February 26, 2024

APA-West Valley 1 Newsletter



American Prep-West Valley 1: 801-839-3613 / Website @ https://westvalley1.americanprep.org/

Calendar

• 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 p.m.
- Tuesday/Thursdays @ 8:30 School tours and new student assessments by appointment

Monday, Feb 26 Term 4 begins

Monday, Feb 26 5th Grade Field Trip to the Symphony

Friday, Mar 1 Spirit Wear Friday!

March 4-8 Classroom Speech Festivals

Monday, Mar 4 Builder of the Year Assembly (By invitation)

University of Utah Science & Engineering Fair (Good luck Lunna, Maria & Keeya!)* Wednesday, Mar 6*

Friday, Mar 8* Midterm Work Deadline*

Tuesday, March 12 Parent Empowerment Zoom Meeting – 7 p.m. – Substance Abuse W/TH March 13 & 14 Parent Teacher Conferences 3-8pm by appointment (No Sistema)

Thursday, Mar 14 Spirit Wear Thursday!

Friday, March 15 No school for students (Conference comp day for teachers)

March 18-22 Staff Appreciation Week

Thursday, Mar 21 4th Grade Ambassador Event: Success Express 12:25-2:50 Friday, March 22 School Speech Festival (4th-6th @ 1pm & K-3rd @ 2:15pm)

Friday, March 22* Term 4 Work Deadline*

Regional Spelling Bee (Good luck Swabir & Gongchai!) Saturday, March 23

RU Store for 4th Term Monday, March 25

5th / 6th Spring Music Concert 6:00pm Monday, March 25

Tuesday, March 26 Early Dismissal 12:15/12:25 (Staff Professional Development)

Friday, March 29 End of Term 4

April 1-5 No School - Spring Break

February Builders Theme: I am a builder when I befriend others

Listening to some old music the other day, I heard a song I loved when I was a teenager--"Circles" by Captain & Tennille (yep--that's how old I am!) It sings the story of a person who drew a circle around himself that shut other people out. The chorus says:

> But oh, love and I, we knew just where to begin Yes, love and I, started a circle to spin Oh love and I--We drew a circle, a beautiful circle, A wonderful circle that took him in.

Builder never intentionally leave others out. They know that their personal circles are flexible and powerful and can grow and expand whenever there is someone that needs to be included. Builders work at noticing and recognizing and reaching out in kindness to others. I am a builder when I befriend others!

Science Fair Congratulations and Thank You to Volunteers!

On February 2, fifteen of our 6th Grade students qualified to enter their science fair projects at the Salt Lake Charter Science Fair. Congratulations to these students for their excellent work at this year's 6th Grade Science Fair and congratulations to Lunna, Maria and Keeya who will be moving on to the University of Utah Science & Engineering Fair on March 6. A huge thank you to those who volunteered to be judges at the Salt Lake fair, making it possible for our students to participate.

Student:	Froject:
Miah Torres Hernandez	Incredible Powders
Duglismar Castellanos	How Static Energy Works on Different Materials
Deangelo Pinto-Reyes	Penny Project
Natalia Gomez Gomez	Coca-Cola and Chicken Bone
Lunna Escalona	Turning Milk into Plastic *
Eduardo Chiluiza Loor	Solar Powered Water Desalination
Dakota Baker	Fantastic Rubberband Car
Reagan Van Leuween	Balloon Magic
Maria Contreras Quintero	Stubborn Stains *
Keeya Sarmin	Incredible Pennies *
Melanie Lozano	Growing Crystals
Kevin Garcia Verduzco	Density of an Egg
William Orwin	Soda and Mentos
Miranda Salas	Can Plants Stop Erosion
Victoria Gonzalez	No More Brown Apples

Welcome to Term 4 – Fast, Fun & Lots of Important Things Happening!

