



Check the website calendar for all practices, rehearsals and clubs @ <http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/>

Mar 5-9 - Mon, Tues & Friday - 8:15 – 3:25/3:50 2nd Dismissal
Wed & Thurs – 8:15 – 2:25/2:50 2nd Dismissal

West Valley One Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/americanprepWV1>

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| Thursday, Mar 1 | Parent Teacher Conference - Elementary & Secondary - 3:00 - 7:00 pm NO SISTEMA OR COLLEGIUM HALL |
| Friday, Mar 2 | Parent Teacher Conference - Elementary & Secondary - 8:00 am- 2:00 pm NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| Monday, Mar 5 | District Spelling Bee --12:45 pm at Draper 1 NEW DATE |
| Thursday, Mar 8 | S.W.Y.K. Builder's Assembly - 8:15 am |
| Monday, Mar 12 | Professional Development - 12:15 EARLY DISMISSAL - No Sistema or Collegium Hall |
| Tuesday, Mar 13 | Vision Screening - 8:30 am throughout the morning |
| Thursday, Mar 15 | S.W.Y.K. RU Assembly - 8:15 am |
| March 19-24 | Staff Appreciation Week! |
| Wednesday, Mar 21 | 9 th Grade Make a Difference Day |
| Tuesday, Mar 27 | "Celebration of Excellence" Mandatory Meeting & Registration Packets 8:15 am, 2:30 pm, & 5:30 pm |

Upcoming Events

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| Wednesday, Mar 28 | Elementary Grading Day - Early Dismissal - 12:15 - No Sistema |
| Wednesday, Mar 28 | 7 th Grade Care Center Visit |
| Thursday, Mar 29 | Spring Music Concerts - Elementary - 6:00 pm, Jr. High - 7:00 pm |
| Friday, Mar 30 | End of term 4 (Elementary) End of term 3 (Jr. High) |
| Saturday, Apr 21 | COMCAST CARES DAY--Have you signed up?! |

March Builder's Theme -

"I am a Builder when I Believe in my Ability to Succeed and am Willing to Try!"

"Confidence...thrives on honesty, on honor, on the sacredness of obligations, on faithful protection and on unselfish performance.

Without them it cannot live." - Franklin D. Roosevelt

"A good leader inspires others with confidence in him or her; a great leader inspires them with confidence in themselves." - Unknown

Self-confidence is at the root of every success and achievement. It is by increasing confidence and belief in themselves that many great achievers go from being insecure persons, hesitant to commit to anything, to successful entrepreneurs, who are living their dreams. If you wish to change yourself and achieve more, you need confidence - courage and a strong belief in your ability to succeed. This depends on your ability to act boldly with no guarantees of success. Self-confidence is extremely important in almost every aspect of our lives. People who lack self-confidence can find it difficult to become successful. Confidence breeds confidence. Self-confident people inspire confidence in others. Gaining the confidence of others is a key to success.



Annual Enrollment MANDATORY Parent Meeting

Pull out your calendar, phone, planner, sticky notes--whatever your preferred method is for organizing your life--and please write down the date and times for our "Celebration of Excellence" mandatory annual enrollment Parent Meeting.

Tuesday, March 27th

8:15 am

2:30 pm

5:30 pm

We look forward to meeting with all of you at this annual event! This is an opportunity to give our stakeholders--you, our amazing APA parents--a report on the academic year, discuss pertinent school topics and to **distribute the registration packets necessary to complete the re-enrollment process for next year.**

Our veteran parents already know this—but may we stress for the benefit of our newer parents--that this is one of our **mandatory** meetings during the year. To most easily accommodate your schedules, we will be holding the meeting at 3 different times. You only need to attend one. Please make arrangements to have at least one parent in attendance for the full meeting. Please be on time. Meetings will start promptly at the time listed and will last for one hour.

Families that do not attend an enrollment meeting will be dropped from enrollment at American Prep.

We look forward to seeing you and having this re-enrollment step complete. We are excited for this opportunity to celebrate the excellence of American Prep and our West Valley 1 campus!

COMCAST CARES DAY - We are SO EXCITED to share this GREAT news with all of you! Every year, Comcast has a day of service called "Comcast Cares Day". On Saturday, April 21st, Comcast employees and their families will again join with volunteers from the community to do service projects all across the state! It is an amazing, generous gift that Comcast gives to communities each year.

