



American Prep-West Valley 1 Campus Newsletter

September 16, 2022

Website @ <https://westvalley1.americanprep.org/>



Upcoming Calendar Events

*Newly added to this newsletter calendar

Sept 17-23	National Constitution Week
Thursday, Sept 22	5 th Grade “Friendship” Ambassador Event 12:25-2:50 <i>Come Volunteer!</i>
Thursday, Sept 29	6 th Grade “Friendship” Ambassador Event 12:25-2:50 <i>Come Volunteer!</i>
October 3-7	College Week
Friday, Oct 7	Spirit Wear Friday!
Friday, Oct 7	12:15/12:35 Early Dismissal- Grading Day
Friday, Oct 7	No Sistema
Tuesday, Oct 11	RU (Reading University) Store
Wednesday, Oct 12	School Photo Day: 1 st -3 rd Grades
Wednesday, Oct 12	12:15/12:35 Early Dismissal – Professional Development
Thursday, Oct 13	School Photo Day: K, 4 th -6 th Grades
Thursday, Oct 13	1 st -3 rd Grade Field Trips
Friday, Oct 14	4 th -6 th Grade Field Trips
Friday, Oct 14	End of Term 1
October 17-21	Fall Break-No School

September Builder Theme: I Am a Builder When I Build With Enthusiasm

American writer, Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), penned a thought on enthusiasm that is widely quoted. You may be familiar with it: ***“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”*** The words that precede that sentence are impactful as well: *“Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your object. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”* Thank you to all of you who share your enthusiasm freely—with your children, with your family members, your colleagues and with our APA community. Your enthusiasm is contagious. You are helping others light their own fire of enthusiasm. You are helping people around you see a way forward. You are making a difference in the world!

Constitution Reading & Followup Events

Our reading of the Constitution on Thursday was a 40-minute wonder. Thank you to the 54 participants who did a beautiful job reading for the live-stream broadcast. Congratulations to the students who participated in their classrooms and congratulations to those of you who joined in! National Constitution Week will continue from Sept 17-23 and we encourage you to commemorate this week with your families!



- If you haven't already, complete the family activities on the flyer sent home at the beginning of this week. Return the finished forms to school. We will be displaying these in the front hallway and acknowledging the classes who return the most!
- The recording of our campus reading can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/americanprep>
- Copies of the Constitution in English and Spanish are available at the parent table in the front foyer as well as "I read the Constitution" buttons for parents who read the Constitution. If you did it--please come claim yours!

For families interested in more Constitution Day Activities this weekend, visit <https://www.freedomslight.us/> for their festival schedule Sept 15-17th at Bountiful Park (400 North, 200 West). You're invited to come experience history with exhibits, re-enactors, food, artisans, music, hands on activities including a cannon firing and more. Meet the heroes of America face to face.

Free Period Products

This year, our school is offering free period products (menstruation products) in our girls' and all-gender bathrooms in compliance with recent legislation (H.B. 162). Period product dispensers have been installed, providing free menstruation products for our students. We ask parents or guardians to please discuss the need for and proper use of these products with their children who may need to use them, and ensure they know the products are free to use when needed.

"Lights On" Family Event-Thank You!

A resounding thank you to all who attended "Lights On" last Friday. Mrs. McCullough and the Afterschool team reported that there were over 950 people signed in—and that was before she added our community partners and staff volunteers. What an amazing turnout! Thank you to the Afterschool team for organizing this outstanding event.

Friday Clubs—Starting September 30—Waitlists & Permission Forms

Part of the "Lights On" fun was introducing students to our Friday Clubs that will be offered. Many clubs are already filled, but if your student would like to be placed on a waitlist for an open spot, please fill out and return the form on the last page of the newsletter.

Our first day of "Friday Clubs" will be on Friday, September 30 from 3:50-4:30pm. Students participating in clubs will stay in their homeroom class or assigned Academic Extended Day class until clubs begin. Please note--because this is an afterschool program, club parents will need to follow the afterschool pickup procedures of signing the student out via a google link. (Detailed instructions will be shared before the first day of clubs.)

If a requested club is full, students will be placed on a waitlist until a spot opens up. Parents will be notified by email or a note on the learning plan if your student has been placed on a waitlist.



Parents whose student(s) have been accepted to a club will receive an emailed link to a permission form. You should receive this by Wednesday next week. ***Permission forms must be submitted before a student can attend a club.*** We are looking forward to the start of this fun addition to our campus school week! Questions can be directed to Mrs. Connie McCullough or Mrs. Laura Leavitt.

Free Adult English Classes

Classes have started—and it is never too late to join! Classes at our West Valley 1 campus are Tuesdays @ 2:40-3:25 pm and Thursdays @ 1:25-2:25 pm. There are also classes being held at the West Valley 2 campus. Mondays and Fridays @ 2:25-3:10 pm and Wednesdays @ 1:20-2:10. You are welcome to attend classes at either campus—or at both!



Lost and Found-Take a Look

Lunch boxes, jackets and sweaters are the hot items in the Lost & Found right now with water bottles coming in as a close runner up. Please come take a look if your student is missing theirs. Items will be donated at the end of each term. Please, please, please put your student's names on all their stuff that travels to school. This makes it so simple to identify.

ALMA Grading Program

On Tuesday, September 6, ALMA emailed instructions on activating your ALMA accounts. If you have not set up your account, please follow the instructions to do so. **Your user name is your first name.last name** (Like tom.cruise or britney.spears for example.)

Through the ALMA grading program, you are able to regularly check your student's grades. If you need help with the program, please email Mrs. Ferlo (mferlo@apamail.org) or Mr. Beard (bbeard@apamail.org) in the academic office.

Reporting Your Volunteer Hours and Donations (Every Week!)

Thank you for your volunteer hours and donations! This link for reporting your hours will be included with each newsletter for handy access. If you have volunteer hours from the summer, please be sure to report those too!

[Report hours & donations here:](#)

<https://forms.gle/o3cxYrpbHmoxWYFXA>





Club Sign Up Form

OFFICE USE ONLY

Select your students' 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice clubs.
Clubs are limited by grade (in parentheses)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name :

Family Number: Homeroom Teacher:

Grade: Is your student currently enrolled in Sistema? Y / N

1 SELECT YOUR FIRST (1ST) CHOICE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts (K-1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coloring Club (K-6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukulele (2-6) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts (2-3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Code Breakers (4-6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Improv and Composition (3-6, must have played an instrument for at least 1 year) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Club (4-6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Language (3-6) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lego Club (K-6) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fair Club (6 only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Origami (2-6) | |

2 SELECT YOUR SECOND (2ND) CHOICE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts (K-1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coloring Club (K-6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukulele (2-6) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts (2-3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Code Breakers (4-6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Improv and Composition (3-6, must have played an instrument for at least 1 year) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Club (4-6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Language (3-6) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lego Club (K-6) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fair Club (6 only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Origami (2-6) | |

3 SELECT YOUR THIRD (3RD) CHOICE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts (K-1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coloring Club (K-6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukulele (2-6) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts (2-3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Code Breakers (4-6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Improv and Composition (3-6, must have played an instrument for at least 1 year) |
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Parent Name Printed

Parent Signature