



REID TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS' Painted Rock Academy



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It seems impossible that it is already time for our second newsletter; time flies when you're having fun! We are pleased with our first month's efforts for this school year and would like to thank you in advance for your patience as we continue to work on making a few adjustments when needed. We appreciate your adhering to our pick up and drop off procedures, as our number one priority is student safety.

In the upcoming months, we have many activities planned on campus including Parent/Teacher Conferences, McTeacher Night, Fall Book Fair, and the Fall Festival. We would love to see all our families get involved.

It has been a sincere pleasure working with you and your children the past few months, and I look forward to the next several months. Thank you for your support, and I know together we can make Painted Rock Academy the best school for your children.

Kind regards,

Miss McMillan
Assistant Principal

An Invitation from the Painted Rock Academy Board of Directors

Are you a strong supporter of traditional education? Are you looking to get more involved with Painted Rock Academy? If so, the Board of Directors would like to invite you to the next meeting on Thursday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. This is a good opportunity to meet the Board members and learn more about the important work they do to advance traditional education and our schools. You will also learn about the selection process for new Board Members and find out ways in which you might be involved. This invitation is open to all members of the community who may have an interest in traditional education - don't hesitate to invite a friend. We hope to see you there! Please call (623) 478-2344 for more information and to confirm your attendance.



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Important Dates

October 2013

- 1 Flag Football Game (Away) 4:45 p.m.
- 3 Flag Football Game (Home) 4:00 p.m.
- 3 PROP Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Spirit Day
- 7 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
- 8 Volleyball Game (Home) 4:30 p.m.
- 8 Flag Football Game (Away) 4:30 p.m.
- 9 Picture Day
- 11 End of 1st Quarter
- 14 No School-Staff Development
- 15 Volleyball Game (Away) 4:30 p.m.
- 16 Report Cards Go Home
- 16 Volleyball Game (Home) 4:00 p.m.
- 17-18 Parent Teacher Conferences
Early Release (12:15 p.m.)
- 21 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
- 22 Flag Football Game (Away) 4:30 p.m.
- 24 School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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.

Health Office News Avoiding the Flu

Mrs. Linda Winters, R.N.



Influenza is a serious viral illness with symptoms that are similar to the common cold. However, the flu comes on quickly and is more physically draining.

To help in preventing the spread of the flu, here are some prevention tips:

-Wash your hands frequently, using soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleanser. Think of all the surfaces you touch – the door handle of the public building you enter, the bar of the grocery shopping cart, and the menu at the restaurant. Now think of all the other people who have touched those surfaces too and left behind their germs.

-Avoid habits that can spread germs, like touching your eyes, nose or mouth, and stay away from people who are already sick.

-Maintain healthful habits like getting enough sleep, exercising regularly, staying hydrated, and eating well.

-If you're sick, it's very important you stay home from work or school for at least 24 hours after your fever breaks. If your children are sick, have a fever, or have a flu-like illness, they shouldn't go to school. Those things are part of personal responsibility in trying to reduce the impact.

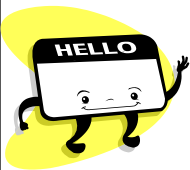
-Getting a flu vaccine is also an option. The flu vaccine is available by shot or nasal spray. Flu vaccines are designed to protect against three flu viruses that experts predict will be the most common during the upcoming season. Each year, one flu virus of each kind is used to produce the seasonal flu vaccine.

Picture Day

Picture day is coming Wednesday, October 9th. Students wear their regular uniforms on picture day. If your student is absent or needs to have their picture retaken, picture retakes will be done in November.



Campus Safety



Keeping our students safe on campus is a priority at Painted Rock Academy, to help us know who is authorized to be on campus. Please continue to follow these safety procedures:

ALWAYS SIGN IN and get a name badge at the front office when you are on campus. You can still obtain an ID lanyard for \$4.00. Parent ID pictures will be taken on from 2:15 - 3:30 p.m. on October 4th and 11th.

DISPLAY YOUR NAME/GRADE PLACARD in your windshield when you use the drive-up pickup lane.

PASS THROUGH THE OFFICE TO THE ART ROOM if you walk up to pick up your student at 2:15 or 3:15 p.m. Please wait in the office until dismissal time so students can get to their designated pickup place. Standing in the hallway hinders students from getting there easily and it's makes it difficult to monitor who they are released to.

