

September 5, 2023

# APA-West Valley 1 Newsletter



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## Calendar

- 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!
- Thursday, Sept 7 6th Grade Sandwich Making Service Project
- Friday, Sept 8 Spirit Day! Students can wear their APA Spirit Wear.
- Friday, Sept 8 "Lights On" Family/Community Event 3:30-5:30pm (Parent volunteer opportunities!)
- Tuesday, Sept 12 Parent Empowerment Zoom 7-8pm (Internet and Cell Phone Safety)
- Saturday, Sept 16 WVC's "My Hometown" Day of Service at our school. 8am-12 noon
- Tuesday, Sept 19 Read the Constitution Day-Live Broadcast (WV1 @ 11am)
- Tuesday, Sept 19 StemFest Free Family Night 4-8pm at Mountain America Expo Center
- Wed, Sept 20 5th/6th Grade StemFest Field Trip
- September 25-29 College Week! (Activities w/ the Character Development team)
- Tuesday, Oct 3 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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 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 one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic and faithful, and you will accomplish your object. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson (American essayist, poet & philosopher. 1803-1882)

## "Lights On" Family Event - Important things to know for Friday.

We are excited for this Friday's "Lights On" event from 3:30-5:30pm. There will be fun for everyone in the family! Here's some important info:

- **All students will be dismissed at 3:25.** There is no 2nd dismissal and no Sistema on Friday.
- You will need to know your **CARPOOL/FAMILY NUMBER** to sign-in. (Check your carpool tag)
- **On Thursday, a link to the sign-in form will be emailed** out to allow you to pre-register.
- **If you pre-register successfully before 3:00pm on Friday**, you will just need to show your confirmation e-mail on your phone to enter and receive your "punch cards." The gates will open by 3:15.
- **If you are pre-registered before 3:00pm, You will pick up your students in the gym.**
- **If you do not pre-register before 3:00pm**, your student(s) will be waiting at the carpool curb and you will pick them up there. You will sign in on your phone using the posted QR codes and then show the confirmation e-mail at the gate to enter. Staff will be on hand if you need help.
- **The entrance to Lights On** is the gate at the south end of the parking lot. **The gate will open by 3:15pm.**
- **Parking in our lot is limited.** After carpool is complete, we will begin to offer diagonal parking along the curb. If you park along Crystal Avenue, please be courteous and careful to not block our neighbors' driveways or mailboxes. Reminder: There is never any parking on the private lane behind the school.
- Orange carpool parents, **please note that the "orange" lane through the parking spots will not be available** on this day. Follow the blue lane until directed to move forward to the orange waiting spot.

- There will be a **Students vs. Parents/Staff soccer game at 4:45**. If you are a player or even just a good sport, please come with your gear so you can join in the fun! The students love to play against the adults—help us make a team!
- Each member of your family will receive a **punch card**. You can receive punches by visiting the community partner tables (indicated by balloons.) When your punch card is complete, you can turn it in for a prize at the punch card prize booth. Note: don't turn it in before you've had food; you will need it for the food line too.
- **Remember, this is a free event for all! We will be outside—so come prepared with hats, sunscreen, water bottles**, and, if you'd like, lawn chairs or blankets. It is going to be fun!

## Parent Empowerment Meeting

Our first parent empowerment meeting will be about internet and cell phone safety. This will be a virtual meeting at 7 PM on September 12th. You can join this meeting by using the following zoom link:

<https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/89267303321> Have your family/carpool number ready—you will use this at the end of the meeting to document your attendance and earn an incentive for your student(s).

## “Day of Service” - Saturday, Sept 16th, 8-12 noon

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of something special! On Saturday, September 16, we are so fortunate to be partnering with WVC's “My Hometown” to have a day of service at our school. Our students and families will join with other volunteers from the community to do some easy cleanup and projects around the school. Even if you can only come for one hour—do it. This will be a memorable morning—building friendships, knocking out a bunch of volunteer hours and beautifying our campus and neighborhood. If you can, bring gloves, rakes, blowers, weed whackers, stepladders, squeegees—there are many projects to work on! Let's see what this amazing WV1 community can do!

## Carpool Tip of the Week

Take a picture of your carpool tag—front and back. Then, in an unexpected situation—like not being in your normal car or needing a friend or family member to pick up your students—you have a picture you can share. It's not as stellar as having a regular tag displayed—but it is infinitely better than having nothing.

## Compliance Items:

### Professional Qualifications (Week 2 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 1 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](http://americanprep.org) website.

### School Parent and Family Engagement Policies (Week 1 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 1 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>

