December 11, 2023 APA-West Valley 1 Newsletter



Sistema Strings, Honor Choir and Flute Choir had the opportunity to perform at the beautiful Tabernacle in Salt Lake City as part of the Temple Square Concert Series. American Prep-West Valley 1: 801-839-3613 / Website @ https://westvalley1.americanprep.org/

Calendar

* Newly added dates to this list

- Every Wednesday 4-6 "Show-What-You-Know" Assembly @ 8:15 Parents are always welcome!
 - Every Thursday K-3 "Show-What-You-Know" Assembly @ 8:15 Parents are always welcome!
- Most Fridays
 Friday Clubs Pickup at 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, Dec 12 Sistema Winter Concert 6:00pm
- Wednesday, Dec 13 5th & 6th Grade Winter Music Concert 6:00pm
- Thursday, Dec 14RU Store for 2nd Term
- Friday, Dec 15 Spirit Day! Students can wear their APA Spirit Wear / Friday Clubs
- Monday, Dec 18*If we meet our Hygiene Hero goal...CRAZY DAY! Crazy socks. Crazy ties. Crazy hair.
- Tuesday, Dec 19 Early dismissal. 12:15/12:36
- Tuesday, Dec 19 End of Term 2 / Report cards come home
- Dec 20-Jan 2 Winter Break
- Wednesday, Jan 3 Back to School / Term 3 begins

December Builders Theme: I am a builder when I look for ways to serve others (Kigatsuku)

This month our Builder focus is on finding ways to serve others. The key words in this builder theme are look for ways to serve others.

We talk about this idea of looking for ways using this word: 気がつく which is the Japanese word "kigatsuku". If you google the word kigatsuku, you learn it is a verb—an action word--and these words are offered as the English translation: notice, realize, perceive, become aware. When we notice and become aware, we will see ways that we can serve and help others and then we act on those ideas. This is what Builders do!

Hygiene Hero Donation Drive Update! 2055 Items Donated! 445 to go!

Wednesday morning, our 6th grade council reported 496 new items donated—**bringing our current total to 2055!** We are in the home stretch! Only 445 items to go to meet our 2500 item goal. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, please consider giving your student an opportunity to earn some money to purchase an item to donate. Items in a multipack are being counted separately—and you can find, for example, a pack of 4 toothbrushes at the dollar store. Or a pack of 10 razors. Together, those would be counted as a 14 item donation! Friday will be our last day of the drive--two more days to donate!

When we meet our 2500 item goal, we will celebrate with a CRAZY day on Monday, Dec 18. Students and staff can come with CRAZY HAIR, CRAZY TIES, CRAZY SOCKS, CRAZY SHOES—all of them if they would like!



Science Fair—Congratulations Sixth Graders!



Thank you to all the parents and staff members who volunteered as judges for our 6th Grade Science Fair on December 5. We had over 40 people volunteer—making it possible for each student to present their science fair projects to multiple judges. Ms. Hugh, our science specialist, was impressed by the unique and innovative projects that the students did and innovation certificates were given out this year. Congratulations to these students who were recognized for their excellent science projects. The top 15 projects will be moving on to compete at the Charter District Fair.

AWARD		STUDENT	PROJECT NAME (*Will compete in the district fair)
Gold Medal	1st	Miah Torres Hernandez	Incredible Powders*
Gold Medal	2nd	Duglismar Castellanos	How Static Energy Works on Different Materials*
Gold Medal	3rd	Deangelo Pinto-Reyes	Penny Project*
Silver Medal	1st	Natalia Gomez Gomez	Coca-Cola and Chicken Bone*
Silver Medal	2nd	Lunna Escalona	Turning Milk into Plastic*
Silver Medal	3rd	Eduardo Chiluiza Loor	Solar Powered Water Desalination*
Bronze Medal	1st	Dakota Baker	Fantastic Rubberband Car*
Bronze Medal	2nd	Reagan Van Leuween	Balloon Magic*
Bronze Medal	3rd	Maria Contreras Quintero	Stubborn Stains*
Honorable Mention	1	Keenya (Keeya) Sarmin	Incredible Pennies*
Honorable Mention	2	Melanie Lozano	Growing Crystals*
Honorable Mention	3	Kevin Garcia Verduzco	Density of an Egg*
Honorable Mention	4	William Orwin	Soda and Mentos*
Honorable Mention	5	Miranda Salas	Can Plants Stop Erosion*
Honorable Mention	6	Victoria Gonzalez	No More Brown Apples*
Honorable Mention	7	JieaneyMay Maldonado	Bursting Madness
Honorable Mention	8	Breanna Hernandez Mungia	Cleaning Pennies
Honorable Mention	9	Karina Soto	The Paper Airplane Flies Away
Honorable Mention	10	Vieaney Dominguez	Turning Pennies Green
Honorable Mention	11	Yazmin Cervantes Escobedo	Incredible Apples
Honorable Mention	12	Brithany Benezu Pineda	Egg Drop
Honorable Mention	13	Miguel Sapucaia-Caetano	Infinite Water Fountain
Honorable Mention	14	Alan Pacheco	Paper Airplane

