

American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter

September 23, 2022

Website @ <https://westvalley1.americanprep.org/>



Upcoming Calendar Events

*Newly added to this newsletter calendar

Thursday, Sept 29	6 th Grade “Friendship” Ambassador Event 12:25-2:50 <i>Come Volunteer!</i>
Friday, Sept 30*	“Friday Clubs” Begin*
October 3-7	College Week
Friday, Oct 7*	End of Term Work Deadline
Friday, Oct 7*	College Wear* & Spirit Wear Friday!
Friday, Oct 7	12:15/12:35 Early Dismissal- Grading Day
Friday, Oct 7	No Sistema
Tuesday, Oct 11	RU (Reading University) Store
Wednesday, Oct 12	School Photo Day: 1 st -3 rd Grades
Wednesday, Oct 12	12:15/12:35 Early Dismissal – Professional Development
Thursday, Oct 13	School Photo Day: K, 4 th -6 th Grades
Thursday, Oct 13	1 st -3 rd Grade Field Trips
Friday, Oct 14	4 th -6 th Grade Field Trips
Friday, Oct 14	Friday Clubs
Friday, Oct 14	End of Term 1
October 17-21	Fall Break-No School

September Builder Theme: I Am a Builder When I Build With Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm really is contagious! And when we take time to share our enthusiastic appreciation and feedback, it ripples out with far reaching impacts that sometimes we can't even imagine. Be the kind of person who takes the time to pass along the good, positive things you hear about. Send out those ripples of enthusiasm! Last Thursday, during their Ambassador event, the fifth graders had the opportunity to write letters of appreciation. One enthusiastic message was in my mailbox at the end of the day. With the student's generous permission, I'd like to share it. It read:

*Dear to the person who let me in this school,
My mom was so happy when she heard the news! You are the best
person in this school.*

This was SO happy! The note really should have gone to Ms. Gamez who is over enrollment, so I put it on her desk. She found it, read it, and was delighted just as I was! Later that day, I mentioned this happy message to the 5th grade teachers and they responded with enthusiastic delight as well. Mrs. Anderson asked the name of the student and when I told her, gave a cheer! It was one of her 5th graders who had just started on Thursday! Amazing! A builder for just one day and she started a ripple of enthusiasm and joy that is now spreading to all of you. Enthusiasm really is contagious.

Tardy Bell Rings at 8:15

Just a reminder that the tardy bell rings at 8:15 and students not inside their classrooms at 8:15 are marked tardy. Please try being in the parking lot before 8:10 so your student can be on time for school!

College Week – Wear Your Favorite College’s Shirt!

APA students are college bound—and October 3-7 we are celebrating “College Week”. Secondary students will be visiting college campuses and our elementary students will be participating in fun activities and special lunch videos planned by our Character Development team. Students and staff are invited to wear a shirt from their favorite college/university on Friday, October 7.

Friday Clubs—Starting this Friday, September 30

We’ve had an exciting amount of interest in “Friday Clubs” and our afterschool team has been working hard to include as many students as possible. Sorry for the delay in getting those confirmations. Clubs run from 3:50-4:30. Students participating in clubs will stay in their homeroom class or an assigned Academic Extended Day class until clubs begin at 3:50.

Because this is an afterschool program, parents will need to sign out their students on the afterschool form (the link will be provided). Students who are signed out will be released to the carpool curb at 4:30. Please be punctual in picking them up. Our volunteer mentors also leave at 4:30.

Our clubs are full to the brim! If your student has been placed on a waitlist, you will be notified if/when a spot opens up.

Academic Highlight: Reading University Program (aka “RU”)

RU (Reading University) is APA’s independent reading program. Students read a specified number of books each quarter from the Reading University book list and according to their grade level requirements. Students should read independently or with a parent for 20-60 minutes daily. Teachers will encourage students to read informational and biographical literature as well as fiction. Our aim is to develop students who enjoy reading as entertainment but are also able to read for information and to experience high quality literature. Each student who completes a K-9 education at American Preparatory Academy will have read over 130 books through the Reading University program!

