



American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter

-- Summer Edition--

July 7, 2023

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

Important Dates Coming Up!

July Office Hours	During July, the office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9 am-12 noon. Closed on July 3, 4 and 24.
Wednesday, July 5	Application period opens for Sistema, our Afterschool Music Program for grades 2-6. Visit the Afterschool page on the website to apply. https://westvalley1.americanprep.org/after-school-programs/
Wednesday, July 19	WV1 New & Used Uniform Sale 12-5 pm
Thursday, July 20	WV1 New & Used Uniform Sale 9 am -3 pm
July 31-Aug 4 Aug 7-11	Office closed - Training Week for APA Staff at WV2 Campus Preservice Week for APA Staff
Friday, August 11	1-3pm MEET & GREET OPENHOUSE <i>Class lists will be posted at 1:00. Bring your family and... Come find your classroom! Meet your teacher! Pick up your 2022-2023 carpool tags! Complete lunch forms! Drop by for a few minutes any time between 1:00 and 3:00pm.</i>
Wednesday, Aug 16	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! Drop off at the curb between 7:50-8:10. School starts at 8:15. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>1st-6th grades will meet their teachers in the gym.</i>• <i>Kindergarten students will meet their teachers in the multipurpose room for the first day, then in the gym.</i> 1 st Dismissal @ 2:25 / 2 nd Dismissal @ 2:50 (Remember Wed & Thursday are both “early dismissal” days)



- August 16, 17, 18
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12:15 dismissal days for Kindergarten Only.
“KEEP” testing for Kindergarteners in the afternoon. A sign-up will be sent later this month.
- Wednesday, Aug 16
First Day of Sistema for accepted and registered 2nd-6th graders.
- Friday, August 18
(correction on date)
6:00-8:00pm. Parent “Back to School” Orientation. *This is a fun and informative evening just for parents—and the first of our “mandatory” parent meetings. Please make arrangements so you can attend this “parent only” event.*
- Friday, September 1
Our first “Spirit Wear” day! *These happen on the first Fridays of the month. Students can wear an APA-logoed shirt/T-shirt with their uniform pants, shorts or skirt on Spirit Days. This is optional fun, of course. Spirit Wear can be purchased through the APA online store.*
- Monday, September 4
Labor Day. No school attendance.
- Friday, September 8
3:30-5:30pm. “Lights On” family event.
Bring the whole family! Free food & fun, signups for Friday Clubs, great info from community partners—get this on your calendar!

Happy July! Hello to our American Prep-West Valley 1 families and a warm welcome to our new families coming to APA for the first time. We hope you are enjoying your summer break—having fun times with family and friends, reading a lot, working on your summer packet a little each day and finding time to relax and do some of your favorite things. Since school has been out, our teachers and admin have been busy! The teachers spent a week with their district teams reviewing their data from the year, presenting a summary to the district leadership team and working together on curriculum and plans for the upcoming year. The administrative team worked together during June analyzing data from this past year, reporting on our progress and working on our school improvement goals for the 23-24 school year. June was a busy, invigorating month! We are excited about the new year ahead of us.

Changes to Kindergarten Schedule for the First 3 Days of School

One of exciting decisions made during our post-service admin meetings was to make the first three days of school for kindergarten 12:15 dismissal days. On August 16, 17, 18, kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:15 pm. Dismissal times for grades 1-6 will remain at the regular time. Kindergarten teachers will be using the afternoons of these days to complete the one-on-one Kindergarten entry testing (KEEP) required by the state. Signups for those testing times will come later this summer.



Summer Community Resources

Did you know there are free activities and meals available in your community for your kids and teens this summer? Follow these links to find a site near you:

- <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>
- <https://www.uah.org/get-help/summer-food-program>

Employment Opportunities @ APA

Our best employees so very often come from our American Prep community! We have a few open positions at our campus and are hopeful that you—or someone amazing that you know—could be of one of APA's newest employees!

Classroom instructors/aides—if you want a rewarding job where you KNOW you are making a difference in the world, this is for you. Assisting in the classroom, working with our amazing teachers and students, being trained on our reading and math programs, having the same vacation schedule as your student, medical benefits...this might be the job you've been waiting for! Jobs start July 31 with a mandatory Training Week.

