



American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter November 27, 2020

CALENDAR November 25-27 Dec 3-17 Friday, Dec 4 Monday, Dec 7 Thursday, Dec 10 Friday, Dec 11 Friday, Dec 11 Tuesday, Dec 15 Thursday, Dec 17 Thursday, Dec 17 Friday, Dec 18 Friday, Dec 18 Dec 21-Jan 1 Monday, Jan 4 Jan 4-8	<p>No School—Thanksgiving Break</p> <p>“Heroes of Hygiene” Donation Drive *</p> <p>Spirit Day! Wear your APA spirit wear!</p> <p>RU (Reading University) Logs due *</p> <p>5th Grade Ambassador “CELEBRATE” Event 12:15-2:45</p> <p>6th Grade Science Fair</p> <p>Term 2 Work Deadline *</p> <p>Sistema Winter Concert (Virtual) *</p> <p>6th Grade Ambassador “CELEBRATE” Event 12:15-2:45 *</p> <p>Winter Music Concert (Virtual) *</p> <p>Report cards go home *</p> <p>12:15 Dismissal / No Sistema *</p> <p>No School—Winter Break</p> <p>Term 3 begins</p> <p>White Ribbon Week *</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.”

Many of us have taken the opportunity during these last weeks to share expressions of gratitude. Thank you for sharing yours. Not only does it lift the person receiving those words of gratitude, it lifts the giver as well. There is a healing power in gratitude that is unexpected. When we develop an attitude of gratitude, we find more and more to be grateful for, even during times of hardship and challenge--maybe especially during those times.

We are grateful to each of you—for your commitment to your families, for your efforts and sacrifices that allow your children an American Prep education, for your example and encouragement that we all are strengthened by. Thank you for being part of our American Preparatory Academy-West Valley 1 community!



APA's Annual Service Project: Hygiene Drive

At this week's virtual assembly with the students, we will be kicking off our 2020 donation drive. This year we will be "Heroes of Hygiene" collecting travel size hygiene items to donate to Globus Relief. **Our goal is to collect 1000 travel size hygiene items:** shampoo, conditioner, body wash, baby shampoo, baby wash, baby lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss.



In the Ambassador program we talk about the importance of being an advocate. An advocate is someone who finds people in need and then works to meet those needs. There are many people here in Utah and around the world that don't have access to basic hygiene items like shampoo or toothpaste. They need our help!

We hope you will accept the invitation to become their advocates—their Heroes of Hygiene as you work generously to meet their needs. The holiday donation drive begins December 3rd and will continue through December 17th. Go APA!

Adult English Classes

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.

Tech Tools: Skyward Wellness Checks (Week 1/3)

It is critical this year that every parent be confident in some basic tech skills. This week's focus: **Skyward Wellness Checks**. If you are using this tool—thank you! If you are not, here is the information you need:

All parents/guardians with a cell phone can do their student's Wellness Screening online. There are two ways to do it—through your Skyward desktop account or through the Skyward Mobile Access app.

1. Get your Skyward account fully set up online. Click the link below or use your camera phone to scan the code and get to the APA Skyward sign in page.

<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wseuamerprepacaut/fwemnu01.w>

Enter your user name and password. If you do not know your Skyward user name or password, please call or email Ms. Gamez (Spanish/English mgamez@apamail.org) or Mrs. Leavitt (English lleavitt@apamail.org) and we can confirm your username and reset your password.

You must have an active username and password to set up the Skyward app.





2. Download the free Skyward Mobile App from the App Store.

- In the App Store, search for “Skyward Mobile Access” and click “GET” Looks like this:
- Click “Install” and “Open” when install is complete
- On the “Locate District” screen choose “by District Name”
- Type in American Prep and choose “American Preparatory Academy, Draper UT”
- On the “Select Product” screen choose “Family, Student and Teacher Access”
- Type in your Skyward login and password and click save in the top right corner. You do not need to add a description.
- It will ask you to set a passcode to secure your Skyward Mobile account. Enter this twice.
- On the “Passcode Settings” screen, choose if you want this passcode to be required immediately or only if you have been away for 10 minutes.
- It will take you to an “Accounts” screen. You should have two: a desktop and a mobile account.
- Click on your mobile account. Wellness screenings will be the top option. Answer the question about symptoms and the question about covid contact and “submit”. Do this for each student.



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Once you are doing the daily wellness check through Skyward, you do not need to fill out the paper copy attached to the learning plan. It will be there to use as a backup only.

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

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 4/4)

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.

The USBE (Utah State Board Of Education) sets standards for teachers in the state of Utah to be highly qualified. For the 2020-2021 school year, all of the teachers at American Prep-West Valley 1 have met State and Federal licensing requirements.

FSO Volunteer Opportunities

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

- NEW ADDITION: Looking for 6-8 judges for our 6th Grade Science Fair coming up on Friday, December 11.
- 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 (Family/School Organization) 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.

Reporting Your Volunteer Hours



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



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