



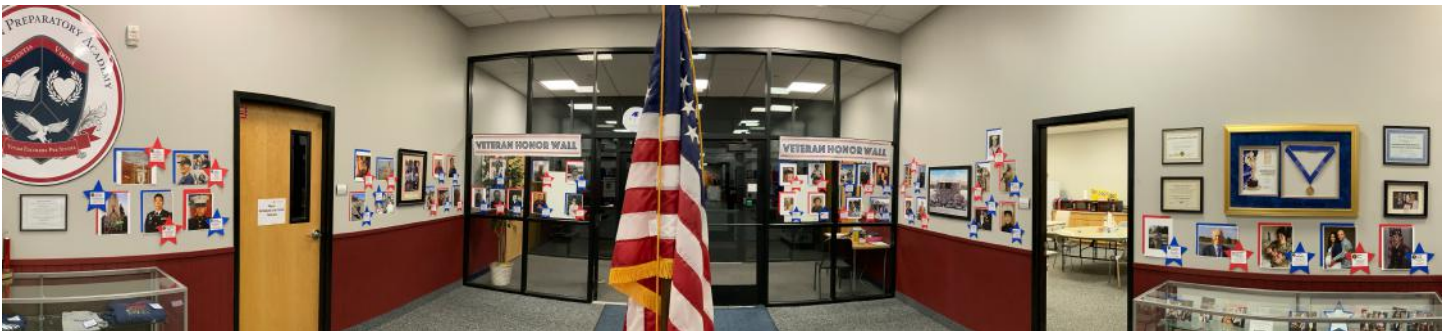
American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter November 13, 2020

<p>CALENDAR</p> <p>Tuesday, Nov 17 Wednesday, Nov 18 November 25-27 Friday, Dec 4 Thursday, Dec 10 Friday, Dec 11 Friday, Dec 11 Dec 21-Jan 1 Monday, Jan 4</p>	<p>Parent Empowerment: Mental Wellness (Elementary student focus) 7pm Parent Empowerment: Mental Wellness (Secondary student focus) 7pm* No School—Thanksgiving Break Spirit Day! Wear your APA spirit wear! 5th Grade Ambassador “CELEBRATE” Event 12:15-2:45 6th Grade Science Fair—Details coming! Term 2 Work Deadlne No School—Winter Break Term 3 begins</p> <p>*New additions to this newsletter calendar list</p>
	<p>Electronic calendar can be accessed on the website @ http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/ Facebook page: https://facebook.com/americanprepWV/</p>

Hello APA-WV1 Families!

November Builder Theme:

“I am a Builder when I express gratitude in word and deed.”



This week and this month we are filled with gratitude for our veterans! To all of men and women in our American Prep community who have served in our armed forces—THANK YOU! Thank you for your service, thank you for your sacrifice, and thank you for courageously protecting the freedoms that we enjoy as citizens of this great country.

A special thanks also to those who shared a photo of a special veteran. Our Veteran Honor Wall is beautiful and will remain in place through our November month of gratitude!



If you did not have the chance to view the wonderful WV1 Veterans Day program, it is still available in the KSL Live archives. You can use this link to find it. <https://www.ksl.com/watchit/channels>



Parent Empowerment Night: Mental Wellness

As parents, we are always worried about the health of our children. Since March, we have become even more aware of physical and mental well-being. We'd like to invite you to our Virtual Parent Empowerment Night--Mental Wellness. We will hold two sessions, one for the needs of Elementary-aged students and one for the needs of Secondary-aged students. Feel free to attend both, as they will be somewhat different. You may also participate by phone if you are not able to manage Zoom.

Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 PM--Mental Wellness: Elementary-age focus.

Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 PM--Mental Wellness: Secondary-age focus.

Besides there being GREAT information for you, there's also a bonus for your students! If you attend and complete the quick survey at the end of the meeting, your student will earn a special treat the following day from Mrs. Leavitt and Mrs. McCullough!



Zoom Link for Tuesday, November 17th:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/85342954552?pwd=WW8rUFJlbkxYb0xQS3ZRdXRPdnpIZz09> Meeting ID: 853 4295 4552 Passcode: mentalwell One tap mobile [+12532158782](tel:+12532158782),85342954552# US (Tacoma) [+13462487799](tel:+13462487799),85342954552# US (Houston)



Zoom link for Wednesday, November 18th:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/83487947490?pwd=c3c0bmNranoyOGp4azNsenNmL3NqUT09> Meeting ID: 834 8794 7490 Passcode: mentalwell One tap mobile [+14086380968](tel:+14086380968),83487947490# US (San Jose) [+16699006833](tel:+16699006833),83487947490# US (San Jose)

Adult English Classes Starting!

