to help you help them to have positive, meaningful relationships and how to manage it when people are negative towards them, both on and off the screen. Childcare and snacks will be provided.

Tardies: Off the Charts...But We Can Fix this!

We are on an APA mission to cut the number of tardies **IN HALF** this coming week. Just to give you an idea, here are the number of tardies we’ve had in the last 5 school days: 58, 81, 125, 87 and 74! That means, on any given day, we’ve had 9-20% of our students tardy and missing the first part of their academic day! If you are part of the 80-91% that are arriving on time, thank you! If not, please adjust your morning routine so you can arrive at the school around 8:05 am. Students must be *in their classroom* at 8:15 to be counted as on time. The staff will work hard to keep the morning carpool drop off lane flowing smoothly, and will encourage the students to move quickly to their destinations. Together we can CONQUER THIS!

Academic Update: Homework

Homework is an integral part of the education program at American Preparatory Academy. It is an extension of classroom lessons and should directly relate to class work. It reinforces skills and concepts that are taught and helps develop good study skills and habits. It also informs parents of what is being taught in the classroom. It is the hope of American Preparatory Academy that our students will come to love learning, and desire to spend free time studying and reading. To



assist our families in developing life-long learners, American Preparatory Academy has adopted the following policies based upon these principles:

1. Homework is assigned with coordination between teachers and consideration of the importance of child participation in family activities and responsibilities. Parents should anticipate that their students will have homework every night in at least one of the subjects being studied. It is our intention that homework given will be appropriate, relevant, interesting, and at times, challenging. Homework assigned should not be new material for students, but should be a review, extra practice, or an extension of material already taught in school.
2. Students should be able to complete their homework within the time frames below, with the exception of special projects or *in cases where the student fails to complete classwork in a timely manner*, or if a student falls behind due to tardy arrivals, absences, or failure to attend to learning *or use time effectively during the school day*. These times do not include music practice or free reading time. Students in grades 1-4 should read an additional period of time each evening, (at least 15 minutes). In grades 5-8 this time may, but will not always, include free reading time. Students in advanced math and reading courses may need additional time for homework completion each evening.

Kindergarten – 10 minutes

First Grade - 20 Minutes

Second Grade - 30 Minutes

Third Grade - 40 Minutes

Fourth Grade - 50 Minutes

Fifth Grade - 60 Minutes

Sixth Grade - 60 Minutes

1. *An American Preparatory Academy student should spend time each day studying, whether or not homework is assigned.* If no homework is assigned, students are encouraged to review math facts, work on MathScore, read, practice writing, study spelling words, or read a book with their parents. We believe it is in the best interest of our students to spend their free time reading, studying, and playing games that are mentally stimulating.
2. If a parent believes the homework assigned is excessive or if their child is not receiving regular homework, they may fill out a “Homework Response Form” (available at the school office) and return it to the teacher. Administration will review all response forms.

Time to Order Lunches

This is a reminder to order meals for next month.

<https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/> All orders must be placed 48 hours in advance - if you want your student to have lunch on Monday, please order by this Saturday. If you need help ordering lunch, our school lunch workers are available each morning and then from 12 pm to 1 pm every day. You can also email lunch@apamail.org for assistance.

Hearing Screenings



We will be conducting hearing screenings for all students in Kindergarten, 1st grade, 3rd grade, students new to the district and students that teachers have concerns about their hearing. The screening will be conducted on November 13th and 20th. A hearing screening is a brief test to check on hearing acuity at the frequencies of 500, 1k, 2k, 4k at 20dB. If there is any concern about your child's hearing you will be notified and advised as to the need for more comprehensive evaluation. This note is to inform you of the hearing screening and advise you that if you **DO NOT** wish to have your child's hearing screened please send us a written denial.

BoxTops—New App to Start Using—Term 2 Challenge Has Begun

Our school goal this year is \$1000—and our Term 2 goal is 250 Box tops labels. The students will be working together to meet the school wide goal and will all enjoy a fun activity if we meet it! To get started, go to the app store and download the Box Tops app. Sign up to donate directly to American Preparatory Academy-West Valley 1. This is a very cool way to send in your Box Tops!

A Quick Way to Get Reading University Books

Need a book quick? Want easy access to RU books? Try checking out e-books. No trip to find one! No late fees ever! Find 4th-6th grade RU books available through the Salt Lake County Library by using the e-book downloadable lists found on the APA RU website, aparu.weebly.com, under the More tab. Many thanks to the Reading University Committee for providing these lists.

Carpool Connection

- We have a family in West Valley who needs help transporting two students to and from school, this family lives near 2300 West and 3100 South, WVC; willing to help pay for gas.
- A family needs afternoon carpool helps to take one student from school to home, this family lives near 5000 south and 5000 West in West Valley city.
- A family is hoping to work with another family to share a carpool. They have two children and they live by 7800 south and Bangerter Hwy.

If you are interested in starting a carpool with any of these families, please let us know (mgamez@apamail.org) and we will help the parents get in contact with each other.

American Prep Volunteer Corner

If you haven't turned in your Term 1 volunteer hours, please do that this week! Please e-mail your hours to ww1volunteerhours@apamail.org Please include your full name, your student's name & grade, the amount of time and how you volunteered. Hours can be turned in as you go, or turned in at the end of the term.

Sistema **MAKE A NOTE!**

Sistema Phone Number: 801-839-3613 Ex 0032

Pick-up time on: 6:05 - 6:30 Monday, Tuesday, and Friday / 5:05 - 5:30 Wed and Thursday



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- **11/8/19 Sistema String Performance U of U vs. Mississippi Valley men's basketball**
- **11/22/19 Sistema String Performance U of U vs. Stanford Women's volleyball**