



REID TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS' Painted Rock Academy



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It almost seems impossible, but it will soon be Winter Break. We wanted to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Holiday and a prosperous New Year. This also gives us a chance to once again say thank you for choosing Painted Rock Academy as the school for your children. I would also personally like to tell you how much I have enjoyed working for you and your children.

We are looking forward to returning in January and completing our second official year at Painted Rock Academy. We are expecting our second year to be as successful as our first. I think we all can be proud of our accomplishments, and I know there will be many more in the future. Again, thank you all for making Painted Rock Academy a special place. Please join us at our Family Night Out with the Phoenix Suns in January. More information about this event can be found in this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Leslie Szostak
Principal

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Important Dates

December 2013

- 3 Winter Concert 6:00 p.m.
- 5 PROP Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Spirit Day/Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
- 6 Winter Dance (6th–8th grades) 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- 12 Geography Bee 1:00 p.m.
- 20 Early Release 12:15 p.m.
- 21 End of 2nd Quarter/Winter Break Begins (No P.M. Boulder Club)

January 2014

- 6 School Resumes
- 8 Report Cards Go Home
- 9 PROP Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Spirit Day/Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
- 17 Early Release 12:15 p.m. /Staff Development
- 19 Night Out with the Phoenix Suns
- 20 No School - MLK Day
- 22 100th Day of School
- 23 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Winter Break Schedule

Early Release 12:15 p.m.
December 20, 2013
(No Boulder Club P.M. Session)

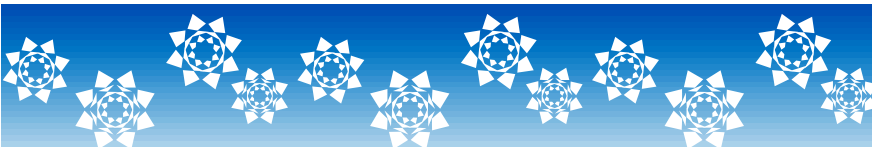
No School
December 23, 2013–January 3, 2014
School Resumes: January 6, 2014



PRA Student Council is sponsoring the Toys For Tots drive at Painted Rock Academy. Please help make this drive a success by bringing a new toy in its original package and dropping it in one of the donation boxes. It will be donated to a child in need in Maricopa county. The toy drive began on November 18th and ends on December 17th.



Thank you parents, teachers, and students for all your support!



Health Office News

Mrs. Linda Winters, R.N.



The school is happy to provide a change of clothes for students who have an accident or a dress code issue, but it is necessary for the clothes that are sent home to be washed and returned as soon as possible. Please be considerate of other students who are also in need of loaned clothes.

On that note, if you have any uniform pants or shirts that your child has outgrown, please consider donating them to the nurse's office. We would like to have a good supply for any needs that arise. The nurses office also welcomes donations of Kleenex, cough drops, packages of small boys/girls new underwear, and small Dixie cups.

For campus safety, please remember to always wear your ID badge while on campus. School policy states that parents must have an ID badge or green placard in order to pick up their child. Otherwise, please check in and get a visitor's badge in the Front Office. We will be enforcing this, and you will be asked to check in at the front office if you do not have a badge or placard.

Fall Book Fair Update

Thank you for visiting our "Reading Oasis" Book Fair.

We sold \$5,954 worth of books and merchandise! This was \$1,600 more than last year's Fall Fair. Our library received just under \$1,000 in cash from Scholastic to go toward purchasing more books for our students to check out and enjoy! We also have a \$2,000 credit with Scholastic to purchase books and supplies through their website because of our sales from last year and this Fair. We APPRECIATE your support, AND sharing the love of reading!

THANK YOU

Lost and Found

There are a lot of jackets, lunchboxes, water bottles, and other miscellaneous items in the lost and found. Any items in the Lost and Found that are not picked up by Friday, December 13th, will be donated to charity. Please have your students check to see if they have any items in the Lost and Found in the Multi-Purpose Room.



