

August 25, 2023



Upcoming Events

Sept 1	Spirit Wear Friday
Sept 4 th	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
Sept 15 th	Spirit Wear Friday
Sept 19 th	Read the Constitution Day
Sept 29 th	Show What You Know Programs 8:15 am (Park in the far West Parking lot or at D1)
Oct 6 th	Elementary Grading Day Early Dismissal 12:15 for all kindergarten students
Oct 6 th	Spirit Wear Friday
Oct 12 th	Picture Day
Oct 13 th	End of Term 1 - Report cards go home
Oct 16 th -20 th	Fall Break - NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER'S BUILDER THEME -- "BUILDING WITH ENTHUSIAM"

We have loved seeing our sweet students come to school with happy faces and an excitement to learn! Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm!" We are working hard at achieving great things!

READING UNIVERSITY...

We had our first library day this week. The students loved choosing their own books and taking them home. If you would like further information on which books are on the kindergarten reading university list, please go to americanprep.org, click on ELC, view book list, kindergarten.

This is the schedule for library days:

Ms. Saguilan Library Days:	Tuesday, Thursday
Mrs. Lucas Library Days:	Tuesday, Thursday
Mrs. Buell Library Days:	Monday, Wednesday

Early Learning Center



AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW PROGRAMS: (PLEASE PARK ON THE FAR WEST PARKING LOT)

Our Show What You Know event is once a month. **Our first program will be SEPTEMBER 29TH.** This event allows us to show off our exceptional kindergarten students. It gives them the opportunity to “show what they know” and perform songs, recite poems, etc. for their families. Our short program will start promptly on time and will last approx. 10 mins. Please see our dates on the google calendar. We’d love to see all our wonderful parents!

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.

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:

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.

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/>.

KINDERGARTEN CORNER: (Sayings from our very own Kindergarten students)

Student: "Mom, since I'm going to kindergarten what kind of plants/vegetables are we going to grow? Will it be like grandpa's garden?"

Parent: "No, it's not that kind of garden. ☺"

Warm Regards,
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