Are you learning English or wanting to improve your English skills? Our free adult English classes are starting very soon. They will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays @ 2:10 pm (and will finish before carpool.) Class sizes are limited, so if you are interested in being in the class, save your spot by emailing Katie McMichael: kmcmichael@apamail.org. She is happy to answer any questions you have.

Wellness Checks—Absolutely Essential

We believe our APA staff and our APA parents have a common goal: *Stay safe and stay open*. We are asking parents to be vigilant about doing the wellness check every day by 7:50 am and, if your student is unwell or is experiencing symptoms, please do not bring them to school. Communicate quickly with the school when your student is absent and if their absence is covid related. To limit potential exposure in class, students who come to school without their wellness check completed may be asked to wait outside of class until parents can be contacted and the wellness check is done.



Tech Tools: QR Codes & Text Messages

It is critical this year that every parent be confident in some basic tech skills. This week's focus: QR Codes and text messages. If you aren't able to do these things, please ask a friend, a smart kid, or call the school for some help.



Example QR Code

- **Open a QR code link with your cell phone.**

This is a simple way to access things on the internet without typing in long links. Simply open the camera on your phone. Point it at the QR code. A box will appear on your screen with a link. Tap on it and you'll be connected!

- **Sign up for text messages from the school.**

Super easy! Use your mobile phone and do it right now! Just send Y or YES to 67587

ALMA: The K-6 Grading Program (Week 3/4)

Parents have access to their student's grades 24/7 with the online ALMA grading program and should be checking their student's grades regularly. All parents should have received an email from ALMA with directions for logging on. *If you did not receive this email or need help getting set up, please call or email Mrs. Melanie Ferlo (mferlo@apamail.org) or Ms. Brenna Wiscombe (bwiscombe@apamail.org) in the Academic Office.*

District Parent Involvement Policy (Week 3/4)

At the conclusion of each school year, end-of-year assessment data is reported and organized into a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA). The CNA includes demographic, attendance, and assessment data. Also included in the CNA are the results of the annual Parent Survey. This Survey evaluates, among other things, the satisfaction of parents with the quality of the academic program and their opportunities to participate in the schools. American Preparatory administrators annually invite select staff and parents from each school to participate in a District/School Planning Meeting. This Committee reviews the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and analyzes areas for potential improvement. District/School Plans are developed with goals, action steps, and budget relationships. District and School Parent Involvement Policies are evaluated for effectiveness. School, Parent, and Student Compacts are also examined by this Committee for recommended changes.

School Parent Involvement Policies

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and will soon be accessible on the APA website under the Parent Library drop-down tab. The Handbooks can also be accessed via this link: <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>.

Professional Qualifications

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the



teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

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Thank you to all who participated in our virtual “Lights On” family event at the beginning of the month! Missed it? Don’t worry—you can still enjoy the fun. Here is the link to the Lights On video—with all the activities and the not-to-be-missed student nominated teacher karaoke!



<https://youtu.be/EQ92sXeSQYc>

You will also see the special tribute to our very own Ms. Debbie Smith, who was honored as the “Afterschool Frontline Worker of the Year” by the Utah Afterschool Network. Congratulations Ms. Smith!



Reporting Your Volunteer Hours



Please use this google form to report your volunteer hours:

<https://forms.gle/BM4czREG5qKbiPicA>

Report Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact Mrs. Leavitt (lleavitt@apamail.org) if you are interested in volunteering in any of these ways! You are needed!

- Looking for 5 parents to help take numbers at afternoon carpool—one on each day. Beautiful safety vest provided!
- Looking for 1 parent from each classroom who is using Skyward for wellness checks to reach out and help other parents do the same. Texting and phone calling skills (which you ALL have!)
- Looking for a parent to run the online BoxTops program for this school year!
- Looking for parents interested in being part of our FSO leadership—organizing the efforts of our parent volunteers, tracking parent donations and volunteer hours, helping to plan fun school events like staff appreciation and field day, and reaching out to welcome new parents to our APA community.