#### To Painted Rock Academy Parents and Students

#### From Miss McMillan, Principal

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing this note. I have chosen to return to the family business at the end of this school year, as my parents plan to retire. Part of me is excited about joining my family in growing the family business that has been around for more than forty years and starting a new chapter, but another part of me is sad about leaving this school and the people who have come to mean so much to me. It has truly been a pleasure working for and with such a wonderful group of people. Having been at Painted Rock Academy since we opened our doors in 2012, I feel a strong union with our students, families, and staff and take much pride in what we, together, have accomplished in a short time.

Painted Rock Academy is extremely fortunate to have such an excellent individual who will be stepping in to lead the school into the future. Mr. Bauer, our current Assistant Principal, will become Painted Rock Academy's new Principal. Mr. Bauer has been with Reid Traditional Schools for over seven years and is an enthusiastic supporter of Reid Traditional Schools' philosophies. I know you will find him to be excellent in his new position. I will stay in touch, as I hope to come back and substitute teach occasionally. Once again, it has been a pleasure serving all of you, and I will fondly remember the time I have spent with you. Thank you again for the memories.

#### From Mr. Bauer, Assistant Principal

I am extremely honored to be named the next Principal of Painted Rock Academy. I have been with Reid Traditional Schools for many years as a teacher and an administrator, and am committed to the continued success of our students through focused leadership, our proven, rigorous curriculum, and of course, our talented, dedicated teachers and support staff. Principals before me have laid a solid foundation and built a tradition of student success, and I am fully committed to continuing the high level of achievement and accomplishment that our students have demonstrated.

Prior to my career in education, I worked in law enforcement for thirteen years in the great state of Wisconsin, where I was born and raised. While I love living in Phoenix, I hold dearly onto many of my Wisconsin roots: most of all, my love of the Green Bay Packers. Here in Arizona, I very much enjoy spending time with my wife and three kids, hiking in the desert and mountains, and maintaining a substantial collection of snakes and other reptiles.

After moving to Phoenix in 2004, I completed my B.A. (English) and Master of Education degrees, both at Arizona State University. I have taught Language Arts and Literature at Valley Academy, Apollo High School, and also here at Painted Rock Academy. All three of my children are also veterans of Reid Traditional Schools, so I understand firsthand the dedication it takes to be an RTS parent. I appreciate the support we receive from our parents and look forward to working with PROP and all families.

For the past two years, I have had the honor of serving as Miss McMillan's Assistant Principal. She has done a magnificent job of leading our school in a positive direction, and also being a great example for me to follow. In the years to come, I intend to continue to earn your confidence and trust as we lead PRA forward to continued advancement and success.

#### From Mrs. Harper, New Assistant Principal

Hello, my name is Robin Harper. I am very excited to be your new Assistant Principal at Painted Rock Academy. I'm looking forward to my new position in serving the school administration, teachers, staff, parents, and, most importantly, the students. I have a B.A. in Elementary Education, a Master of Education in School Leadership, and have been a teacher for twenty-one years: seventeen in the Alhambra School District, and the past four years here at Painted Rock Academy.

In addition to my teaching experience, I worked several years in the corporate business world, which provided me a solid understanding of administrative procedures. I have been married for 30 years, have two children, a grand-daughter, and three dogs. I enjoy spending time outdoors with friends and family. It has been my privilege to teach at Painted Rock Academy since its inception in 2012. My goal is to see Painted Rock Academy continue to achieve excellence in learning with an emphasis on preparing each student for future achievement. I look forward to getting to know you and your children in my new role.

### **NEWS & UPDATES**



#### **Honor Roll Ceremony**

Our Honor Roll Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the M.P.R. The ceremony recognizes students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades who have made the honor roll at least three out of the four quarters. More information will be sent home to those students.

Starting May 23, 2016
Summer Office Hours are:
Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed Fridays.
The office will be closed for the week July 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>



#### **Lost and Found**

Any items in the Lost and Found that are not picked up by **the last day of school**, will be donated to charity. Please have your students check to see if they have any items in the Lost and Found in the MPR.

#### I Year End Parties

Remember that year end parties are for the current students of Painted Rock Academy. Painted Rock Academy prohibits former students, minor siblings, friends of students, and underage relatives from attending class parties. Please also remember that no orange or red drinks may be served at the parties. Students are permitted to wear their spirit day shirts on the last day of school.

Kindergarten party 9:50-10:50 a.m. for 11:05 a.m. dismissal

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parties 10:15-11:15 a.m. for 11:30 a.m. dismissal

3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade parties 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. for 12:15 p.m. dismissal

THERE IS NO P.M. BOULDER CLUB ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!





Congratulations to our male and female athletes of the year,
Max K. and Lexi B.

Painted Rock Academy is proud of all of our student athletes. They work hard in their academics. They represent our school well. You are all amazing!









success. We are proud of our students and their hard work and dedication.











Painted Rock Academy's Peace, Love, Books Groovy Book Fair was fun for all!





## CALENDAR



# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 PROP Meeting 8:30 a.m.	6 Spirit Day/Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	7
		Staff A	ppreciation	Week		
8	9	10	Xindergarten Olympics 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Choir Concert 6:30 p.m.	Peter Piper Pizza Family Fun Night 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.	14 8th grade dinner 5:30 p.m. 7th - 8th grade dance 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
15	16	17 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Breakfast/ Field Trip	Honor Roll Ceremony 6:00 p.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion 6:00 p.m.	20 Last Day of School/ Early Release 12:15 p.m. No P.M. Boulder Club	21
22	23	24	New Parent Orientation 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.	26 School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	27 School Closed	28
29	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31				

## June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 School Closed	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 School Closed	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 School Closed	18
19	20	21	22	23 School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	24 School Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
					1	2		
					School Closed			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
	School office closed this week.							
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
				School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	School Closed			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
					School Closed			
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30		