

PARENT ORIENTATION...THE FOLLOWUP!

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Calendar

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| • Monday, September 2 | Labor Day – No School |
| • Friday, September 6 | Friday APA Spirit Wear Day |
| • Friday, September 6 | WV1 “Lights On” Family Event 3:30-5:30pm <i>Volunteer Opportunity</i> |
| • Tuesday, September 10 | Parent Empowerment Zoom 7pm “Internet Safety & Bullying” |
| • Tuesday, September 17 | Constitution Day – Reading of the Constitution – 9 am. |
| • Thursday, September 19 | 6 th Grade Ambassador Event: “Take Flight” 12-3pm <i>Volunteer Opportunity</i> |
| • Friday, September 20 | Friday APA Spirit Wear Day |
| • Thursday, September 26 | Vision Screening 8-10:30 am <i>Volunteer Opportunity</i> |
| • Thursday, September 26 | 5 th Grade Ambassador Event – “Friendship” 12-3 <i>Volunteer Opportunity</i> |

Hello American Prep-West Valley 1 Families:

Thank you to all of our parents who came to the “Back to School” Parent Orientation Night last Thursday. This was the first of 5 mandatory parent meetings during the year and we appreciate your attendance. (The next will be Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 6 & 7.) That time with you is important to us—but never long enough! Please find, in this newsletter, a list of the raffle winners! If your family/carpool # is listed, please stop by the office this week to pick up a prize!

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

It is with ENTHUSIASM that we invite you to give enthusiasm a try! ENTHUSIASM is contagious! It has the power to turn ‘mundane’ to ‘magical’. With enthusiasm, hard tasks don’t feel impossible. They feel like challenges that can be tackled and met! Enthusiasm can transform work into fun. When we are enthusiastic about learning—our own and our children’s—we are giving ourselves and our children a huge gift. We ask our students to do new things every day. Sometimes it requires deep, consistent thinking and persistent effort. Being enthusiastic FOR them and enthusiastic WITH them really makes a difference! So be THAT person! Be the person who spreads ENTHUSIASM everywhere they go!



This Week’s BIG FUN: “LIGHTS ON” Family Event

Friday, September 6 at 3:30-5:30 Mark your calendars! This is an event for the whole family! This fun, fantastic, free family event is sponsored by our amazing after school team. There will be games, food, music, information booths and a first look at this year's Friday clubs. Everyone is welcome, but students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend. There is no Sistema or second dismissal on this day—all students will be dismissed at 3:25. Please read through this important info for Lights On:

Registering and PRE-registering and parking. For grant and planning purposes, we track the number of people attending each year. We do this by having you sign in through a google form using a QR code as you arrive at the event. **YOU WILL NEED YOUR FAMILY/CARPOOL # to register.** Hint: Take a picture of your pickup tag so you have the correct # with you. If you wish to “pre-register”, the link will be sent out on Thursday. Take a screenshot of the confirmation message that will appear after you submit your form—that’s what you will show to come in. ***If you preregister by 1 pm on Friday, your students will be brought to the MP room to wait for you. If you do not preregister, your students will be waiting to be picked up in front of the school.*** Parking in our lot is, of course, limited and a lot of people will be parking along the streets near the school. Be careful not to block our neighbors’ driveways or mailboxes.

Where to enter & punch cards. The entrance to the event (FOR EVERYONE—those who pre-register and those who register on arrival) will be at the gates at the north end of the school. (This is new—watch for signage!) As you come in, be sure you get a punch card for each member of your family when you come into the event. You “complete” your punch card by visiting and getting punches from the community partner tables (inside the gym). When your card is complete, you can turn it in for a fun surprise. **Come get to know other families in our West Valley 1 community and enjoy a free, fun afternoon to kick off your weekend.**

APA “School Pride” Fridays

On the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, students can show their school pride by wearing an APA “Spirit Wear” t-shirt or sweatshirt with their regular uniform pants or skirts. This Friday, September 6, will be our first “School Pride” Friday. APA Spirit Wear can be ordered online from the APA Apparel Store. https://www.americanprep.org/product-category/spirit-wear/ut_sw/ There are a few t-shirt styles on sale for \$5 in limited sizes. Check it out!



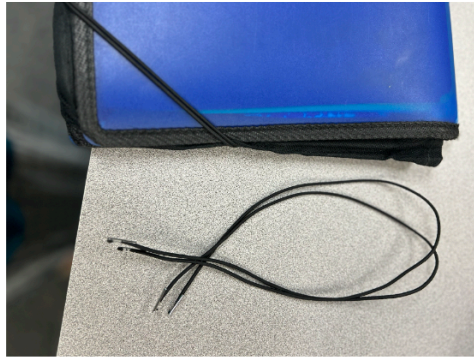
Parent “Back-to-School” Prize Winners!

Congratulations to the winners in our drawing from Parent Orientation night! If you see your Family/Carpool # in this list, please come by the front office this week to claim your prize. There are limited numbers of some items available, so come soon for your first choice!

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

HERE ARE THE FUN & USEFUL PRIZES TO CHOOSE FROM:

Parent created APA Keychains (10), Copy of our 15 year photo (30), New docket (3), Spirit Wear (5), Replacement strings for docket, (20) Carpool tag holder (20), Fun Run water bottles (4)



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 2 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/>.

Virtual Parent Empowerment--Cellphone and Internet Safety-Sept 10 @ 7pm



Join us on Tuesday, September 10th at 7 pm for a night of social media and internet information. We will examine our personal internet use and habits and learn how to help the teens in our lives navigate the world wide web with purpose. We will review recent studies that link mental health with cellphone usage. This is appropriate to watch with your students. Your campus will provide an incentive. Join Zoom Meeting. <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/82744706370> Meeting ID: 827 4470 6370

This year's parent empowerment meetings to add to your calendar:

October 8th--Suicide Prevention

November 12th--Mental Health and Wellness

January 14th--Child Safety/Human Trafficking

February 11th--Communication

March 11th--Addiction and Substance Abuse

April 15th--TBD

Looking Ahead: Field Trip Chaperoning - Fingerprints Required (Week 2 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!](#)



Looking For A Few More Great Employees! (Week 2 until we are fully staffed! ☺)

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

- **“Lights On” Family Event**—this Friday, September 6. Volunteer for set-up in the morning, clean-up after the event, serving food and helping with bounce houses and activities. Watch for a sign-up genius to come from wv1fso@apamail.org or just stop in to help after you drop off your students.
- **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
- **Parent Empowerment Zoom on Tuesday, September 10 @ 7pm.** This may seem surprising—but we think these meetings are so valuable that our West Valley 1 campus offers parents “volunteer time” for attending these virtual meetings. Report your volunteer time with the link at the end of the newsletter.
- **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

Volunteering at APA (Every week!)

We love and appreciate our parent volunteers! Each family is asked to commit 20 hours of volunteer time during the school year. Please track your hours and/or donations by reporting them using this google form. 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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