



**American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter  
January 7, 2022**

<u>CALENDAR</u>	<u>EVENTS &amp; DATES</u>
Tuesdays/Thursdays <b>Wed 5, 12, 19, 26*</b> <b>Fri 7, 14, 21, 28*</b>	Free English Classes! Tues 2:25-3:25 / Thurs 1:25-2:25 January “SWYK” Assemblies 8:15 (parents always invited) January “Friday Clubs”
Monday, Jan 3 <b>Friday, Jan 7 *</b> <b>Wednesday, Jan 12 *</b> <b>Monday, Jan 17 *</b> <b>Jan 18-21 *</b> <b>Wednesday, Jan 20 *</b> <b>Jan 24-28 *</b> <b>Tuesday, Jan 25 *</b> <b>Monday, Jan 31 *</b> <b>Friday, Feb 4 *</b> <b>Tuesday, Feb 8 *</b> <b>Thursday, Feb 10 *</b> <b>Friday, Feb 11 *</b> <b>Friday, Feb 11 *</b> <b>Friday, Feb 18 *</b> <b>Feb 21-25 *</b>	School resumes – Term 3 begins Spirit Wear Friday! (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month-wear your APA spirit wear!) 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Maturation Night (6:00 Boys & Parents / 7:00 Girls & Parents) No School – Martin Luther King Day Class Spelling Bees 12:15/12:35 Early Dismissal Day (Professional Development) White Ribbon Week WV1 Land Trust Meeting School Spelling Bees! (1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 8:30-9:15 / 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> @ 9:45) District Charter Science Fair @ SLCC Parent Empowerment Workshop 7:00pm (Managing Stress and Anxieties) 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador Event: Beach Bash! (Rescheduled from December) Final Work Deadline for Term 3 12:15/12:30 Early Dismissal Day (Term 3 Grading Day) End of Term 3 No School – Midwinter Break
<b>*Newly added to this newsletter calendar</b>	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>

**January Builder Theme:**

**I am a Builder When I Work Diligently**

Welcome to a new 2022 year and welcome to Term 3! The school year is progressing so rapidly! Please note the Term 3 dates and events in the calendar above. Also, at the end of the newsletter, you will find the 2022-2023 school calendar. Please use that as you are calendaring your family plans for next year.

December was a busy month! We had our first “inclement weather” indoor carpool AND our first “inclement weather” remote learning day! What an opportunity to test these procedures and give everyone (students, parents, staff) a chance to practice them. Great job to all of you who helped make those successful. A couple of take-aways:



1. **Indoor/Inclement Weather carpool.** Here's how it works. Students stay in their classrooms and are released when their family/carpool number is posted. Carpool tags, visible, are always a requirement for pickup and, in this case, make the process of taking numbers quick and easy. Our carpool on that blustery, snowy day took almost 45 minutes! That is unnecessarily long. Here's how you can help:

- *Be certain you have given tags to all of your regular pickup drivers*
- *Be certain that you have a photo of your carpool tag on your phone so that in an emergency, you can share and the driver picking up your student can verify that they are authorized to take your student.*
- *If you believe you have not received carpool tags, please stop by the office to get replacements.*

2. **Remote Learning.** It was delightful to see your students learning on their zoom meetings with the teachers on December 15. We have a list of kinks to smooth out, but were pleased by the success of the day for so many of our students. If your family was not successful in "attending" school on that snowy Wednesday or came to the school in the morning and were surprised to find an empty parking lot—here are two important things you can do:

- *Be sure that you have given the school (on Skyward) an email address that you check regularly.*
- *And then... well...check it regularly. 😊 If we determine that weather conditions require a remote learning day, this information will be posted on the website and sent via email by 6:30am. Notifications come by email and instructions from the homeroom teachers for the day will also come by email.*

If you have any questions or need some additional support, please reach out to your student's homeroom teacher! Thank you!

## **Enrollment for 2022-2023 Is Happening Now!**

The NEW STUDENT lotteries for the 2022-2023 school year started this week. If you applied for a new kindergartener or new sibling, please check your email for acceptance information from Ms. Gamez, our Administrative Director.

If you have NOT submitted an applications for new siblings (including kindergarten students) or transfers to another APA campus (these must be resubmitted each year), please do that now. Please remember that new kindergarten students must be 5 on or before September 1st to qualify for enrollment; there are no exceptions to this rule. Please visit [www.americanprep.org/enrollment](http://www.americanprep.org/enrollment) to complete the application.

These are the codes that you will need: sibling2022 / transfer2022 /staff2022



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## APA TEACHING EXCELLENCE FUND

It's the beginning of a new year and it's the perfect time to start contributing to the APA Teaching Excellence Fund, a private reserve that will help to attract and retain a top-notch committed teaching staff, enabling our children to continue to flourish at APA. For more information and to make your recurring or one-time donation please go to <https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/excellence>. We have amazing educators at APA and this is a great opportunity for our parents and community to show appreciation for the amazing job that they do!

## AMAZON SMILE

We invite you to add American Preparatory Education Foundation as your preferred charity through the Amazon Smile program. Amazon will donate to our Foundation .5% of the purchases that you make, and there is no cost to you. The prices and the products don't change. The only difference is that Amazon will donate money to our Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3).

We have received \$11,632.20 to date, and in 2020 100% of our AmazonSmile funds were donated back to APA families who had been directly impacted by COVID-19 in the form of grants. For more information please go to

<https://americanprepfoundation.org/amazonsmile>.



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To add AmazonSmile to the Amazon app on your phone open the app and find "Settings" in the main menu (☰). Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile on your phone. Every purchase that you make from your app will now benefit our Foundation and APA families.



## **Reminder: Coats, Jackets, Sweaters & Boots**

- Please send your student with a coat or jacket every day now. If being cold = being cool to your student, they can hold it in their hand instead of wearing it...but they *need to bring it to school!* If you are unable to provide your student with a coat, please contact Ms. Gamez. [mgamez@apamail.org](mailto:mgamez@apamail.org)
- Provide your student with a *navy uniform sweater* if they want an extra layer to wear while inside. Jackets and hoodies are not worn in class.
- On snowy days, students can wear *any* boots to school and to recess, but should bring their school shoes to wear inside. K-6 girls may wear solid black boots as a footwear option.
- Please label everything!

## **Volunteers Needed! Opportunities Coming Up!**



Parents--Use this QR Code or link to sign up for the volunteer events & projects listed below! Or, if you prefer, email the person listed.

<https://forms.gle/hm8bZapaV6p21dkR9>

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade's Ambassador Event—Rescheduled to Feb 10**

Because of the ripple effect of rescheduled events after our remote learning day, the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade's "Beach Bash" Ambassador event has been rescheduled to Thursday, February 10 from 12:25-2:50pm. We love parent help with these events and it is a wonderful way to do volunteer time. Please contact Ms. Jackson at [jjackson@apamail.org](mailto:jjackson@apamail.org) if you would like to volunteer!

## **In January--Library Parent Team**

In a perfect world, every class has a parent who comes in and runs the library check-ins and check-outs for the teacher. In a perfect world. ☺ Would you be willing to be part of a team trained on the library program that comes in once a week to do library for ANY teacher that needs that help?

## **Volunteering - Reporting Your Hours and Donations** (Every Week!)

Please use this QR code or link to report your volunteer hours!  
This info will be included with each newsletter for handy access.

<https://forms.gle/263GFvy31yMaZg927>