INNOVATION CERTIFICATES:

Riyal Abdi Arianna Cepeda Thomas Espinoza John Reibert Fajardo Nessa Freeman Kevin Garcia Verduzco Claudia Guerrero Nicole Larumbe Jongaire Neufeldt Angel Perez-Zazueta Aiden Ramirez Duglismar Castellanos Eduardo Chiluiza Loor Shannon Estrada Fabian Carlos Falcon Bonalde Victoria Gonzalez Buroz Benjamin Garcia Hernandez Mathias Infante Garrido Kenny Keo Alison Perez Pacheco Sebastian Quintero Lucena Miranda Salas Mena Miah Torres Hernandez Brithany Bendezu Pinedo Aylin Campos Alana Carrillo Querales Maria Contreras Quintero Natalia Gomez Gomez Bryan Pineda Barrera Miguel Sapucaia - Caetano

Lost & Found

Please come check the lost & found for any items your student might be missing. There are many coats and jackets that students will surely need in the months to come. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the term, so please come take a look.

Send a Coat to School Each Day

With the temperatures dipping below freezing, it is important that your student brings a coat to school each day—even if they (strangely) don't think it is cool to wear a coat. Were we to have an emergency that required us to evacuate the building, it would be terrible to have children outside in the bitter cold, not dressed appropriately. Plus, they do go out for recess multiple times a day—and wait outside during carpool! Please have them bring their coat with them, even if they are stubborn about wearing it and it hangs on their coat hook all day. If you are unable to provide a coat for your child, please contact Ms. Gamez. (mgamez@apamail.org)

School Plans & Reports (Week 1 of 2)

The important school information below is available on the americanprep.org website under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports. For ease of accessing it, we will include these links in this and the next newsletter.

Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Plans

The 2023-24 Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Plans are available on <u>americanprep.org</u>under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports titled "Teacher and Student Success Act Plan (TSSA)" Or you may find our campus TSSA Plans by going directly to this link: <u>https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/WV1-TSSA-FY24.pdf</u>

Utah School Accountability Report Cards

The 2023 School Report Cards are available on <u>americanprep.org</u> under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports, "Utah School Accountability Report Card" Or you may find our campus Report Card by going directly to this link: <u>https://reportcard.schools.utah.gov/School/OverallPerformance?SchoolID=186124&DistrictID=110573&SchoolNbr =120&SchoolLevel=K8&IsSplitSchool=0&schoolyearendyear=2023</u>

School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) Plan

The 2023-24 School Improvement Plan is available on <u>americanprep.org</u> under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports, "School Improvement Plan." The TSI goals are included in this plan and marked in the far left column. Or you may find our campus SIP by going directly to this link: <u>https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/SY24-WV1-</u> <u>Stakeholder-SIP.pdf</u>

Title IA Schoolwide Improvement

The 2023-24 Title IA Schoolwide Improvement Plan is available on <u>americanprep.org</u> under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports, "Title IA Schoolwide Plan" Or you may find our campus Plan by going directly to these links: Title IA Schoolwide Improvement Plan: <u>https://www.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/WV1-Title-IA-Schoolwide-Plan-FY24-English.pdf</u>

Calendar for 2024-2025--One adjusted event date

We thought we had the 24-25 calendar tweaked to perfection when we first sent it out. We basked in that perfection feeling for about 2 days and then were asked to change the date of one of our assemblies. Our Veterans Day assembly for 2024 will be on Monday, November 4 (changed from November 5.). This IS an event you will want correct on your personal calendars! Calendar included on the last 2 pages of this newsletter.