Term 4 is a short term! We are only one week into it, and it will be over at the end of March! Before we know it we will be sending home report cards again! There are FIVE of the many exciting things to be aware of:

1. Annual Parent Surveys—READY! The link is now available for the parent surveys! Our goal is to have parent surveys completed by March 17—the end of the weekend following parent/teacher conferences. We will be competing grade to grade to see which can reach that goal and reach that goal first! The surveys are anonymous—but inputting your correct Family Number will allow us to give your student credit for it being completed. Be sure to complete all parts and be sure to hit submit at the end! Survey Link: https://forms.gle/4taJkhX9x92SfbqC9

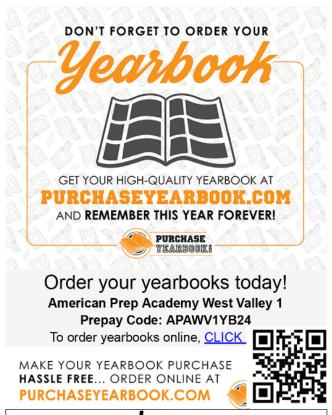


- **2. Parent/Teacher Conferences—Schedule your appointment!** Teachers have sent out emails with their conference Sign-Up Genius links. Use that link to schedule your appointment. Conference dates/times are Wednesday, March 13, 3-8pm and Thursday, March 14, 3-8pm.
- 3. Staff Appreciation Week! This fun week is March 18-22. Watch for an email from our FSO (wv1fso@apamail.org) next week with signups so that you can get involved, volunteer or donate to make this a special week for our West Valley 1 staff.

Student notes! Each student will be coming home with some personalized note paper to use for writing notes of appreciation to their teacher, instructor and other staff members. Please help/encourage them to get these written and returned (to the front office) by Wednesday, March 13 so they can be compiled for each staff member as a gift during staff appreciation week.

4. Breakfast Program Beginning! Our campus has been selected to pilot a breakfast program. This will be beginning in a few weeks—and more details will be coming soon. Ordering will be done online—just as lunches are ordered. A time will be designated each morning for students to eat the light breakfast provided for those ordering or an optional morning snack sent from home if parents would like to provide that.

5. Yearbooks Are on Sale! Sales are open for our beautiful 2023-2024 yearbooks. The final pages are being submitted next week—and the books will be delivered to us in late May. Students will receive and enjoy signing each other's yearbooks on Tuesday, May 28! The "early bird" price through the end of March is \$25. After that date, they will cost \$30. These are ordered online at purchaseyearbook.com with our campus code: APAWV1YB24



Early bird price. Now until end of Term 4 - March 31

(\$30 after 3/31)

APA Girl's JH Basketball Team Takes 2nd **Place in Tournament!**

This year, 5th & 6th graders have been invited to try out for and participate in the Junior High sports teams at West Valley 3 and three of our West Valley 1 students played on the girls' basketball team—Sicely Fernlund, Epi Thor and Karina Soto. Congratulations are in order for the very successful tournament they competed in on Monday.

Game 1 vs. #6 Prince of Peace – WIN! Game 2 vs. #2 Layton Christian Academy – WIN! Championship Game vs. #1 Waterford – it was tight for the whole game, tied 14-14 with 2 minutes left. In the final two minutes, Waterford pulled away for a 20-14 win over our team. The team finished an amazing 2^{nd} for the season.

WAY TO GO, GIRLS!

Volunteering w/ Students— **Fingerprinting Requirement**

Just a reminder of the mandatory fingerprinting process required by the state of Utah for chaperones and other volunteers working with students (this could be at



school events, as chaperones on field trips, during after school clubs, or other time spent in a supervisory capacity with students.)

For example, if you hope to volunteer as a chaperone for April field trips, you need to make an appointment to get this done using this link: **SIGN UP HERE!** Fingerprinting is being done at the West Valley 2 campus and at the district offices in Draper.

Additionally, Brenna Fontaine from HR will be available at the

West Valley 2 elementary office on Thursday, March 13 from 3-7pm to do fingerprinting. No appointment is necessary on this date, but you must bring your government issued photo ID. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Brenna Fontaine at bfontaine@apamail.org.

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

Our grading program, ALMA, is available 24/7 to view your students' grades and check for 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.org

Do you have volunteer and donation hours to report? (Included every week) Use this link to report them. It is also included on the back of the carpool label. https://forms.gle/WEMFz3JjkSc535Lb8