Notes From Home

The Painted Rock Academy Yearbook Committee is selling "notes from home" to be published in the yearbook! For just \$5 you can add a custom note for your child that will be put in the yearbook. It is a great way to make your child's memories of school even more precious.

Just write your message out on a 2 inch by 2 inch piece of paper and send it in with your \$5. Have your child give it to his or her teacher! HURRY! Space is limited!

Winter Classroom Parties



Classroom winter parties will be held on Friday, December 20th at 11:15 a.m.

A visitor's badge or a Painted Rock Academy picture ID must be worn while on campus. Please remember that it is against Painted Rock Academy's policy to bring small children, siblings, and/or friends of students on campus while visiting the classroom parties.

We ask that no colored drinks are served at classroom parties, and don't forget that all food must be store bought.

Please respect our campus rules and have fun at the parties!

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meets on the fourth Thursday of each month unless otherwise posted. All regular meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend. Board Meetings are held at the Reid Traditional Schools conference room at 14841 N. Black Canyon Highway. If you wish to contact members of the Board, you may send a letter to the school or leave a message at the Reid Traditional Schools office, (623)478-2344.



Join Painted Rock Academy and Valley Academy in a Night Out with the Suns.



Help both schools earn the privilege of playing the Painted Rock Academy vs. Valley Academy Girls and Boys Basketball Games at U.S. Airways Center on the NBA court.

Receive a free replica jersey or drawstring backpack with each ticket purchased.

Place your order for tickets NOW to secure your seats!
Lower level tickets are very limited.

For more information and to order tickets, you may open the form attached with this newsletter or pick one up at the front office. If you have any questions, please contact Miss McMillan at BMcMillan@paintedrockacademy.com.



This year's 2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee was held on Monday, November 25, 2013, at Painted Rock Academy.

Our winner was Sai, from Mr. Bauer's 7th Grade class. The runner-up was Reuben from Mrs. Horacek's 6th grade class. Sai will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee.

2nd Annual Holiday Concert

This year's concert will be held on December 3rd from 6-8 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church located at 330 W. Coral Gables in Phoenix. Students will need to arrive at 5:30 p.m. to be checked in and accounted for. Dress Code for the concert will be long navy blue pants, and a white collared polo on top. Girls may wear a navy blue skirt if paired with navy blue tights. Please wear black or brown shoes with an appropriately matched belt. All of these articles of clothing are accepted as school dress code.

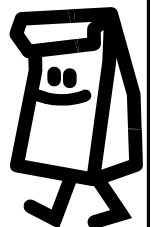


Lunches

Thank you for your patience! As many of you know, we are experiencing some start up issues with online ordering. Due to these technical difficulties, we will do our best to accommodate you through the first week of December, if you have not been able to place your order online.

January's lunch order is available online to start ordering. If you do not have the ability to order online, you can print off a copy of the menu from our website or go to the front office and get a menu. Please provide exact payment by cash or check. Lunches must be ordered in advance. January's lunch orders are due by Friday, December 13th.

The lunchroom always welcomes donations of peanut butter, jelly or jam, and bread for Emergency lunches. If your student receives an emergency PBJ, please send in payment for that as soon as possible. Emergency lunches include a sandwich and milk for \$1.



If you haven't "liked" Reid Traditional Schools on Facebook yet, here's what you've missed seeing:

- * Our smiling Principals with their "report card" with an "A" from the Arizona Department of Education
- * A touching giant flag-shaped Thank You card from Painted Rock Academy 7th and 8th grade to homeless veterans.
- * Valley Academy's student council putting their creativity to work on posters for the Clothing and Food Drive.

Don't miss out on the fun, timely updates Reid Traditional Schools makes about both schools. Then, when you see a post that makes you proud of your school, be sure to "share" it on Facebook - it's okay to brag!



December 2013



Sunday

Monday




Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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January 2014



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19 Night Out with the Phoenix Suns	20 No School  <small>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</small>	21	22  <i>100th Day + 100% Attendance = 100% Funding Please make every effort to be in school today!</i>	23 Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		