School News

October 2014





From the Assistant Principal's Desk

Dear Painted Rock Families,

It's hard to believe how quickly every school year seems to pass. We have been pleased with the first eight weeks of school, and thank you for your patience as we continue to work and make adjustments when we see a need. As student safety is our top priority, we continue to thank you for adhering to our pick up and drop off procedures.

In the coming months you will see many on-campus activities, including parent/teacher conferences, the Fall Book Fair, and the Fall Festival. We hope to see all of our families at these events, as family involvement is vital for any school's success.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of working with you and your children for the past few months, and I look forward to the many triumphs and challenges that lie ahead. Thank you again for your support; let's continue to work together to make Painted Rock Academy the best that it can be.

Kind Regards,

Mr Bauer

Assistant Principal

Parent Teacher Conferences are this month. You should have received information about scheduling conferences from your child's homeroom teacher. Specials teachers are available for conferences as well. We would like to share with you that children do better in school when their parents are involved in their education. 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.

- *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 the conference:

- * 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.

*Tell vour 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 you and the teacher will be working on to help your child improve.

Specials teachers conference scheduling:

Mrs. Lorenzen (Music), Miss Taylor (Art), and Mrs. Hunt (P.E.) are available Thursday, October 23rd, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., and Friday, October 24th, by appointment only. Please email them at mlorenzen@paintedrockacademy.com, <a href="mailto:thematemail

Ms. Alfieri (Computers) will be available for conferences Thursday, October 23rd, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and Friday, October 24th, 12:30 - 3:00 p.m., by appointment only. Please email her at malfieri@paintedrockacademy.com.

Sra. Vallelonga (Spanish) will be available for conferences Friday, October 18th from 7:20 to 7:45 a.m., and Thursday , October 23rd from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., by appointment only. Please email her at rvallelonga@paintedrockacademy.com.

Upcoming Events

No School– Staff Development

Monday, October 13^t

Thursday, October 16th 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity for 7th and 8th grade families to learn about High Schools in the area.

Report Cards go home

Wednesday, October 22nd

Please return a signed copy to your child's teacher.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 23rd and Friday, October 24th

These are mandatory conferences for everyone. Please set up an appointment with your child's teacher.

Early Release

Thursday, October 23rd and Friday, October 24th 12:15 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences

Reid Traditional Schools and Painted Rock Board Meetings Wednesday, October $22^{\rm nd}$ at $6{:}00~{\rm p.m.}$

School Board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

For additional information, please visit our website at www.PaintedRockAcademy.com.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	PROP Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3 Spirit Day Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	11
12	No School Staff Development	14	15	16 High School Night 6:30 –8:00 p.m.	17	18
19	20	21	22 Report cards sent home Board Meeting 6:00p.m.	23 Early Release 12:15 p.m. Parent/Teache	24 Early Release 12:15 p.m. er Conferences	25
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