Are you in ALMA? (Every week it fits.)

Our grading program, ALMA, is available 24/7 to view your students' grades and be aware of any work that has not been turned in or that can be redone for a better score. If you have not activated your ALMA account, please email Ms. Ferlo or Ms. Cannon in the academic office and they will help you get started. mferlo@apamail.org or hcannon@apamail.

Do you have volunteer hours to report? (Included every week)

Please use this link to report them. It is also included on the back of your carpool tag. <u>https://forms.gle/WEMFz3JjkSc535Lb8</u>

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

West Valley 1

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	Event
M - F	Aug 5 - 9	Staff Only - DI Training Week
M - F	Aug 12-16	Staff Only - Preservice
Friday	Aug 16	Meet and Greet 1-3 pm
Wednesday	August 21	First Day of School
Wed-Friday	Aug 21-23	Early Dismissal - Kindergarten only
Thursday	August 29	Parent Orientation 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Monday	September 2	No School - Labor Day
Friday	October 4	Early Dismissal - Elementary Grading
M - F	October 14 - 18	No School - Fall Break
Tuesday	October 22	Early Dismissal - Professional Development
Monday	November 4	Veterans Day Assembly 1:00pm
Wed-Thurs	November 6-7	Parent Teacher Conferences 3-8pm
Friday	November 8	No School
W- F	November 27 - 29	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Wed-Tuesday	Dec 23 - Jan 3	No School - Winter Break
Monday	January 20	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Friday	January 24	Early Dismissal - Professional Development
Friday	February 7	Early Dismissal - Elementary Grading
M - F	February 17 - 21	No School - Midwinter Break
Friday	March 7	Builder of the Year Assembly 1:00pm
Wed-Thurs	March 12-13	Parent Teacher Conferences
Friday	March 14	No School
Tuesday	March 18	Early Dismissal - Professional Development/ACT testing for secondary
M - F	April 7 - 11	No School - Spring Break
Mon-Friday	April 14 - May 23	*No scheduled absences approved* - Assessment Days
Monday	May 19	Memorial Day Assembly at 1:30 pm
Monday	May 26	No School - Memorial Day
Wednesday	June 4	Early Dismissal - Field Day
Thursday	June 5	Early Dismissal Last Day of School
Mon-Friday	June 6 - 13	Staff Only - Post Service Training

Elementary Term Schedule 2024-2025

Term 1 - August 21st - October 11th Term 2 - October 21st - December 20th Term 3 - January 6th - February 14th Term 4 - February 24th - April 4th Term 5 - April 14th - June 5th *Report cards are released on the last day of the term*

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

American Prep–West Valley 1

1255 W. Crystal Ave, West Valley City, UT 84119 Phone: (801) 839-3613

16 - Meet and Greet

21 - First Day of School 21-23 - Early Dismissal for K only 29 - Parent "Back to School" Orientation

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4 - Elementary Grading - Early Dismissal 14-18 - Fall Break - No School

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7-11 - Spring Break - No School 14-30 - Assessment Days *No scheduled absences approved*

4 - Veterans Day Assembly

6-7 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

8 - No School

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1-23 - Assessment Days *No scheduled absences approved*

19 - Memorial Day Assembly

26 - Memorial Day - No School

4 - Field Day - Early Dismissal

5 - Last Day of School - Early Dismissal

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V1 School Schedule

Mon-Tues-Fri

Drop off - 7:50 am - 8:15 am Class Hours - 8:15 am - 3:25 50

Early Dismissals

12:15/12:35 pm

WV1 School Schedule

Wed-Thurs

Drop off - 7:50 am - 8:15 am Class Hours - 8:15 am -2:25/2:50 pm

20 - MLK Jr Day - No School 24 - PD - Early Dismissal

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