



## Upcoming Events

Sept 2nd	Labor Day	(NO SCHOOL)
Sept 6th	Spirit Wear Friday	
Sept 19th	Read the Constitution Day	
Sept 20th	Spirit Wear Friday	
Oct 4th	Elementary Grading (Early Dismissal at 12:15)	
Oct 10th	Picture Day	
Oct 11th	Term 1 Ends	
Oct 14th-18th	Fall Break	(NO SCHOOL)

### **SEPTEMBER'S BUILDER THEME - - "BUILDING WITH ENTHUSIASM"**

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 to achieve great things!

### **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 27th. 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 minutes. Please see our dates on the google calendar. We'd love to see all our wonderful parents!

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

American Prep recognizes that parent and family engagement is key to student achievement. We provide 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 website, 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](http://americanprep.org) website.

## **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.

## **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/>.

## **DISTRICT PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

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## **SCHOOL LUNCH:**

The website for ordering school lunch is now available!

- If you have not done so already, we ask all families to complete a Free/Reduced Lunch application. <https://www.americanprep.org/school-lunch-program/eligibility/>
- You can log on to Skyward to see your lunch status- click on Food Service tab on the left.

**How To Order:** Please follow these instructions to place your order.

- Go to <https://apalunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>
- Login with your email and password
  - ★ If you forgot your password, try 1234
  - ★ If you need to answer a security question, what is library card # try 1234.
- Click on ORDER (top middle)
- Top right make sure to move arrow to August
- Add menu items (quantity 1) to the cart by clicking on the Blue bar (Regular or Vegetarian) to add to cart.
- Review and place the order.
- DO YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE STUDENT? Be sure to use the drop-down button at the top to navigate to the next student and repeat the ordering process.
- DO YOU WANT TO ORDER THRU END OF YEAR? Be sure to click on arrow on top right to go to the next month (August, September)

[Detailed ordering instructions](#)

**Why We Pre-Order Lunches:** At American Prep, all elementary students eat lunch in the classroom. Secondary students eat in multipurpose rooms or cafeterias. All meals are prepared at our central kitchen, cooled, and delivered to the campuses, where they are stored in refrigerators. In order to estimate meal production and facilitate delivery to elementary classrooms, we ask parents to pre-order meals. However, any student who needs a meal can go to the lunchroom to receive one. We will provide a leftover meal (served the previous day) or an alternate meal (fruit, vegetables, and milk) to students who need a lunch.

**Non-Pickup Policy:** The school does not receive any reimbursement when a meal is not received by the student. Students who are at school but fail to pick up their lunch 3 or more times over a two-week period may have future lunch orders canceled until the student and parent/guardian meet with a school director and receive approval from the food service director. If meal orders have been canceled, students are welcome to go to the lunchroom to request an available meal or an alternate meal.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Warm Regards,  
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