

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

Calendar *New dates added

- Every Wednesday
- Every Thursday

- Tuesday, September 17
- Thursday, September 19
- Friday, September 20
- **Tuesday, September 24***
- Thursday, September 26
- Thursday, September 26
- **Friday, September 27***
- **Tuesday, October 1***
- **Wednesday, October 2***
- **Friday, October 4***
- **Friday, October 4***
- **Tuesday, October 8***
- **Tuesday, October 8***
- **Tuesday, October 8***
- **Thursday, October 10***
- **Friday, October 11***
- **October 14-18***

4th-6th Show-What-You-Know Assembly @ 8:15 am. Parents are always welcome!
 K-3rd Show-What-You-Know Assembly @ 8:15 am. Parents are always welcome!

Constitution Day – Reading of the Constitution – 11 am.
 6th Grade Ambassador Event: “Take Flight” 12:25-2:50pm *Volunteer Opportunity*
 Friday APA School Spirit Day
Sistema Singing Showcase @ 6:00 – Sistema Parents invited
 Vision Screening 8-10:30 am *Volunteer Opportunity*
 5th Grade Ambassador Event – “Friendship” 12:25-2:50 *Volunteer Opportunity*
Friday Clubs Begin- pick up at 4:30pm
Sistema Group 1 Instrument Showcase @ 6:00 – Sistema Parents invited
1st Grade Parent Event: “Teach Your Child to Read” 2-2:30pm
 Friday APA School Spirit Day
12:15/12:35 Dismissal Day – Grading Day – No Sistema or Clubs
1st-3rd Grade Field Trips *Volunteer Opportunity*
Sistema Group 2 Instrument Showcase @ 6:00 – Sistema Parents invited
Parent Empowerment Zoom-Suicide Prevention-7 pm.
4th-6th Grade Field Trips *Volunteer Opportunity*
End of 1st Term – Report cards come home – Friday Clubs
Fall Break – No School

Looking ahead to Term 2:

- **Monday, October 21***
- **Tuesday, October 22***
- **Wednesday, October 23***
- **Tuesday, October 29***
- **Monday, November 4***
- **Wed/Thurs, November 6 & 7***
- **Friday, November 8***

Term 2 Begins
12:15/12:35 Dismissal Day – Staff Professional Development
School Picture Day
Sistema Group 3 Instrument Showcase @ 6:00 – Sistema Parents invited
WV1 Veterans Day Program 1pm
Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-8pm (Signups will come after Fall Break)
No School for Students

Hello American Prep-West Valley 1 Families:

September Builder Theme: I Am a Builder When I Learn with Enthusiasm!

Tuesday was our national Constitution Day—and in celebration, we all participated in our annual reading the Constitution. Our students participated in their classrooms and about 55 courageous participants—K-6 students, staff members, and community leaders—were readers for our live-stream video. A particular highlight this year were the staff parents/grandparents & their students who teamed up to share a reading part. Next year we hope to have many of you do the same! We hope you will think enthusiastically about saying “YES!” to an opportunity to read with your student(s) for our Constitution Day live stream in 2025! The video is still available for viewing and sharing at: <https://vimeo.com/event/4556726>



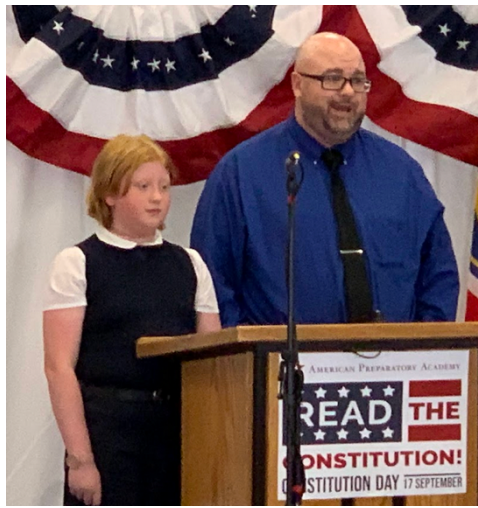
Mrs. Montoya’s kindergarteners in their Constitution hats!



Our wonderful 2024 Constitution Day live stream readers!



Charlotte (K), Max (2nd) & Mrs. Leavitt



Marlee (5th) and her dad, Mr. VanOrden



Yazmine (3rd) and her mom, Mrs. Musa

Friday Clubs!

If your student would like to join a Friday club, you have until this Friday, September 20, to submit a club request. Use this link to select your student's top 3 club choices. <https://forms.gle/fx8MLt23Rh2Quijr6> Please pay close attention to the grade requirements as some clubs are only available for specific grades. You will be notified by Tuesday, Sept. 24 if your student has been accepted into a club or if they have been placed on a waitlist. A permission/disclosure form will also be sent that must be completed before your student can attend their first club. The first day of Friday Clubs is on Friday, September 27. Pickup will be at 4:30 and parents must sign their students out using the afterschool checkout form. This link and instructions will be emailed to you with the permission/disclosure form.