This year, OUR AMERICAN PREP-WV1 CAMPUS has been chosen to be a site for a Comcast Cares Day! (Thank you to the Workman family for recommending us!) What an honor this is--and what a tremendous opportunity! The team leads for our Comcast Cares Day have already visited our school to get ideas of what projects could be done to clean, beautify and improve our school. We gave them our wish list! Comcast's generosity is unbelievable—not only will they organize projects for our school building and grounds, but they will provide the supplies to complete the projects! Not only that, they will donate back to our school for every volunteer that comes—both theirs and ours! And not only that, they will have donuts and pizza and t-shirts for everyone that signs up! YES! WE ARE SO EXCITED!

Our goal is to have 600 volunteers sign up for our Comcast Cares Day—which we know we can do. When we think of all the potential volunteers that might join us, we could easily exceed that number! Talk to everyone you know—cousins, aunts and uncles, neighbors, church youth groups, therapy groups, families from other APA campuses, strangers you meet in the grocery line—everyone you can think of! Along with our APA staff and our wonderful parents and students, we will astonish Comcast with the enthusiastic turnout of volunteers we will provide!

Pull out your calendars and clear the morning of Saturday, April 21st to come and participate! Check your communication envelope for a flyer and a form to register. Each adult needs to fill one out, but children under 18 can be included on the same form. We will have extra copies available at the front office. Take all you need! Let's start building our remarkable team of volunteers! So grateful to be part of this great APA community!!

Parent/Teacher Conferences - We are looking forward to our next Parent/Teacher Conferences and being able to share your student's progress with you! They will be held on Thursday, March 1 from 3:00 - 7:00 pm and on Friday, March 2 from 8:00 am-2:00 pm. There will be no school on Friday for students.

The JH conferences will be held in the multipurpose room. You do not need to make an appointment for these conferences. The teachers will be available to discuss your student's progress during the times listed above. Please check ASPIRE to review your student's grades. If you do not know how to access your account, please contact Mr. Sheneman and he will gladly help you do this. (bsheneman@apamail.org/ 801-839-3613.)



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The Elementary conferences will be held in your student's classroom. If you haven't signed up for a conference time with the elementary teachers, please contact the front office and set up your time.

Thank you so much for being such amazing parents to work with. Your support of your student is so key to their success here at school.

School Nurse Note - As many of you know there are many different illnesses going around this time of year. Your child might be one of these students. If your child is sick, we ask that, if you are picking up your sick child's missed work, please do not bring your sick child to the school. Bringing them will continue the cycle of illness. If there is no other way than to bring your ill child in with you to pick up their work, we ask that you don't linger around the school building. The teachers & secretaries will do their best to have the child's missed work at the front office ready for a quick pick up. Again, this is all to help protect teachers, staff, and students to stay as healthy as possible during this season.

LOST & FOUND - Our Lost & Found box is bursting at the seams and needs for you to come and check and make sure nothing belongs to your children. We have a table full of jackets, sweaters, shoes, etc., with no names, therefore, no homes. Please come and check our table, across from the main office. At the end of the day, March 2nd, anything left will be taken to Good Will.

American Preparatory Academy SPRING BOOKFAIR!

SAVE THE DATE for SATURDAY MARCH 17TH From 10AM-8PM. Stop by and support the APA campuses at the spring book fair which is located at:

Barnes & Noble - South Towne
10180 S. State Street-Sandy

This is a great time to add to your family's library or to purchase the summer books that are part of your student's required reading. Summer reading lists are available in the information slots across from the front office books! The Bookfair is also a great way to get VOLUNTEER HOURS! We would love your help! Visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f44a5aa28a0f85-apaspring> to sign up.

Visit <http://aparau.weebly.com> for an updated Reading University list to find fun new books to read, add to the classroom, or give as a gift! If you aren't able to stop by, PLEASE support us on-line from 03/17/18 to 03/22/18. **Visit bn.com/bookfairs and enter Bookfair ID# 12316386 at checkout. Spread the word to your friends and family!**

Yearbook 2017-18

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 409163614
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today!