Substitutes—we are always so grateful to have trained substitutes! Work as many or as few days as fits your schedule.

Details and applications can be found on the website under careers.

<https://www.americanprep.org/careers/>

Remind Me Again...Start Times and Dismissal Times

Start Times: Monday-Friday / 8:15am in the classroom
(Best to arrive by 8:10 so your student can be IN class before 8:15 when the tardy bell rings.)

Dismissal Times: Monday 3:25 (1st dismissal) / 3:50 (2nd dismissal)
Tuesday: 3:25 (1st dismissal) / 3:50 (2nd dismissal)
Wednesday: Early out day / 2:25 (1st dismissal) / 2:50 (2nd dismissal)
Thursday: Early out day / 2:25 (1st dismissal) / 2:50 (2nd dismissal)
Friday: 3:25 (1st dismissal) / 3:50 (2nd dismissal)

Students are assigned to 2nd dismissal (aka AED-Academic Extended Day) by the Academic Directors based on academic need and sometimes by their participation in Sistema. If one student in your carpool is assigned to 2nd dismissal, all students in that carpool will be given a 2nd dismissal class to attend. If you find you have 1st AND 2nd dismissal assignments, please check with Ms. Gamez, Administrative Director, to get that fixed.

Carpool tags will be distributed at the Meet and Greet on Friday, August 11.



Uniforms—Do a Quick Check and Don't Get Tricked!

We know you like to get things right the first time—so here are a few pointers as you get your student's uniform ready for the first day of school.

1. Review the uniform guide. If you don't have a hard copy to study, it can be found on the School Website, under Parent Library/Parent Resources.
<https://www.americanprep.org/topic/uniforms/>
2. Pull out last year's uniforms and check to see that the pieces still fit correctly and that they are in good condition. Holes or tears will need to be mended, stains removed and hems may need to be let down. (Uniforms should be clean, in good repair/skirts to the knee.)
3. If your student says, "It will be okay. I (or "people in my class") wore those all the time last year and no one said anything about it," be suspicious! Better double check to make sure it is in line with the uniform guide. Here are some don't-get-tricked examples.
 - White polos vs. blouses/regular dress shirts. Remember that white polos are part of the K-3 uniform, but not part of the 4-6 uniform. 4-6 students wear regular blouses and dress shirts. (Note: If you buy button down collars for your child, the shirt needs to be worn properly with the buttons buttoned. Consider shirt collars without buttons if this is a challenge.)
 - Shoes. Any kind of all black shoe. Comfortable, low heeled styles work best—but be sure they are all black. Are black shoes with white soles okay? Or black shoes with colored stripes or insignia? Nope—just all black.
 - Boys khaki uniform pants. These need to be uniform style pants. Not khaki jeans. Not khaki joggers. Not khaki cargo pants. Check the color carefully to get the right color khaki.
 - Girls navy uniform slacks. If you choose this uniform option, be sure you purchase uniform style dress slacks. Not navy leggings or skinny jean style pants.
 - Hair accessories or religious head coverings. These should be non-distracting and in colors that match the uniform: navy blue, red, white or black.

APA uniform items (and APA spirit wear) can be purchased at the uniform sale on July 18 & 19 or from the online store. <https://www.americanprep.org/product-category/spirit-wear/> . Also, the last pages of the uniform guide list other places uniform items can be purchased.

<https://www.americanprep.org/topic/uniforms/>

Did You Get All Your 2022-2023 Parent Volunteer Hours Reported?

If you still have hours to report for last school year, please take a minute to submit them before we roll over to our new 2023-2024 school year!

How to Report "Donations"

Many parents wonder how to translate a "donation" into volunteer hours. Here's a simple guide.

- Consider how many hours you would work to pay for that donation.
- Consider the time you spent shopping, preparing, delivering etc.
- Add those up and report those as your volunteer hours!



Report your Volunteer Hours and Donations (Every week)

Thank you for your volunteer hours and donations! This link to report your hours will be included with each newsletter for easy access. If you have hours to submit, please get them updated! Report hours and donations here:

<https://forms.gle/o3cxYrpbHmoxWYFXA>

