

October 9, 2023

APA-West Valley 1 Newsletter



Our Awesome Kindergarteners reminding us of Fall Break Oct 16-20!

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Calendar

*Newly added dates to this list

- Every Wednesday 4th-6th Show-What-You-Know Assembly @ 8:15 am. Parents are always welcome!
- Every Thursday K-3rd Show-What-You-Know Assembly @ 8:15 am. Parents are always welcome!
- Most Fridays Friday Clubs – Pickup at 4:30pm

- October 9-13 White Ribbon Week (CD team leads activities on making healthy tech/media choices)
- Tuesday, Oct 10 1st-3rd Grade Field Trips (Parent volunteer opportunity!)
- Tuesday, Oct 10 Parent Empowerment Zoom 7-8:15pm (Suicide Prevention)
- Wednesday, Oct 11 RU (Reading University) Store for 1st Term
- Thursday, Oct 12 School Picture Day – Full Uniform
- Friday, Oct 13 Spirit Wear Day / End of 1st Term / Report Cards come home / Friday Clubs
- October 16-20 Fall Break / No School

TERM 2 DATES TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDARS

- Monday, Oct 23 Welcome back to school! Term 2 begins.
- Tuesday, Oct 24 Early Dismissal 12:15/12:35 (Professional Development)
- Thursday, Oct 26 5th Grade Ambassador Event 12:25-2:50 (Volunteer Opportunity!)
- Friday, Oct 27 No Sistema / No Friday Clubs
- Wednesday, Nov 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences – by appointment - 3-8pm
- Thursday, Nov 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences – by appointment – 3-8pm
- Friday, Nov 3 No School for Students (Conference Comp Day for teachers)
- Sunday, Nov 5 Daylight Savings Time ends. Clocks fall back one hour.
- Monday, Nov 6 WV1 Veterans Day Assembly 1:00pm
- Tuesday, Nov 7 WV1 Landtrust Meeting 9:00am
- Friday, Nov 10 Friday Clubs
- Tuesday, Nov 14 Monthly Parent Empowerment Zoom 7-8:15pm (Mental Wellness)
- Thursday, Nov 16 School Picture Retake Day
- Thursday, Nov 16 6th Grade Ambassador Day Event 12:25-2:50 (Volunteer Opportunity!)
- Friday, Nov 17 Midterm Missing Work Deadline
- Friday, Nov 17 Spirit Day! Students can wear their APA Spirit Wear / Friday Clubs
- November 22-24 No School – Thanksgiving Break
- Friday, December 1 Spirit Day! Students can wear their APA Spirit Wear / Friday Clubs
- Tuesday, Dec 6 6th Grade Science Fair
- Friday, December 8 Term 2 Missing Work Deadline / Friday Clubs
- Tuesday, Dec 12 Sistema Winter Concert 6:00pm
- Wednesday, Dec 13 5th & 6th Grade Winter Music Concert 6:00pm
- Thursday, Dec 14 RU STORE FOR 2nd TERM
- Friday, Dec 15 Spirit Day! Students can wear their APA Spirit Wear / Friday Clubs

- Tuesday, Dec 19 Early Dismissal 12:15/12:25 / End of Term 2 / Reports Cards come home
- Dec 20-Jan 2 Winter Break
- Wednesday, Jan 3 Term 3 begins

October Builders Theme: I am a Builder when I am perfectly honest.

Many years ago, I had a kindergartener in my office who was having a rough day and needed a break from being in the classroom. As we chatted, I told him that I was sure a five-year-old like him was big enough to do all the things his teacher was asking him to do. He responded, "I'm not five!" "Are you six?" I asked. "No—I am four!" he said emphatically. I tried to persuade him otherwise, but he stuck to his story. "I AM four!"

I wondered if we had made an enrollment error! I checked our records—I even double checked his birth certificate! The little guy was five...but insistent that he was four. The mystery was solved when he explained, "My mom always tells the people that I am four when we go to the movies!" Mom was embarrassed when called, but learned a valuable lesson that day. Our children are always watching, always listening and learning from our examples—whether we realize they are paying attention or not. Let's give them perfectly honest examples to follow! I am a Builder when I am perfectly honest.

