



CALENDAR

- Wednesday, August 28 Parent Orientation 5pm-7:30pm (Parents Only) **Note Time Change**
- Thursday, August 29 Constitution Day Tryouts
- Monday, September 2 **Labor Day - No School**
- Tuesday, September 3 Fire/Evacuation Drill 1pm (avoid checkouts during this time)
- Tuesday, September 10 Parent Empowerment Night 7pm
- Friday, September 13 Fall Festival 5pm-8pm
- Friday, October 11 Sixth Grade Take Flight Event
- Friday, October 25 Fifth Grade Friendship Event

AUGUST BUILDER THEME: Be a Builder

Thank you to our wonderful parents and staff that have been great examples of this theme as we continue to work together to get our school up and running. We also ask that our families memorize the Builders Poem. All students are memorizing this poem in school. (Poem at the end of the newsletter)

FALL FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 13th

Our annual fall festival is coming up and it's held right here at Draper Two. We'd LOVE to have your help! Sign up here to see what you can do:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AFAE29ABFC1-50874621-draper>

CONSTITUTION DAY TRYOUTS

During lunch on August 29th, your students may try out for a part in our Constitution Day reading held on September 17th. We also love having a few parent readers. Contact Mandy Brown if you'd like to participate! mandy.brown@apamail.org

Save the date SIXTH GRADE!

We have our first Character Development event "Take Flight" on FRIDAY October 11th during our school day (12:30 until 3:15). We LOVE to have parent volunteers that day. Watch for a sign up from your teachers soon!

Save the date FIFTH GRADE!

We have our first Character Development event "Friendship" on FRIDAY October 25th during our school day (12:30 until 3:15). We LOVE to have parent volunteers that day. Watch for a sign up from your teachers soon!

Spirit Wear Friday - September 6

Students and staff can show their American Prep spirit the first Friday of every month by wearing Spirit Wear items on top, and regular Friday dress on bottom. Items can be from previous fundraising events or can be purchased through our Spirit Store. <https://www.americanprep.org/product-category/spirit-wear/>

School Safety

Our first fire drill of the year will be held Friday, September 3rd. We will have monthly fire drills as well as occasional lockdown and evacuation drills. We do all we can to keep APA a safe environment for all students, but we request your help. If you or your student(s) know of anything happening against school rules, we ask that you let us know immediately. We appreciate the entire APA community helping to make this a great place!

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Visiting American Prep

Please remember that anytime you need to come to school; even if it is to deliver a lunch or a docket; you must stop by the office to sign in and get a visitor's badge. You will be asked to return to the office if you are not wearing a visitor badge. We have quite a few new staff members who would not know if you are a parent to one of our students or someone dangerous. Please help us keep all of our students and staff safe.

Elementary Show What you Know Assemblies (SWYK)

Every Wednesday morning, K-3 students meet in the gym & on Thursdays 4-6 students meet in the gym when they arrive at school, and we have an assembly. Students and staff recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the 1st & 4th verse of The Star-Spangled Banner. Classes perform poems, songs, and other things that "show what they know". Parents are always invited to attend! The assemblies only last a few minutes, from 8:00 to about 8:25. Come join us any Wednesday for K-3 and any Thursday for 4-6 grade! You will be amazed at what our students can show you!

Uniform Guide

Please be in full uniform: [UNIFORM GUIDE](#)

Dismissal Schedule

Monday

8:00am - 3:15pm (1st dismissal: families with students at D2 & D3), 3:30pm (2nd dismissal), 3:45pm (3rd dismissal)

Tuesday

8:00am - 3:15pm (1st dismissal: families with students at D2 & D3), 3:30pm (2nd dismissal), 3:45pm (3rd dismissal)

Wednesday

8:00am - **2:15pm** (1st dismissal: families with students at D2 & D3) **2:30pm** (2nd dismissal), **2:45pm** (3rd dismissal)

Thursday

8:00am - **2:15pm** (1st dismissal: families with students at D2 & D3), **2:30pm** (2nd dismissal), **2:45pm** (3rd dismissal)

Friday

8:00am - 3:10pm (1st dismissal: families with students at D2 & D3), 3:30pm (2nd dismissal), 3:45pm (3rd dismissal)

If you need to request a change from your current pick up assignment, please use the link below to request that change. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1btqAP948b4PzJkwZHj4bvmr_nUejBX6AbqvaLKSzscs/edit

Parking and Curb Information

- Families with kindergarten students may park and walk their kindergarten students inside the building. If you choose to do this, we ask for you to wait until 8:15am to allow some of the parking lot to empty out. **PLEASE PARK IN ONE OF THE VISITOR SPOTS- the numbered parking stalls are for our staff.**
- As we have limited parking spaces, we ask that all other students be dropped off at the curb.
- When dropping off your student in the morning, always pull forward as far as possible before unloading. **Stay in your car and have your students get out on the curb side of the car.** The line moves quickly when everyone follows these rules.
- In the afternoon, we encourage all parents to drive through the pick-up line to collect their students – including kindergarten parents. The first few days are wonderful for establishing the routine of how pick-up will happen.

