



REID TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS' Painted Rock Academy



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are well on our way to completing a very successful second year at Painted Rock Academy. The collaboration among students, parents, and staff has been fantastic. You play such a significant role in the academic success of your child/children.

According to research from the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, "When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more" (2004). The research goes on to say that "students with involved parents are more likely to:

- * Earn higher grades and test scores, and enroll in higher-level programs;
- * Be promoted, pass their classes, and earn credits;
- * Attend school regularly;
- * Have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school; and
- * Graduate and go on to postsecondary education" (Henderson & Mapp, 2002).

We ask that you continue to support your student(s) academically at home. Remember to study weekly spelling words, practice phonograms nightly, and review math facts on a regular basis. Together, we can provide your child with a wonderful educational experience.

Below are many websites that can help your student master needed skills.

*~Miss McMillan
Vice Principal*



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Important Dates

February 2014

- 5 Progress Reports Go Home
- 6 PROP Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Spirit Day
- 7 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
- 14 Classroom Parties
- 14 Early Release 12:15 p.m.
- 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 17 No School - Presidents' Day
- 26 Spring Pictures/Class Pictures
- 26 8th Grade Promotion Pictures
- 27 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.



<http://www.funbrain.com/>

<http://www.kidsmathgamesonline.com/>

<http://www.coolmath-games.com/>

<http://www.azed.gov/standards-development-assessment/aims/support-materials/>

<http://www.azed.gov/wp-content/uploads/PDF/AIMSDPAcolor.pdf>

<http://www.factmonster.com/>

<http://www.funenglishgames.com/>

<http://funschool.kaboose.com/>

In addition, you can visit our homework helpers page on the school website.

<http://paintedrockacademy.com/index.php/homework-helpers>

Health Office News

Mrs. Linda Winters, R.N.



This is the time of year that many students are ill with cold and flu symptoms. Please encourage your children to use and dispose of tissues properly, wash hands frequently, and cover their mouths when coughing.

All students should be bringing a water bottle to school on a daily basis. It is on the supply list for every student, so please remind your child.

Many students who are getting over an illness continue to have a residual cough.

Parents may send in lozenges to the nurse's office for their child. Please label with their name.

Remember that students must be fever free for 24 hours prior to returning to school after an illness.



Please remember that students may not sit in the office to be picked up after school. They either need to be picked up through the pick-up line or in the Art room. Please remember to have your Parent ID or green placard to pick them up, otherwise you will need to sign in and get a visitor's badge in the front office.

First and second grade students who are not signed up for Academic Arcade must be picked up at 2:15 p.m. Any students who are not picked up are signed in at the front office and parents will be charged for the time they are there. Students who are not picked up at 3:15 p.m. pick-up will be signed in to Boulder Club and parents will be charged for that time.

If parents need to wait with their younger children in between pick up times, the parent room is available. The parent room has tables for students to do homework, and read out loud, etc. Please sign the key out/in at the front desk. We understand emergencies come up, but please remember that the office is not a waiting area for every day.



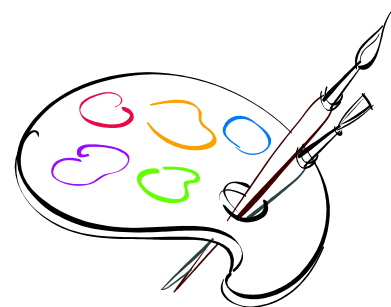
Our Artsonia online art gallery is up and running! Artsonia is a great way for parents and relatives to view the wonderful artwork created by Painted Rock Academy students. Many art projects don't get sent home immediately so that they can be included in our Spring Art Show here at the school. Artsonia is a way for students to share their creativity and hard work immediately, and with a global community. In addition, you can help raise funds for our art program by getting your favorite artwork printed on

a t-shirt, coffee, mug, even a professionally mounted canvas. 20 % of your purchase goes back to our school.

You can access the gallery easily by searching for Painted Rock Academy on the homepage of artsonia.com. A reminder that parental consent is necessary for students to display their art online. A big thank you to parents who set up an account from home or returned the permission slip. At last count we have 434 artworks on display, but 389 artworks hidden, awaiting permission from a parent.

Please contact Mrs. McDermott if you need another permission slip. And keep checking the site, new artwork will be photographed and uploaded soon!

Thank you for supporting the art department.



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.



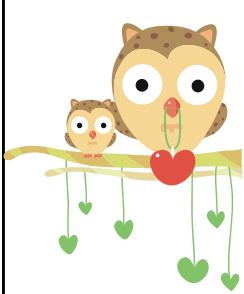
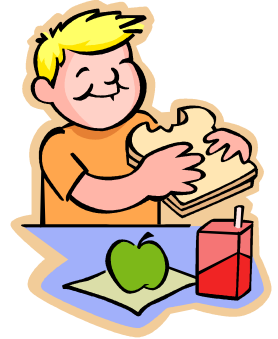
The Student Council is selling Candy Grams for Valentine's Day. The candy grams are \$1.00 each and will have personalized messages written to the recipient, from the sender. They are selling the candy grams before and after school and also during the lunch period.

Kindergarten and 1st grade students are asked to bring their message and money to school in an envelope and give it to their teacher. The student council members will pick up all orders from the teachers every morning. The candy grams will be delivered to the students during their Valentine's Party. Sales will end on February 7th. Delivery is February 14th.

Cafeteria Donations Needed!

The lunch room is always in need of donations of peanut butter, jam or jelly, and bread.

Please make sure your student has a lunch, whether it be hot lunch or a sack lunch. We charge \$1.00 for an emergency PB&J sandwich. If your child does receive one, please pay this amount as soon as possible. Thank you!



Classroom Valentine's parties will be held on Friday, February 14th 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!

Spring Pictures

Picture day is coming again! Spring Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, February 26th. Each class will do class pictures. Individual pictures with props are optional. Students must still be in proper dress code for pictures. Watch for the forms to come home soon. 8th grade promotion pictures will also be taken at this time.

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, February 14th, 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.**



Yearbook Pre-sales



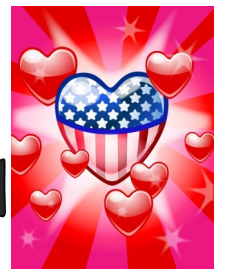
The Painted Rock Academy Yearbook Committee will begin pre-sales this February for a 52 page overview of the year. We have partnered with Inter-State Studios to put the book together for us this year. More information regarding the yearbook will be sent home as pre-sale dates draw near. We are also selling custom notes for your child that will be put in the yearbook. They are called "notes from home" and are \$5 each. Write a short note on a 2 inch by 2 inch piece of paper and have your child give it to his or her teacher with the payment. There is limited space in the yearbook for notes, so make sure you take advantage of this great memory!


Pennies for Patients will begin on February 18th and continue through March 11, 2014. The class that brings in the largest amount of money will receive a pizza party from Student Council. Boxes will be sent home with your students to be used to bring their pennies to school. Start saving all your pennies to help fight cancer!





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