



American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter December 18, 2020

CALENDAR	
Dec 3-17	“Heroes of Hygiene” Donation Drive-Tomorrow is last day!
Wednesday, Dec 16	Sistema Winter Concert (Virtual) @ 7:00 pm (Watch for the emailed link!)
Thursday, Dec 17	6 th Grade Ambassador “CELEBRATE” Event 12:15-2:45
Thursday, Dec 17	5 th & 6 th Grade Winter Music Concerts (Virtual) (Watch for the emailed link!)
Friday, Dec 18	Spirit Day #3! Our last Friday of 2020 together! See details!
Friday, Dec 18	Report cards go home
Friday, Dec 18	12:15 Dismissal / No Sistema
Dec 21-Jan 1	No School—Winter Break
Monday, Jan 4	Term 3 begins
Jan 4-8	White Ribbon Week
	*New additions to this newsletter calendar list
	Electronic calendar can be accessed on the website @ http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/ Facebook page: https://facebook.com/americanprepWV/

December Builder Theme:

I am a builder when I look for ways to serve others (Kigatsuku)

Our students across the district have been quietly sharing ways that they have showed Kigatsuku this month! Enjoy the Wednesday “lunch video” that they also are enjoying this week!

[Kigatsuku Can Challenge](#)

This Friday—Spirit Day! Favorite Sweater Day! Maybe Even a Jeans Day!

Parents—the WV1 staff cordially invite the WV1 students to celebrate the last school day of 2020 with them by having a special dress day. Students may come in their regular uniforms (of course!) OR they may wear their APA Spirit Wear OR they may wear a favorite sweater. Each class has also been trying to earn a “jeans day”. The homeroom teacher will let the students know if they have earned jeans on that day as well! Don’t forget—it is a 12:15 dismissal day.

Holiday Concerts

Our Sistema Winter Concert (Wednesday) and our 5th and 6th Grade Winter Concerts (Thursday) will be virtual concerts this year. Links to the programs will be emailed out by the times listed, but can be enjoyed with your students at any time. Here is the link for the Sistema Concert: <https://youtu.be/JcxeGCBQ-tQ>

Lost & Found Bin—3 more days before items are donated to Goodwill!

If your student is missing a jacket, water bottle or sweater? We have made progress in getting belongings back to the right students, but we still have LOTS of cold weather wear that hasn’t gone home. Please gift your family a fabric marker for the holidays and label all of your



students's clothing items that come to school. Tables will be out for parents to look on Wednesday and Thursday. (Weather permitting.)

APA's Annual Service Project: Hygiene Drive

Thank you for your generous contributions to our Hygiene Drive! Our goal was to collect 1000 travel size hygiene items: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, baby shampoo, baby wash, baby lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss. We are so excited to give this update—we have, as of this Wednesday, collected 1716 items! What a blessing this will be to the people Globus distributes them to throughout the world. **The last day to bring in your donations is Thursday, December 17th.**



Lunch Update and Time to Order for January

Below is the link to the proposed menu for January 2020. You will notice when you log on to order you NO LONGER see the specific item to be ordered. Because of COVID, our menu is subject to change. Whenever possible we try to serve the specific lunch as listed on the menu, but there are occasions when your student will be presented with an alternative lunch that meets the nutritional requirements and your child's specific dietary restrictions. If your student cannot eat the lunch presented, they should go to the lunch staff who will provide an adequate meal. We will continue to serve Regular (with meat) or Vegetarian (without meat), Gluten Free, or Dairy Free. We CANNOT guarantee the specific item will match the menu.

Jan 2020 Menu - <https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/menu/>
Click here to ORDER. <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>

Early Checkouts—Reminder and Update

Just a reminder that absences, tardies AND early checkouts are all recorded and tracked. We teach bell-to-bell and your student is missing out on content and learning—even in the last few minutes of the day. To help minimize disruption to the learning happening during the end of the day, we have updated our Parent-Student regarding early checkouts. **No checkouts will be made during the last 25 minutes of school.** If it is absolutely essential that you pick up your student early, please be sure you arrive at the school prior to 3:00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays or 2:00 pm on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Students will not be checked out after that time.

