



## American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter January 29, 2021

<p><b>CALENDAR</b> Monday, Feb 1 <b>Feb 1-5</b> Wednesday, Feb 3 Thursday, Feb 4 Friday, Feb 5 Friday, Feb 5 Friday, Feb 5 Thursday, Feb 11 Friday, Feb 12 Feb 15-19</p>	<p>Reading University Logs for Term 3 due <b>Hands for Hope challenge*</b> Spirit Wear Store during Carpools! 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador “Western Round Up” Event 12:15-2:45 1<sup>st</sup> Friday! Spirit Day! Wear your APA spirit wear! Term 3 Work Deadline 12:15 Dismissal Day (Grading Day) 12:15-12:35 pickup 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador “Western Round Up” Event 12:15-2:45 End of Term 3 / Report Cards come home No School—Mid Winter Break</p> <p><b>*New additions to this newsletter calendar list</b></p>
	<p>Electronic calendar can be accessed on the website @ <a href="http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/">http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/</a> Facebook page: <a href="https://facebook.com/americanprepWV/">https://facebook.com/americanprepWV/</a></p>

### *January Builder Theme:*

*I am a builder when I think positive thoughts about myself and others.*

**This week we celebrated National School Choice week!** How rewarding it has been to hear—from students and parents—many of the reasons that they love being part of APA. If you haven’t already, we invite you (and our upper elementary students!) to add your voice to the conversation! We would love to hear from you. You can use this link or QR code to share your thoughts!



<https://forms.gle/WABGrmsXhWpXYpJSA>

THANK YOU for making American Prep-West Valley 1 YOUR school of choice!

### **Hands for Hope Challenge**

Join us for our FIRST EVER hope challenge! February 1st-5th we are partnering with “Hands for Hope” by “Flag for Hope” to join thousands of other Hope Warriors to flood America with kindness. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the students will be doing an activity in class. On THURSDAY, February 4, each student will bring home a “hope coin” stapled to their learning plans. The hope coin represents an act of kindness. As the coin moves from person to person a ripple effect is created that will have a long-lasting, positive impact on our home, school, community and country.



How it works: Your child should do a kind act for a family member, neighbor or friend. They pass their hope coin on to the person they did the kind act for. Then that person should do a kind deed and pass the coin forward! Each coin has a unique number on it, and using that number, your child can record their kind act on the website [www.flagforhope.com](http://www.flagforhope.com) and then watch how their kind act rippled out from person to person. (If needed, they can also do this at school.) The instructions on how to record online are found on the coin.

Let's spread kindness one small act at a time! Are you ready for the challenge?

### **Exceptional Recommendation from Accreditation Review**

Every 5 years, we are required to undergo an Accreditation Review. Cognia is the approved Accrediting agency for public schools across multiple states. The Review Team from Cognia that conducted American Prep's recent review represented decades of education experience in public school districts and charters across multiple states. As part of their extensive review, Cognia conducted observations in multiple APA classrooms, examined over 400 documents, and interviewed 117 stakeholders, including board members, admin, teachers, parents, community members, students, and support staff.

We are excited to announce that American Prep received an exceptional recommendation of Accreditation from its recent review. The Index of Education Quality (IEQ) is the numeric score given an institution at the conclusion of the Accreditation Review process. The 5-year average

COGNIA IEQ score for institutions is 280. American Prep received an IEQ rating of 350 out of 400—far above average and indicating that APA “Demonstrates noteworthy practices producing clear results that positively impact the institution.”

Cognia specifically noted these powerful practices at APA:

1. The American Preparatory Academy (APA), directed by the chief executive officer (CEO) and the leadership team, tirelessly commit to the institution's purpose and direction.
2. APA's governing board established a comprehensive set of policies and procedures, including a strong code of ethics, allowing them to fulfill their roles and responsibilities for the institution and schools' direction.
3. APA schools provide a structured and positive culture that exemplifies the system's mission statement “...to ensure that each student achieves maximum academic proficiency and develops virtuous character and motivation for a productive citizenry.”



4. APA exemplifies a data-driven system where teachers record, collect, analyze, and use both formative and summative assessments to update the curriculum and assess student learning.
5. APA provides staff members with professional learning activities based on data-driven needs assessments with a focus on collaboration and collegiality.
6. The system provides access to information resources and materials to support the curriculum and allocates human, material, and fiscal resources in alignment with the organizational purpose and improvement of student performance.

We are grateful to the staff, parents, students, and community members who contribute in meaningful ways to the culture and mission of excellence at American Prep!

### **Fifth Grade Ambassador Event-Western Hoedown**

YEE-HAW! Our last ambassador event for our 5th grade students will be Western Hoedown on Thursday, February 4nd from 12:15-2:45pm. At this event the students will learn a fun line dance, learn the difference between the host and hostess and their responsibilities, how to stop bullying and how to be a hard worker. We love our elementary Ambassador events and how fun they are! If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact Jamie Jackson at [jjackson@apamail.org](mailto:jjackson@apamail.org).

### **Spirit Wear On Sale During Carpool Times on Wed, Feb 3**

The APA Spirit Wear store will be coming to us! It will be setting up shop on the grassy area south of the gym during both morning and afternoon carpool times. Feel free to park at the Trax end of the parking lot and walk over (please use the crosswalk!) or you can just drive in through the gate and park on the basketball courts while you take a look.

### **Test Data and School Report Cards Available** (Week 1 of 2)

The 2019-2020 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.

### **Valentines Day** (Week 1 of 2)

Parents have been inquiring about whether students will be able to exchange valentines this year. Yes—on Friday, February 12--if students wish to exchange valentine cards or treats, they may within these guidelines:

- All classmates must be included in the giving
- Treats must be wrapped as they will be placed in backpacks to be enjoyed at home.

Please remember this is not expected; it is just an option for parents & students who wish to do this.



## **Coming March 15-19—Staff Appreciation Week**

If you are interested in being part of the parent committee helping to plan our Staff Appreciation Week the week of March 15-19, please let Mrs. Leavitt know!

([lleavitt@apamail.org](mailto:lleavitt@apamail.org)) We would like to find one rockstar parent from each class to serve on this committee. When you email, please include your student's grade and homeroom teacher's name.

If you work for a company that you think would be willing to donate a gift card or product for some fun prizes for the week, please ask them! We can start gathering these things right now! This is always such a fun week to show our appreciation to our amazing staff.

## **Lost and Found Is Filling Up Again!**

If your student is missing any belongings, please come check the Lost and Found bin! We will have it near the front door next week. Be sure you are writing your student's name on EVERYTHING they bring or wear to school!

## **Need ALMA Grading Program Help?**

Are you checking your student's grades weekly? Please call or email Mrs. Melanie Ferlo ([mferlo@apamail.org](mailto:mferlo@apamail.org)) or Ms. Brenna Wiscombe ([bwiscombe@apamail.org](mailto:bwiscombe@apamail.org)) in the Academic Office if you need help with the ALMA grading program.

## **Term 3 Volunteer Hours**

We are nearing the end of Term 3. If you have not updated your volunteer hours, please use the link below to do that. Remember that donations can (and should) be reported! Thank you for the creative ways that you are volunteering.

## **Reporting Your Volunteer Hours**



Please use this google form link or scan the QR code to report your volunteer hours:  
<https://forms.gle/BM4czREG5qKbiPicA>



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