School Lunch

Over the past month, we have had many students miss school due to illness. We have received many emails asking how to cancel ordered school lunches in the event of a student absence. We appreciate your attention to this, so that we can work together to eliminate food waste and missed lunches. Please see the instructions for cancelling a student's ordered lunch.

STEP 1:

If you know that your student is going to miss school the next day, log into your lunch account **before 11:59 p.m.** the night before and click on the lunch you want to cancel (blue text and a white background). Lunches must be cancelled by 11:59pm in order to receive credit. Our vendor cannot make quantity adjustments beyond this time.



STEP 2:

A box will appear with the option to cancel and credit the lunch back to your account. Once you click this button, your balance (found on the upper right corner of the menu) will increase and the item will turn to a blue background with white text. If you receive free school lunches, please note that your balance will not increase. Credits to your account may be used in the future purchase of school lunches.

As always, please contact your school lunch manager, Kristine Stevens, if you have any questions. She will be happy to help you. Please note that Mrs. Stevens cannot cancel lunches via email if the cancellation deadline has been missed already. kstevens@apamail.org

The website to order school lunches is <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>

If you would like to apply for free or reduced price meals for your student, please contact Mrs. Stevens. We accept and process applications year-round and there is no penalty for applying, regardless of result.

Fruits & Vegetables - Pummelo

The Pummelo (also spelled Pomelo) is a sweet, crisp citrus fruit that is native to Asia. It is also known as a Chinese grapefruit and is very popular this time of year, as it is one of the most popular fruits in celebrating the Chinese new year which fell on February 16th this year. The Pummelo is a very large greenish to yellow citrus fruit that has an appearance of a large grapefruit. The peel or rind of the Pummelo is much thicker than a grapefruit. The flesh is pinkish/red and is very sweet once again most similar to a grapefruit. While this fruit still has a great flavor it is not as juicy as grapefruit.



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Family School Organization

Antonia Oviedo – 801-661-8725 – annyl977@live.com (left)
Julia Soledad – 801-574-5523 – edyjuliasld@hotmail.com (right)

Anyone who would like to help in any way, contact Mrs. Oviedo or Mrs. Soledad by calls or texts at any time.

Volunteer Raffle – Remember to keep picking up your tickets for the Volunteer Raffle, but most important is recording your **VOLUNTEER HOURS** on your **COMMUNICATION FOLDERS!**

Box Tops – Our last Box Top event was a great success. We received several box tops and the contest was close in the end. Ms. Novak's kindergarten class was our first place winners, bringing in 103 box tops. At a close second place was Mrs. Spencer's 2nd grade class bringing in 86 box tops. In a close race behind them we had these numbers come in. 78, 75, 73, etc. Everyone's effort in sending their box tops benefits our school many times over. Because the race was so close, both the 1st and 2nd place winners won a pizza party on the Friday just as we went on break. WAY TO GO!

Staff Appreciation Week

Staff appreciation week will be on March 19-23. We will be decorating the staff doors and still have a lot of doors available for decoration. Please contact Julia Soledad or Antonia Oviedo if you would be able and willing to help with the decorating. We also need volunteers to help with food donations.

We will have sign-up sheets by the front office for those that would like to volunteer. You can also call or text Antonia or Julia. Thank you for all of you that are able to help in any way.

English Classes every Monday, Wednesday!

English classes have had such a great start and are being enjoyed by everyone who has come! Bring your friends and come have fun learning English. These community classes are free and open to everyone who would like to improve their English skills. The days and times are: Monday and Wednesday @ 8:30-9:30 am.

Please contact Mrs. Meyerson if you have any questions! bmeyerson@apamail.org.



AMERICAN PREPARATORY
ACADEMY
JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

7th and 8th Grade La Fiesta: Marvillosos!!! La Fiesta was such a great time! The 7th & 8th grade students were able to practice their escorting and dancing skills, as well as brush up on their table manners, and learn important information when thinking about their future. Several students received awards for their participation, positive attitudes, and willingness to learn new information! A big thank you to our amazing parent volunteers! We could not do these workshops without you:

Maria Martinez Nava
Luz Quintero Diaz
Kristy Tran

Eleazar Mendoza
Maria Talancon
Rosa Carmona

PE Uniforms- Students are required to wear the APA PE uniform. We will be adding this fee to student's accounts. During PE students need to check in with their PE teacher to show them their PE uniform. Those who do not have an APA uniform will need to purchase one. They can be purchased in the JR High office for \$15.

