

September 25, 2023

APA-West Valley 1 Newsletter



Reading the Constitution!

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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!

- September 25-29 College Week! (Activities w/ the Character Development team)
- **Friday, Sept 29*** **College week wrap-up! Wear college spirit wear or T-shirt in the color(s) of a college***
- **Friday, Sept 29*** **Term 1 Work Deadline***
- Tuesday, Oct 3 4th-6th Grade Field Trips (Parent volunteer opportunity!)
- Friday, Oct 6 Early Dismissal 12:15/12:35 (Grading Day)
- Friday, Oct 6 Spirit Day! Students can wear their APA Spirit Wear
- 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 7-8pm (Suicide Prevention)
- Friday, Oct 13 End of 1st Term / Spirit Day
- October 16-20 Fall Break / No School

September Builders Theme: I am a Builder when I build with enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is a gift. It is a gift to ourselves; it is a gift to the people we live with and work with. Enthusiasm is a gift AND it really, truly is contagious. Sometimes it only takes one enthusiastic person to turn a day completely around. Enthusiasm makes work feel fun and challenges feel light. We might not always start out a day or a project or a task feeling enthusiastic—but as one of our beloved humorist authors said, “Fake it ‘til you make it.” Talk with enthusiasm, walk with enthusiasm, act with enthusiasm—soon you will find you DO feel enthusiastic and the people around you will catch it too! Builders know the power of building with enthusiasm!

College Week! Sept 25-29

Join in the fun this week as we learn about how college can be “ONE great FORMULA for success!” Each day the students are enjoying and learning from the daily videos during lunch. **On Friday, we invite everyone to wear their college spirit wear or a T-shirt in a favorite college’s colors and classes will have a “wrap up” activity with the Character Development team.** Here are the links for the College Week videos so you can enjoy them too!

Monday: Start Your Engines!

<https://vimeo.com/850226932/0fe89fccb3?share=copy>

Tuesday: What is College?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-JjpHOH1Cc&list=PLqBIUrP9U8Unm0fpHpuCr8MDzGeoq2dsU&index=64>

Wednesday: Snow College

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqBIUrP9U8Unm0fpHpuCr8MDzGeoq2dsU>

Thursday: Utah Valley University
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70UwKcXPueU>

Friday: Utah State University
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuMrySlrJ1s>

Term 1 Work Deadline – Check Assignments in ALMA

This Friday is the final day to turn in any missing work for Term 1. If you are unsure if your student has missing work, please check on the grading program, ALMA. 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. mferlo@apamail.org or hcannon@apamail.org

Constitution Reading Day – THANK YOU!



Thank you to all of the students and staff, parents and community members who were readers for our 2023 Reading of the U.S. Constitution. And thank you to all the students and staff that participated in their classrooms! It was special to have parents, student alumni and alumni staff representing each year of our 15 years of being American Prep-West Valley 1. Thank you for being part of this special legacy. Here is the link to watch or rewatch the video. Don't get tricked—the link works, but it starts about 7 seconds after you click play. [West Valley 1 Constitution Day Reading](#)

Compliance Items:

Professional Qualifications (Week 4 of 4)

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 3 of 4)

American Prep recognizes that parent and family engagement is key to student achievement. We provide many opportunities for parents and family members to participate in, and stay informed of, their student's academic achievement.

American Preparatory Academy trains staff annually during pre-service and teacher academy on how to communicate, build meaningful connections, and otherwise involve parents/families and the school. These topics are reinforced during professional development opportunities throughout the year as needed.

Additional details regarding Parent and Family Engagement are available in the annual Parent-Student Handbooks (PSHB) which are distributed annually, posted on the school websites, and available in Spanish at our West Valley campuses. For the full District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, please refer to this [link](#) on the Policy page of the americanprep.org website.

School Parent and Family Engagement Policies (Week 3 of 4)

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are now accessible on the APA website under the Parent Library drop-down tab. West Valley Parent-Student Handbooks will be available in Spanish.

Mandated Assessments and Opt-Outs (Week 3 of 4)

American Preparatory recognizes that Standardized Testing is an essential tool for measuring student learning and teacher success. The data obtained from these assessments may be utilized by teachers and administrators to review student academic progress, plan instruction, and share with students and parents. Summative assessments allow for data to be used in public reporting about school quality. Parent's may opt-out of most state standardized tests by submitting a Parental Exclusion form to the Academic Director. You can learn more about the state assessments administered at American Prep and find the testing schedules for your student's campus by following this link: <https://www.americanprep.org/state-assessments/>.

Report Your Volunteer Hours and Donations (Included every week)

Thank you for your volunteer hours and donations! Please use this link to report them. It is included on the back of your carpool tag as well. <https://forms.gle/WEMFz3JjkSc535Lb8>