"After the Break" Carpool Hints and Reminders

We are pleased to be welcoming many of our students back on campus after the break. This also means there will be a few more cars at carpool. Here's a few reminders and hints to help our first week back at carpool go smoothly and safely. Please share this information with anyone who drops off or picks up your students.

- Afternoon carpool has two lines (1-299s and 300-599s) but **morning carpool has only one line. Everyone drops off on the south end of the parking lot** and the students can go in the gym door or the main door. Stay to the right and be patient if



you see open curb space but there is still a car unloading. Promise! It goes very quickly. (#dontcuttheline ☺)

- **We ask all parents to drop their students off at the curb...not in the parking lot.** This makes it safer for your children, and minimizes cars trying to back up into the flow of traffic. Things move more smoothly if drivers stay in their cars—so please say your goodbyes in the car, not on the curb.
- The line of cars at dismissal time backs up onto Crystal Ave. Please pull over to the right edge of the road as far as possible so that we are not blocking traffic on Crystal.
- **Cars must have their 2020 pink or green APA carpool tags posted to pick up students.** Throw out your old tags and use your new ones! Students are called out of class when their number is posted. Please keep it visible until you leave the parking lot. Please share a tag with each person who will be picking up your students and be sure that you have listed those people in Skyward as someone allowed to pick up your student. If you need additional tags, please contact the front office. **HINT:** Take a picture of your carpool tag with your phone so that, in an emergency, you have that to show.
- **BIG HINT:** Dismissal time is 3:25...but pick up time is between 3:25-3:45 (2:25-2:45 on early days.) **Your wait time will be much shorter if you plan to come towards the end of the pickup time instead of at the beginning.** Students remain in their classrooms until their number is posted.

6th Grade Science Fair—Congratulations to Our Finalists

The multipurpose room was a buzz of excitement last Friday as it was filled with 6th grade science projects! Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with the judging. We have six finalists who will be moving on to the Charter District Science Fair! Enjoy a peek at the fun:

<https://youtu.be/L9T9JozLsP4>

Finalists:

1st Scientific Method: Emily Mellor (Mrs. O'Brien's class)

2nd Scientific Method: William Rollins (Mrs. Fullmer's class)

3rd Scientific Method: Daysy Villapando (Mrs. Fullmer's class)

1st Engineering: Isabelle Griggs (Mrs. O'Brien's class)

2nd Engineering: Evangeline Christensen (Mr. Brennan's class)

3rd Engineering: Baty Doucoure'. (Mrs. O'Brien's class)

Honorable mentions:

Heillen Benitez (Mrs. Fullmer's class)

Samantha Soto Fuentes (Mr. Brennan's class)

Brooks Christensen (Mr. Brennan's class)

Karen Chavez (Mr. Brennan's class)

Rebecca Macias (Mrs. Fullmer's class)

6-Savannah Workman (Mrs. Fullmer's class)

7-Jonathan Montanez (Mr. Brennan's class)



White Ribbon Week

Coming up the week we get back from break is White Ribbon Week! This is an annual event that empowers our students to take control of their media choices, and helps them make smart and safe choices dealing when using technology and other media. On your child's learning plan, you will find a tracker to keep on ALL WEEK LONG. Please discuss briefly what your child learned that day about media safety. Completed trackers will be turned in on Monday January 11th and those students may wear CRAZY SOCKS on Tuesday January 12th. We will also include a parent email that will have our videos that you can also watch at home if you'd like!

Adult English Classes—Tuesdays and Fridays

Are you learning English or wanting to improve your English skills? Our adult English classes will be ramping up again after the winter break! They are on Tuesdays and Fridays @ 2:10 pm-3:20pm. We invite our English class participants to park along the carpool curb when you arrive at the school—your students will be among the first ones out at dismissal time. ☺ If you are interested in being in the class, save your spot by emailing the instructor, Katie McMichael: kcmichael@apamail.org. She is happy to answer any questions you have.

Need ALMA Grading Program Help?

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

Do You Have...? (Week 2 of 2)

We are very low on our size 5-12 boys used uniform pieces! If your son has outgrown his uniform pieces (clean and still in good condition) and you would like to donate them, we would be delighted to receive them! We could also use some new pairs of boys' underwear for our "just-in-case" stash. Please turn in volunteer hours for these kinds of donations!

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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