Name Tags/Uniform Infractions- In an effort to keep students in class, we will be using a 3 strikes system for students who are missing a name tag or a piece of their uniform (sweater/vest not included). The student will need to call home and inform their parent that they have forgotten an item, and see if someone can bring it to them and if not they will be given a pass for the day. The student can buy a replacement name tag at the office for \$5. Once the student has used their 3 passes, they will be asked to sit out of class until someone can bring them whatever they are missing or until the end of the day. They will be able to receive 3 pass for each (3 for name tag and 3 for uniform infractions).

9th Grade Capitol Tour

Our 9th grade students had the opportunity to visit the state capitol! Students toured the capitol building and observed committee meetings discussing current bills for education reform and natural resource concerns. They also had the privilege to see floor time in both the Senate and the House. In this enriching experience, students got to see firsthand what happens when Congress is in session.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS (Sistema & Collegium Hall)

Collegium Hall

Collegium Hall is back in full swing, working on homework and missing work. 7th and 8th grades are working towards completing 5000 assignments per grade, while 9th grade reaches for 3000 assignments. If they meet their goal, they'll earn a pizza party! The first grade to meet their goal will get an additional prize!

Here's where each grades currently stands:

7th grade: 2822 completed assignments

8th grade: 2721 completed assignments

9th grade: 1267 completed assignments

CLUBS

Monday

Latin Club (grades 7-9) in room 148 with Mrs. Adamson from 3:35 to 3:55 pm

Newsies Club (grades 7-9) in room 141 with Ms. Kelly from 4:05 to 5:00 pm

Knights of the Game Table Club (grades 4-6) in room 125 with Mr. Nath from 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Knitting Club (grades 4-6) in room 104 with Ms. Cain from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

3D Printing Club (grades 6-9) in room 138 with Mr. Langford from 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Tuesday

Improv Club (grades 7-9) in room 126 with Ms. Denison and Ms. Spencer from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Anime Club (grades 7-9) in room 144 with Ms. Carson from 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Knitting Club (grades 4-6) in room 104 with Ms. Cain from 4:00 to 5:00 pm



Wednesday

Art Club (grades 6-7) in room 125 with Ms. Cahoon from 2:30 to 4:00 pm
Adulting Club (grades 7-9) in room 148 with Ms. Adamson from 3:00 to 3:30 pm

Thursday

Latin Club (grades 7-9) in room 150 with Mrs. Adamson from 2:35 to 2:55 pm

Friday

Math Club (grades 7-9) in room 142 with Mrs. Woodcox and Ms. Carson from 4:15 to 6:30 pm

Sistema 🎵🎵🎵 MAKE A NOTE!

Ensemble Day: Many of you know that in January we made some changes to our ensemble day schedules. Our new schedule is the same time schedule as our regular Sistema week schedule. The new schedule for the younger string instrument students has two activity classes and an instrument technique class. Older string instrument students have two activity classes and a small group class, where they will learn to work as a trio or quartet, along with note reading, improv, and will begin to write their own music as a group. Band students have a small group, Band, and one activity class. We are excited to offer a computer coding class for those who are interested, as one of their activity classes. Students have been writing stories, which some will be developed into their own musical compositions.

Checking Out Early: We understand it is a very long day for students who attend school and then stay after for our afterschool program, especially for your youngest students. For all those in grades 3-6th grade they are capable to stay for our full program. Most students in first and second grade are also able to stay for the full program. It is important that students do not miss more than one day a week, as per the Sistema Utah policy. We understand that there have been many students absent from the program due to being ill. Please help support and respect our teachers by having your student attend every day. We are so grateful parents are picking up students between classes, when they have had to pick up their student early from Sistema. Thank you for your support of our music program.

Sistema Calendar

- March. 1 - 2: No Sistema (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- March. 12: No Sistema (Professional Development)
- March. 21: No Sistema (Staff Appreciation Dinner)
- March. 28: No Sistema (12:15 Dismissal Grading Day)