Dockets & Name Badges

Dockets were sent home with your student(s) at the end of last year. Please send your student with their docket on Wednesday, August 21st. All new students will be provided a nametag and docket. If you need to order a new docket (\$10) or a new nametag (\$5.00) for your student, you may do so here:

<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wseduamerprepacaut/fwemnu01.w>

Directions for how to add a fee to your skyward account can be found here:

https://draper2.americanprep.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/09/Directions_Fees-OPTIONAL.pdf

Volunteer Opportunities

We love our parent volunteers and so appreciate working together to create an amazing experience for students, staff and families. Please take a moment to sign up and volunteer for all that this year has in store.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfADkdlyNLG9_ZsXYpy_X76gs5y2bb4Nasgke_3rCqnbNcflg/viwwform

Builders Poem

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.

Compliance Notices

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.

Cualificaciones profesionales

Nuestras encuestas para padres expresan constantemente confianza y una satisfacción abrumadora con nuestros maestros en American Prep. De acuerdo con la regulación estatal, todos los maestros de APA tienen licencia a través de una de las tres rutas de licencia: Profesional, Asociados y LEA específica. Los padres son bienvenidos en cualquier momento para solicitar información sobre las calificaciones profesionales de los maestros del salón de clases del estudiante, lo que incluye: 1) si el maestro ha cumplido con los criterios estatales de calificación y licencia para los niveles de grado y las materias en las que el maestro brinda instrucción o si el maestro está enseñar bajo estado de emergencia u otro estado provisional a través del cual se ha renunciado a los criterios de calificación o licencia del Estado; 2) el título de licenciatura del maestro y cualquier otra certificación de posgrado o título que posea el maestro, y el campo de disciplina de la certificación o título; y 3) si el niño recibe servicios de paraprofesionales y, de ser así, sus calificaciones.

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.

Política de participación de padres y familias del distrito

American Prep reconoce que la participación de los padres y la familia es clave para el rendimiento de los estudiantes. Brindamos muchas oportunidades para que los padres y miembros de la familia participen y se mantengan informados sobre el rendimiento académico de sus estudiantes.

American Preparatory Academy capacita al personal anualmente durante la academia previa al servicio y de maestros sobre cómo comunicarse, establecer conexiones significativas y de otra manera involucrar a los padres/familias y la escuela. Estos temas se refuerzan durante las oportunidades de desarrollo profesional a lo largo del año, según sea necesario.

Los detalles adicionales sobre la participación de los padres y la familia están disponibles en los manuales anuales para padres y estudiantes (PSHB) que se distribuyen anualmente, se publican en los sitios web de las escuelas y están disponibles en español en nuestros campus de West Valley.

Para conocer la Política de participación de padres y familias del Distrito completa, consulte este [enlace](#) en la página de Políticas del sitio web americanprep.org.

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.

Políticas de participación de los padres y la familia en la escuela

Las políticas de participación de los padres de la escuela varían ligeramente según el campus y se encuentran dentro de los manuales de padres y estudiantes <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>. Estos manuales se distribuyen anualmente a los padres y ahora están disponibles en el sitio web de la APA en la pestaña desplegable Biblioteca para padres. Los manuales para padres y estudiantes de West Valley estarán disponibles en español.

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. Parents 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/>.

Evaluaciones Obligatorias y Opt-Outs

American Preparatory reconoce que las pruebas estandarizadas son una herramienta esencial para medir el aprendizaje de los estudiantes y el éxito de los maestros. Los datos obtenidos de estas evaluaciones pueden ser utilizados por maestros y administradores para revisar el progreso académico de los estudiantes, planificar la instrucción y compartir con los estudiantes y los padres. Las evaluaciones sumativas permiten que los datos se utilicen en informes públicos sobre la calidad de la escuela. Los padres pueden optar por no participar en la mayoría de las pruebas estandarizadas presentando un formulario de exclusión de los padres al director académico. Puede obtener más información sobre las evaluaciones estatales administradas en American Prep y encontrar los horarios de las pruebas para el campus de su estudiante siguiendo este enlace web: <https://www.americanprep.org/state-assessments/>.