White Ribbon Week –Return Tracking Sheet on Friday—and Wear a Favorite Hat!

We have been enjoying the activities and videos of "White Ribbon Week" and learning about making wise choices with media and technology. Hats off to the Character Development team for the amazing info they are presenting to our students! On Monday a tracking sheet was attached to learning plans—summarizing what was learned that day. Spend a few minutes talking about this as a family—and then initial the box for that day. Students who participate in these daily discussions with their parents will be able to wear a favorite hat to celebrate on Friday. Keep the paper on the learning plan all week and be sure to sign on the days you had these valuable family discussions.

Safety Reminders at School—Students MAY NOT carry medication

Parents—please share this information with any person who helps care for your children. NO MEDICATION can be sent to school with children. Students MAY NOT self-administer any medication—**not even cough drops and vitamins**. If you feel your student needs medication during the school day, you may come in and give it to them yourself or you can leave it in the front office after completing a form allowing the office to administer it. **Please see Parent-Student Handbook, pg.33 Medications and P.49-51 Infractions and Banned Items.**

Additionally, please review the infraction and banned items list with your children. We have had two recent incidents where a banned item was brought in a backpack. Even if brought innocently, it can result in serious discipline consequences. The listed items are never allowed on campus.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – November 1st & 2nd – by appointment

We are looking forward to our first parent/teacher conferences. All parents must attend a conference for each of their students. Our conferences are on Wednesday, November 1st from 3-8 pm and Thursday, November 2nd from 3-8 pm and are by appointment. Please watch for the email with the signup link for conferences from your homeroom teacher!

Are you on ALMA? No surprises for you. (Week 2 of 2)

Report cards will be sent home with students this Friday, October 13, the last day of the term. If you have been checking the ALMA grading program regularly, this will be a time to celebrate your student's accomplishments during this first term—with no unexpected surprises! Our grading program, ALMA, is accessible to you 24/7 to view your students grades and to be aware of any work that has not been turned in or can be redone for a better score. If you have not activated your ALMA account, please email Mrs. Ferlo or Ms. Cannon in the academic office and they will help you get started.

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Free English Classes!

If you are interested in learning English or improving your English, come and join our adult English classes. They are free and open to anyone in the community. Bring a friend and come! Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30pm. Check in at the front office when you arrive.



Lost and Found – Items Donated at the End of Term

Are you missing a jacket or coat? Waterbottles, lunch boxes or shoes? We are getting a healthy collection of items in our Lost and Found...please come and collect your student's missing items! Remaining items will be donated at the end of each term.

Such a Long Time Ago...(Week 2 of 2)

Think way back...all the way to our Parent "Back to School" Orientation in August. We ran out of time to announce all the prize winners—and said we would post the rest of the numbers by the front door. We did—but had some unclaimed prizes. It's a little late, but we still have your prizes waiting for you! ☺ If your family number is one of these, please come to the front office to claim your prize! (Don't be shy!)

616	5793	7327	8277
737	6091	7344	8282
1431	6125	7764	8283
2548	6143	7937	8292
4517	7254	7985	8317
4798	7285	8276	8320

Volunteering: Did you fill out the volunteer survey at the beginning of the year? (Week 2 of 3)



WV1 Parents—did you take the opportunity to complete the Volunteer Availability survey at the beginning of the year? This will give us information about how you would like to volunteer, the best times for you, how much notice you need to be able to arrange your schedule—all kinds of great information! If you have not, would you take a couple minutes and complete it? If you have any questions, please send an email to our FSO (Family/School Organization) leadership (Celeste Lopez, Angie Van Leeuwen and Madison Parsons) at wv1fso@apamail.org.

[Volunteer Availability Survey](#)

Report Your Volunteer Hours and Donations (Included every week)

Do you have volunteer hours to report for 1st term?

Did you help at Lights On? Did you come to the Day of Service? (Be sure you report hours for each family member that came and worked!) Did you go on a field trip? Did you watch the Parent Empowerment Zoom meeting? (You can report 2 hours of volunteer time for that!) Have you helped here at school or made donations to the classroom? Have your family/carpool # close by and take a minute to report these! Please use this link to report them. It is included on the back of your carpool tag as well. <https://forms.gle/WEMFz3JkSc535Lb8>