RU GUIDELINES:

- Students can check out books from the classroom library (all are RU books) or can get books from the local library using the Reading University book list.
- The RU list can be found on our campus website under “resources”
<https://westvalley1.americanprep.org/>
- Students are allowed to choose one book NOT on the RU list each term to count towards their RU total for the term.

- Students in all grades may count books that have been read to them outside of school. (Books read to students in school do not qualify for RU.)
- Students may read books from the RU list at their grade level, one grade level below their level, or at any level above their grade level.
- Students may re-read a book for credit, but not during the same school year.
- RU guidelines are adapted based on feedback from Parent Surveys.
- Students who meet their RU goals each term can participate in the “RU Store” at the end of the term
- Term requirements by grade are:

○ Kindergarten	8 books	○ 4 th Grade	3 books
○ 1 st Grade	8 books	○ 5 th Grade	3 books
○ 2 nd Grade	6 books	○ 6 th Grade	3 books
○ 3 rd Grade	5 books		

It’s Time to Order October Lunches

This is a reminder to order meals for next month. (This institution is an equal opportunity provider.)

- <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>
- All orders must be placed 7 days in advance
- If you need help ordering lunch please email_lunch@apamail.org for assistance

Inclement Weather Carpool Procedures

The thunderstorms last week were gracious enough to NOT happen during our carpool time as the forecast had predicted! We are always grateful for that! But thank you for being ready in case we needed to implement our “inclement weather” carpool procedures. Here’s how it works: In the case of severe weather, students will stay inside their classrooms instead of coming directly to the curb. Staff will be outside to enter your carpool/family numbers into a spreadsheet after you are in the parking lot. This spreadsheet is shared with the teachers who monitor it in their classrooms. When your number is entered, a box is highlighted as “HERE” next to your student’s name. They will then be dismissed to the curb. It is critical that every car has a carpool number visibly posted. Be prepared by taking a picture of your carpool tag so you have that in case you are in a car you don’t normally drive, or you can share it with a driver who doesn’t normally pick up your student.

5th Grade Ambassador “Friendship” Event – A Great Success

The 5th Grade “Welcome Aboard the APA FriendSHIP” event was a success! Students were able to practice and master very important skills about being a true friend. How to: write a thank you note, meet and greet, navigate a reception line and ask intelligent questions were some of the lessons taught during this event. Thank you to all for this great event!

6th Grade Ambassador “Take Flight” Event – This Thursday – Come Volunteer!

Welcome Aboard APA Airways 6th grade students! This Thursday, September 29th we will have our first Ambassador event of the year! During this event students will travel from station to station learning important skills to be successful in life. Activities will include getting your pilot



wings, trying new things, the art of small talk and so much more! This event will go from 12:25 - 2:50pm, so mark your calendar because you don't want to miss this! *We are always looking for parent volunteers! If you are willing and available, please contact (Jamie Jackson) at (jjackson@apamail.org). 6th Grade parents—remember you will be picking up your students at 2:50 that day. Please wait until 2:45 to enter the parking lot.

Free Adult English Classes

Classes have started—and it is never too late to join! Classes at our West Valley 1 campus are Tuesdays @ 2:40-3:25 pm and Thursdays @ 1:25-2:25 pm. There are also classes being held at the West Valley 2 campus. Mondays and Fridays @ 2:25-3:10 pm and Wednesdays @ 1:20-2:10. You are welcome to attend classes at either campus—or at both!

ALMA Grading Program

On Tuesday, September 6, ALMA emailed instructions on activating your ALMA accounts. If you have not set up your account, please follow the instructions to do so. **Your user name is your first name.last name** (Like tom.cruise or britney.spears for example.)

Through the ALMA grading program, you are able to regularly check your student's grades. If you need help with the program, please email Mrs. Ferlo (mferlo@apamail.org) or Mr. Beard (bbeard@apamail.org) in the academic office.

Reporting Your Volunteer Hours and Donations (Every Week!)

Thank you for your volunteer hours and donations! This link for reporting your hours will be included with each newsletter for handy access. If you have volunteer hours from the summer, please be sure to report those too!

[Report hours & donations here:](#)

<https://forms.gle/o3cxYrpbHmoxWYFXA>