1st Session Clubs (10 Fridays during Sept. 27-Jan 17)

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| Arts & Crafts K-1 | Jump Rope Club 3-6 |
| Book Nook Coloring Club K-1 | Origami Club 3-6 |
| Lego Club K-3 | Painting Club 3-6 |
| Chess Club K-6 | Backyard Games Club 4-6 |
| Disney Club 1-2 | Cardboard Math Club (aka Board Games) 4-6 |
| Game Club 2-4 | Eagles Soccer Club 4-6 |
| Coloring Club 2-3 | Volleyball Club 4-6 |

Last Call: Parent “Back-to-School” Prize Winners!

If you see your Family/Carpool # in this list, and you haven't come by to claim a prize, please come by the front office before the end of Friday. Congratulations to these prize winners.

3670	7093	7957	9485	Submitted Question
4255	7199	8300	9497	Winners
4711	7340	9006	9524	7084
4925	7598	9037	9525	8409
6078	7602	9139	9609	8534
6143	7747	9228	9614	9198
6783	7755	9412	9644	9414
7057	7940	9479		9526
7091	7951	9482		

Enrollment—Openings in Third Grade (Week 3 of 3)

Do you have friends or family with third graders? We have enrollment spots available in third grade! Ask them to contact the school if they are interested in enrolling their student.

District Parent Information (Week 3 of 4)

District Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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

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.

Professional Qualifications

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.

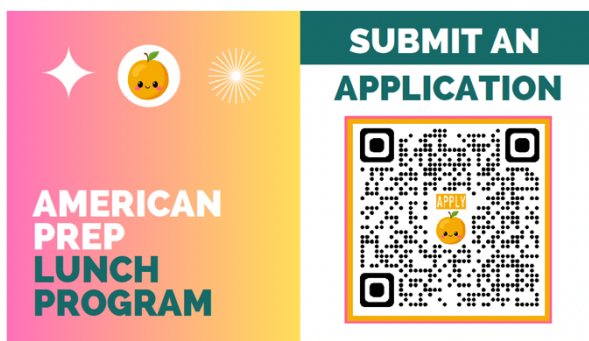
Mandated Assessments and Opt-Outs

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/>.

Field Trip Chaperoning - Fingerprints Required (Week 3 of 3)

To chaperone a field trip or to directly supervise American Preparatory Academy students, it is a requirement that each individual who plans to volunteer for these activities complete the fingerprinting procedure. This only needs to be completed once while you are at APA, so if you completed fingerprinting last year, you do not need to do it again. Registration for fingerprinting appointments is now available. There are appointments available at the West Valley 2 campus on Mondays and the district office in Draper on Tuesdays. Please read the registration carefully to make sure you register at the location that is most convenient for you. The fingerprinting process is not transferable (for example, changing parents on the morning of a field trip). It must be completed by each individual who will be volunteering. If you hope to volunteer at APA in this way: volunteer as a chaperone on a field trip or work with students in an after-school club.

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)



Did You Submit a Lunch Application? Why This Matters.

Some parents have wondered why we have continued to encourage them to complete the free/reduced lunch application—even when they are sure they don't qualify or even when they prefer to send lunch from home.

This is why. In addition to benefits that families may qualify for, there are a number of grants that the school may qualify for that use the free/reduced percentages in their decision making. To qualify, we need to show that a certain percentage of our parents have submitted an application. The higher that number, the more

accurate our data is for applying for the grants. If you have not yet submitted a lunch application, could you? This really helps our school. Applications must be completed by the September 30 deadline. <https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/eligibility/>

Want to be an APA Employee?

APA still has some open positions for smart, motivated and enthusiastic people. If you have friends or family who might be interested, could you share this information with them and encourage them to apply?

We are hiring for instructor positions - we provide all training and no license is required.

We are hiring substitutes.

Details and additional open positions can be found on the website www.americanprep.org/careers.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- **6th Grade Ambassador Event: “Take Flight” 12-3pm on Thursday, September 19.** If you are a 6th grade parent, this is a wonderful opportunity to see what your 6th grader is learning in these Ambassador workshops. If you can volunteer, please email Jamie Jackson, our Character Development Director at jjackson@apamail.org
- **Vision Screening 8-10:30 am on Thursday, September 26.** Be trained at 8:00, then help with the vision screening for the students. Use this link to signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054DA9AA2BA2FD0-west3?useFullSite=true#/>
- **5th Grade Ambassador Event: “Friendship” 12-3pm on Thursday, September 26.** If you are a 5th grade parent, this is a wonderful opportunity to see what your 5th grader is learning in these Ambassador workshops. If you can volunteer, please email Jamie Jackson, our Character Development Director at jjackson@apamail.org
- **Field Trip Chaperones:** Teachers will be reaching out to let you know of their chaperone needs. Remember you **MUST** have completed your fingerprinting with HR to help with a field trip. ***Please do not ask to attend the field trip unless you are coming as a chaperone and please do not bring younger children.*** You will want to be focused on the students you are in charge of.

Volunteering at APA (Every week!)

Did you attend the Parent Empowerment meeting on cell phone and internet safety? Did you volunteer at Lights On? Be sure to report your volunteer time using this link. The link and QR code will be at the end of every newsletter. Tip: Memorize your family number that is on the carpool pickup tag! You'll use it for many things throughout the year, including reporting your volunteer hours. ☺

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