

EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC) NEWSLETTER

August 26, 2022

CALENDAR:		
September 5 th	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL	
September 17 th	Constitution Day	
September 30 th	Ms. Buell's classes:	"Show What You Know" Program AM Class: 8:30 am sharp PM Class: 12:00 sharp
	Ms. Saguilan's class:	"Show What You Know" Program Full Day Class: 8:30 am sharp
October 3rd	Reading University Logs due to teacher	
October 7th	Elementary Grading:	EARLY DISMISSAL -Only AM & Full Day attend 8:30 – 11:30 (NO PM SESSION)
October 12th	Professional Development EARLY DISMISSAL -Only PM & Full Day attend 8:30 – 11:30 (NO AM SESSION)	
October 13th	ELC Picture Day	
October 14th	End of Term 1 (report cards out)	
October 17th-21	Fall Break	
October 24th	Beginning of Term 2	
October 28th	Ms. Buell's classes:	"Show What You Know" Program AM Class: 8:30 am sharp PM Class: 12:00 sharp
	Ms. Saguilan's class:	"Show What You Know" Program Full Day Class: 8:30 am sharp

BUILDER'S THEME FOR SEPTEMBER: "BUILDING WITH ENTHUSIASM":

It is exciting to hear from so many of our parents that their child is loving school. This warms our hearts! We definitely are seeing a positive energy at the ELC. This excitement comes from our fabulous students and their enthusiasm for school and learning! Watch out, it's contagious!

READING UNIVERSITY CATALOG:

It was our first week of library. Our students were able to pick out two books. If you would like further information on which books are on the Kindergarten reading university list please go to the following link: https://youtu.be/DO-ysov-w5U. Ms. Saguilan's Full day kindergarten class will have their library checkout day on Monday and Thursday. Ms. Buell's library checkout day will be on Wednesdays. Each week our students will check in their previous library books and receive two new books for the week.

ANNOUNCING OUR ELC FSO LEADER:

We are pleased to announce our ELC 2022-2023 FSO, Briawna Anderson. She will be working closely with the AST leaders from both Ms. Saguilan and Ms. Buell's classes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact her at briawma@gmail.com She will be sending out volunteer opportunities and keeping you updated on activities at the ELC. Gear up for a great year of fun volunteer opportunities! Thank you Mrs. Anderson for being willing to lead our parent volunteers!

CARPOOL CHANGE:

We are working hard at finding solutions to create a more efficient carpool system. We ask while you are in line on the north side of the ELC that you HUG THE CURB allowing cars to use the middle and far right line to and from Draper 1.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays our Draper 1 campus has their early out days. In order to help facilitate a more their effective carpool, we ask that you please do not line up for the ELC carpool until 2:55. By that time our Draper 1 carpool should be close to completion. Thank you for your cooperation. Other friendly carpool reminders:

- Please have your carpool tag hanging on your rearview mirror at both DROP OFF & PICK UP. This helps D1 carpool staff know where to direct you.
- Please do not turn left into the ELC parking lot. Continue to proceed to the full carpool route.
- During carpool, daycare staff and students often walk along the north road to the playground. In order to keep our students safe, please adhere to the speed limit when coming into and leaving the school property.

FRIENDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

We are continuing to focus on our APA Friendship Campaign- Look eye to eye, smile and say HI! The purpose of the Friendship Campaign is to help our children realize that making friends is a skill. It begins with looking someone in the eye and making eye contact. Eye contact is purposeful and more than a glance. It's also accompanied by friendly behavior like waving, smiling and saying, "Hi!" Look for your student(s) coming home with a Friendship sticker or button, and praise them for demonstrating their awesome FRIENDLY SKILLS! Buttons may be worn with the uniform through September 30.

PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK:

The parent student handbook was available at the parent orientation. If you were unable to attend you are welcome to come into the ELC and retrieve a copy. You can also find reference to the handbook on the American Preparatory Academy website at https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/. We ask that you read the handbook thoroughly. We hope you find this information beneficial and a source of reference.



ZEE MAPS:

Below is the links for Draper 1/ELC ZeeMap. This reference is for families that are looking to carpool with other families. The 'Form A Carpool' link in Skyward has been updated for each campus. In re-registration and new student enrollment for this year there was an opt-in box for families, so if a family said no then their information is not listed on the maps.

Draper 1 https://j.mp/3Abl9Ne

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 american prep.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. Parent's may opt-out of most state standardized tests by submitting a Parental Exclusion form to the Academic Director.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

Our Show What You Know event is once a month. 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!

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

Student looked sad.....

Teacher: "Where is your smile today?"

Student: "I gave it to the lady at the front office."

Parent: "What do you do in the Restroom?"

Student: "Helloooo...., you rest!"

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