TO PICK UP FROM BOULDER CLUB, come onto campus through the southwest gate by the basketball court and enter the Multi Purpose Room through the glass doors by the playground.

Lunch Menu Update

Our hot lunch program continues to grow in popularity. Chef Beth cooks with fresh food whenever possible and always seasons with love! Encourage your students to try new tastes at lunch. For November orders, please pay the exact amount for your order and don't be late! Orders turned in after the due date cannot be accepted.

Also, we would accept donations of peanut butter, jam or jelly, and bread for students who have forgotten their lunches. We charge \$1.00 for an emergency PB&J sandwich. If your child receives one, please pay this amount as soon as possible.



Early Release

October 17th-18th are early release days for Parent / Teacher Conferences.

Please remember that Hot lunch will not be served; please send a sack lunch with your student.

Here are the school hours for these days:

Half Day Kindergarten: 8:00 a.m.-11:05 a.m.

Full Day Kindergarten-8th grade: 8:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

P.M. Preschool is from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Parent Teacher Conferences are this month. Children do better in school when their parents are involved in their education. The first quarter conferences are mandatory. Conferences are one way to get involved. Every time you attend a parent/teacher conference, you learn more about your child and strengthen the bond with your child's teacher. So, make parent/teacher conferences a priority and take the following steps to ensure you and your child get the most out of them.



Before the conference:

- **Talk with your child:** Find out his or her favorite subjects or activities, and ask if there are any concerns he or she would like you to discuss with the teacher.
- **Review assignments:** Are there some areas where your child really shines and others that might need a little extra work? Discuss both strengths and weaknesses with the teacher.
- **Check whether your child should attend:** In most cases, the conferences are strictly between the parents and the teachers, so you'll probably need to make childcare arrangements.

The day of conferences:

- **Be on time:** The conference schedule is tight and teachers need all parents to be on time. If something comes up, notify the teacher as soon as possible. Try to reschedule, even if it has to be a telephone conference.
- **Remember that conferences are brief:** A typical parent/teacher conference lasts 15-20 minutes. If you need additional time, ask for a follow-up session.
- **Keep an open mind:** Some parents get angry when teachers discuss trouble spots. Remember these conferences are meant to help you understand your child's school performance. Working together with the teacher will help your child succeed.

Afterward:

- **Tell your child:** After the conference, meet with your child and discuss the teacher's comments. Remember to praise all the things your child is doing well and pass along the teacher's compliments. If you need to, talk about areas that the teacher will be working on to help your child improve.
- **Follow up:** In the days that follow, let your child's teacher know that you are following through on what was discussed, and that you'd like to hear how things are progressing in the classroom.

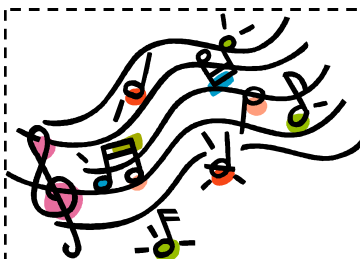
Remember that at Painted Rock Academy, parental involvement is welcomed and encouraged throughout the year. Feel free to schedule a phone or in-person conference any time you think there is a need.

Referral Rewards Gift Cards Awarded

Thank you to the many families who referred a friend to Painted Rock Academy during our Referral Rewards Program. Those who referred a new student between June 27th and the first day of school have received their gift cards. Although the program has ended, we always appreciate recommendations from our families. There are a few seats left open in many grades, so please continue to share the word about our great, A-rated school.



2nd Annual Holiday Concert



Please mark on your calendars and plan to join us on December 3rd for our annual Holiday Concert. There will be singing, dancing and plenty of hot chocolate this year! The Concert will be 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; girls can wear a navy blue skirt if paired with navy blue tights, and a white collared polo on top. Please wear black or brown shoes with an appropriately matched belt. All of these articles of clothing are accepted as school dress code. If you would like to help volunteer with the concert, you may email me at jraetz@paintedrockacademy.com or get in touch with Kristi Kinney, kkinney44@hotmail.com, to help with the hot chocolate sales.

-Mr. Raetz

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