



## American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter August 28, 2020

<b>CALENDAR</b>	
Wednesday, Sept 2	12:15 EARLY DISMISSAL for all students. (12:15-12:45 pickup)
Wednesday, Sept 2	No Sistema Afterschool Program today
Friday, Sept 4	SPIRIT DAY! Wear your APA spirit wear T-shirts today!
Monday, Sept 7	NO SCHOOL-Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, Sept 8	AED (Academic Extended Day) classes begin (3:50/2:50 dismissal)
Friday, Sept 11	Midterm Work Deadline
Tuesday, Sept 22	Governing Board Meeting 7 pm @ APS Offices (Google link available)
Thursday, Oct 1	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador FRIENDSHIP Event 12:45-3:15pm
Friday, Oct 2	APA-WV1 Land Trust Meeting 10 am (via Zoom)
Friday, Oct 2	Term 1 Work Deadline
October 5-9	APA College Week
Thursday, Oct 8	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassador TAKE FLIGHT Event 12:45-3:15pm
Friday, Oct 9	End of Term 1
October 12-16	NO SCHOOL-Fall Break
	Electronic calendar can be accessed on the website @ <a href="http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/">http://westvalley1.americanprep.org/</a> Facebook page: <a href="https://facebook.com/americanprepWV/">https://facebook.com/americanprepWV/</a>

### Welcome APA-WV1 Families to the 2020-2021 School Year!

*August Builder Theme: Be a Builder!*

We are so grateful to be back in school with your students! It has been a busy, complicated spring and summer for all of us, and our foremost goal now is to be vigilant in executing our plans and procedures so we can STAY OPEN--keeping our students and staff safe and here! Thank you, WV1 parents, for *your* support in achieving this goal. You have been positive and flexible in adapting to this year's new ways of doing things. You have been smart in your daily decisions for your family, and your caution and wisdom have protected all. Please know how very much this is appreciated! Please read through the newsletter and as other ideas come to mind, please don't hesitate to share! Be sure to check out the Parent "Builder Poem" Challenge on the last page!



## **Skyward Wellness Checks—Every Day!**

Parents must check their student's temperature each morning and complete the Wellness Screening on Skyward before coming to school. If this is completed before 7:50 am each morning, you no longer need to fill out the paper Wellness Check. We will continue to attach these to the learning plans (for those "just-in-case-I-miss-the-7:50am-deadline" days) but we encourage everyone to access their Skyward account to complete these online. Teachers receive a report at 7:50 each morning, indicating those students that are cleared to be in school that day. If a student is not on the Skyward list, the teachers will check the paper copy attached to the learning plan. Students without one of these wellness verifications will not be able to remain in class.

### **Information from a district email sent 8/18 regarding Skyward Wellness Screening:**

"We invite you all to login tomorrow and test it out so that you are prepared and ready for the first day of school. We ask that you submit this information for each of your On-Campus students each morning by 7:45am. If you have any questions or are having problems logging into Skyward please call the school so that we can assist you."

[Wellness Screening \(Web Browser\)](#)

[Wellness Screening \(Mobile App\)](#)

## **Academic Extended Day**

Academic Extended Day (also known as AED and sometimes as 2<sup>nd</sup> Dismissal) is an extra 25-minutes of instruction given at the end of the school day. Students who would benefit from this additional instruction time are invited by the Academic Team to participate.

***We anticipate starting AED on Tuesday, Sept. 8 following the Labor Day weekend.***

If you have received a paper inviting your student to participate, please complete the information and return it to school so your student can begin AED on Sept. 8. Be sure to include the names of siblings and student you carpool with so they will be dismissed at the same time—3:50 on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and 2:50 on Wednesday & Thursday.

