



American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter September 17, 2021

CALENDAR	FIRST TERM EVENTS & DATES
Wed Sept 22,29 Tuesdays/Thursdays	September “Show What You Know” Assemblies 8:15-8:35 am Free English Classes! Tues 2:25-3:25 / Thurs 1:25-2:25
Friday, Sept 17 Thursday, Sept 23 September 27-Oct 1	Constitution Day: Reading of the Constitution! 6 th Grade Ambassador Event: “Take Flight” 12:25-2:50pm West Valley 1 “College Week”
Friday, Oct 1 Tuesday, Oct 5 Friday, Oct 8 Tuesday, Oct 12 Thursday, Oct 14	Spirit Wear Friday (1 st Friday of the Month – Wear your APA spirit wear!) 4 th - 6 th Grade Fieldtrips 12:15 Dismissal for all Students (1 st Term Grading Day) 1 st – 3 rd Grade Fieldtrips School Photo Day
Friday, Oct 15 October 18-22	End of Term 1-Report Cards come home No School – Fall Break * Newly added to this calendar
	Electronic calendar can be accessed on the website @ http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/ Facebook page: https://facebook.com/americanprepWV/

WV1 “90 SECOND” News Spot. DON’T MISS THIS INFO!

NEW PROCEDURE! LUNCHESES MUST BE ORDERED BY MONTH! Please see details about changes in lunch ordering at this link <https://www.americanprep.org/important-school-lunch-update-9-16-21-wv/>

- If you would like your student to have lunch in October, you **MUST** order this Monday or Tuesday, September 20 or 21.
 - Monday, September 20, 6-8 pm is the ordering window for those families who have a high need and rely on using the school lunch program.
 - Tuesday, September 21, 6-8 pm is the second ordering window for those who would like to participate, but don’t have a high need to do so.
 - If you need help, you can come to the school on Monday, September 20 between 8am and 6pm for assistance.

Ordering will only be available during these times or until we have reached our ordering capacity. Check your email for detailed instructions sent last week.

- **“Constitution Day FAMILY CHALLENGE” deadline: Wednesday, 9/22**
Part of the Constitution Day celebration is a family challenge. To earn their special pin, students need to complete 3 of the 7 challenges with their family and return the form (sent home) by Wednesday, September 22. If they complete all seven of the challenges, their names will also be turned in for a drawing for Spirit Wear. A recording of our campus’s reading can be found at @ vimeo.com/americanprep.



September Builder Theme: Building with Enthusiasm!

Last week, the newsletter said this:

"Our Character Development team creates and shares weekly videos that the students watch during their "chew time" at lunch. Some of the videos talk about the Builder Theme of the month. We love for our parents to participate in these also. Here is the link for the video that talks about this month's theme: ENTHUSIASM!"

Well...Mrs. Leavitt neglected to include the link! She realized that *after* the newsletter was printed. She was waiting for a sharp, enthusiastic newsletter reading parent to point out that omission so she could give them a dozen Darla's Donuts or a Caribbean cruise! And the winner was...not a soul. She does appreciate it when you help her correct her errors! And she does love knowing you are reading the newsletter! No prize this week...except the very real prize of this great video about Building with Enthusiasm! Here is the link, for real:



<https://vimeo.com/562939224/389ecd5d31>

Lights On—Do You Have Photos?

Thank you to all who came with your families to participate in last week's Lights On event! We had over 800 of our West Valley 1 community in attendance! That's a lot of wonderful people enjoying being at the school! We'd love to have some of your photos to include in our September Highlights video. If you took photos, please share them at:



<https://forms.gle/ppA5kGvdhzpHqjDw5>

Newly Designed Reading University Site!

We are excited to announce the launch of our newly designed Reading University site powered by Alexandria. Amongst the new features are cover pictures, search filters, print filters and it is up to the minute accurate to our campus collection! It is also mobile browser friendly! Simply click on the grade and you will have your list! There is no login required. Reading University is a foundational program in our curriculum with the goal to improve comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary. Check out: americanprep.goalexandria.com. Get started on your RU reading!



Treat Yourself! Free Tickets for Draper Philharmonic & Choral Concert

American Prep Community, we have an incredible opportunity from our partners at the Draper Philharmonic & Choral Society. They have generously offered tickets to our entire APA community for their upcoming concert, "A Night on Broadway & the Silver Screen." This concert features many old and new favorites with various uplifting,



energetic, funny, and tender songs performed by orchestra, choir, and professional-level soloists.

Performance Dates are as follows:

Abravanel Hall - Friday, October 8th - 7 pm

Brighton High School auditorium - Saturday, October 9th - 7 pm

Tickets to this event typically cost \$18; however, the Draper Philharmonic & Choral Society are excited to share their performance and love of music with our APA families and faculty for free. Here is how to get tickets using this discount code: APAComp

Tickets are obtained by visiting the website draperphilharmonic.org and clicking on the "Get Tickets" button under the "Concerts" link and choosing your preferred venue.

For Abravanel Hall, the discount code must be entered by clicking on the small space at the top of the screen entitled "Promo Code" *before* seats are selected. A maximum of 8 tickets may be obtained online in one order. If more tickets are desired, another order may be initiated immediately after that, or families can simply call the ArtTix office at 801-355-ARTS (2787) for their entire order.

For Brighton High School, the link on our website will take them to a site called "BuyYourTix." On this site, the discount code is entered *after* the seats are selected.

We hope our American Prep families can take advantage of this unique opportunity to experience an incredible live music performance and enjoy a night out as a family. Our entire APA community wishes to express gratitude to our partners at the Draper Philharmonic & Choral Society. Thank you all!

Professional Qualifications (Week 2 of 2)

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. In accordance with state regulation, all APA teachers are licensed through one of three licensing paths: Professional, Associates and LEA specific. 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.



District Parent and Family Engagement Policy (Week 2 of 2)

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 selected 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 and Family Engagement Policy (Week 2 of 2)

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. West Valley Parent-Student Handbooks will be available in Spanish. The Handbooks can also be accessed via this link: <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>.

Volunteer Opportunities



If you missed the chance to sign up for some of our school wide volunteer opportunities, here are the events, dates and form to sign up!

[Volunteering at West Valley 1](#)

This week's volunteer highlight:

6th Grade Ambassador Event on Thursday, Sept 23.

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



We are so excited to have our parents back with us! Use this QR code or link to report your volunteer hours here: [Report Volunteer Hours Here](#)

This info will be included with each newsletter for handy access.