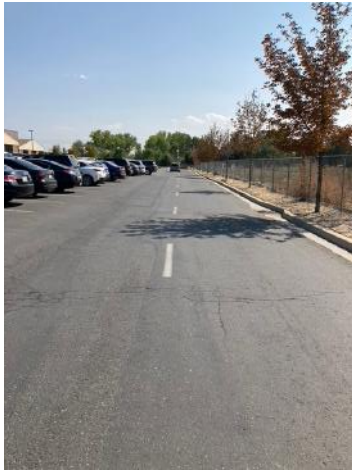
## **Off Campus Program Questions**

If you are participating in the Off-Campus program and have questions, please use this email address: [elementaryocp@apamail.org](mailto:elementaryocp@apamail.org). Additionally, there is now a website with information specifically for our Off-Campus families. Go to [www.americanprep.org](http://www.americanprep.org) and click the tab for Off-Campus Program.



## **Carpool—Friday's Conquest!**

Here's a puzzler for anyone who has despaired over the long, hot lines at afternoon carpool: *What time would you say these carpool photos were taken?*



Would you believe...3:43 and 3:44? RIGHT?! (Saw that dizzying jaw drop of disbelief!) Truly there was joy and rejoicing on the carpool curb on Friday!

### **THANK YOU if you are a parent that helped make this happen by:**

- **Having your carpool # posted clearly in the window & being in the correct line.**  
(100s/200s stay to the left, 300s-500s stay to the right. If you need more cards for extra cars, email the front office [loveson@apamail.org](mailto:loveson@apamail.org) / [shernandez@apamail.org](mailto:shernandez@apamail.org) and they will send them home with your student)
- **Picking your student up *at the curb and in your car.***  
(For the few of you not doing this yet: Remember--the point of doing carpool this way is to minimize the number of people students and staff are exposed to. Staying in your car helps us accomplish this goal.)
- **Encouraging your student to come outside quickly, looking for your car.**
- **Being willing to pull forward** to allow the most number of cars at the curb and exiting quickly and carefully once you've loaded.

**TIP from a Carpool Veteran:** If your wait time has been super long, try coming a little later instead of earlier. Dismissal is at 2:25/3:25 (or this Wednesday at 12:15) but the "pick-up window" is 2:25-2:45 / 3:25-3:45. Try coming 10-15 minutes later, and see if that shortens your carpool experience (if that's what you're aiming for!)

## **Volunteering**

Parents are anxious for ideas on how they can do their 20 hours of volunteering in our current Covid-19 conditions. If you have ideas (and we've already seen some creative volunteering!) please click on this link or scan this code with your phone camera to share them! <https://forms.gle/8X6z3stZYacAchT5A> We will include them all in next week's newsletter. There's a great way to earn your first 3 volunteer hours on the very next page! Plus—just for fun--everyone who clicks the link and shares an idea will be added to a drawing for a fun surprise





## *Builders*

I saw them tearing a building down,  
A gang of men in a busy town.

With a yo heave ho and a lusty yell,  
They swung a beam and the sidewall fell.

I asked the foreman if these men were as skilled  
As those he would hire if he were to build.

He laughed and said, “Oh, no indeed,  
Common labor is all I need,

For they can wreck in a day or two,  
What builders have taken years to do.”

So I asked myself, as I went my way,  
Which of these roles am I to play?

Am I the builder, who works with care,  
Measuring life by the rule and square;

Or am I the wrecker who walks the town,  
Content in the role of tearing down?

*I've made my decision; I'll start today,  
I'll be a builder in every way.*

*-Anonymous and Howard Headlee*

All of our students learn the “Builders” poem during the school year and we encourage every parent to memorize it too! Let’s have some fun this year and surprise the students when they return from fall break with a special video of their parents reciting the “Builders” poem from memory! Here’s what to do:

- Practice and memorize the poem during September
- When you’re ready, use your phone and take a video of yourself reciting it.
- Share your video with Mrs. Leavitt ([lleavitt@apamail.org](mailto:lleavitt@apamail.org))
- Send your video before the end of Term 1—Friday, October 9
- Over the break, we’ll compile it and get a video ready for the students!
- Bonus! (Just in case you need more than just fun and satisfaction to motivate you!)  
Also earn 3 hours of volunteer time for your family by doing it!