



# Hawk News

## From the Principal's Desk Mr. Bauer, M. Ed., Principal

Dear PRA Families,

We have officially reached the half-way point of the 2016-17 school year. Welcome back; I hope you had a wonderful and restful winter break. While I am very pleased with the progress we've made this semester, there is always room for improvement. One very important area in need of improvement is attendance. As of this writing, in the month of December, PRA is averaging 25 tardy students per day.

Please reference your student handbook to read Reid Traditional Schools' policy on tardies, but note that, "A student who has accumulated four (4) unexcused tardies in a quarter will be assigned a detention. If the student receives a fifth unexcused tardy in a quarter, the student and parent may be required to have a conference with an administrator... continued tardies may result in an in-school suspension, and further tardies will lead to out-of-school suspensions." Painted Rock Academy will enforce this policy.

At PRA, our school day begins at 8:00 a.m. As principal, I expect my teachers to begin teaching at 8:00. Each and every teacher on campus has a written plan for beginning of the day procedures to ensure that learning begins promptly at 8:00. In order for this plan to be as effective as possible, *students must be on time* in the morning. When students are entering the classroom late, it distracts the students who are working and prevents the teacher from most effectively planning instructional activities for that period of the day.

I also want to take just a moment to remind you of the importance of establishing a routine with your children. Often the third quarter of the school year is a very difficult quarter academically, as the curriculum becomes even more challenging. Having a set routine will benefit them academically and help you stay on top of their studies and homework. I encourage you to set aside a specific time daily for your children to complete their homework and studies in a well-lit, quiet area where they are free from distractions. It is also important to read and practice math facts daily with your children to reinforce these foundational skills. Painted Rock Academy is committed to the educational success of all of our students, and we again thank you for including us in your child's journey.

Lastly, I want to remind you to continue drive safely while on and around campus. If you're in our pick-up line, stay right so that other cars may move around our line. If you're moving around our line, do so very cautiously as many pedestrians cross without using the crosswalk. Most of all, please be patient. Thank you very much.

### Upcoming Events

#### Report Cards Sent Home

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

#### Student Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

#### PROP Meeting

Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. in the Parent Room.

#### Early Release/Staff Development

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

#### No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Spirit Day/Morning Assembly

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m.

#### National School Choice Week

Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

#### 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 100th Day + 100% Attendance = 100% Funding

**Please make every effort to be in school today!**

#### 6th Grade Field Trip

Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Reid Traditional Schools and Painted Rock Academy

#### Board Meetings

Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. School board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

#### 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Ice Cream

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

### Upcoming Sports

#### Girls' Basketball Game (Away)

Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. vs. Academia del Pueblo

#### Girls'/Boys' Basketball Games (Away)

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. vs. Bennett

#### Girls'/Boys' Basketball Games (Away)

Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. vs. AmeriSchools

#### Boys' Basketball Game (Home)

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. vs. AmeriSchools

#### Girls' Basketball Game (Home)

Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. vs. Riverbend

#### Girls'/Boys' Basketball Scrimmages

Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. at Western School of Science and Technology

#### Boys' Basketball Game (Home)

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. vs. Brighton

#### Girls' Basketball Game (Home)

Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 p.m. vs. Brighton



National School Choice Week is January 23– January 27, 2017. National School Choice Week celebrates effective educational options for all children. Every

child deserves a quality education, and we are happy to be one of many successful schools in our community participating in National School Choice Week.

Thank you all for making Painted Rock Academy *your* school choice!



Students at Painted Rock Academy should be well groomed and neat in appearance. All clothing is to be well fitted and in good repair. Upon walking the campus, several things have been noticed that need to be brought to the forefront.

- Earrings must be simple and not hang below the earlobe.
- Shorts/skirts must be no shorter than the middle of the thigh and no longer than the middle of the knee. Capris are not allowed.
- Pants should not be above the ankle.
- Belts must be worn for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Younger students must wear a belt if they have belt loops. Belt loops may be removed for preschool-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.
- No leggings or footless tights may be worn.
- Only clear, pale pink, pale beige or French-style plain nail polish is permitted, no false nails.

- Jackets may not be worn tied around the waist and must be hoodless and uniform color in order to be worn in the classroom.
- Solid, uniform color socks must be worn. Boots may not be worn.

Non-compliance of the dress standard will result in disciplinary action. Please help enforce the dress code by checking your child's attire before they leave the house. Thank you for your help adhering to the policies of Painted Rock Academy.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Geography Bee winner Daniel L.



AZ Instruction provides afterschool programs for students at Painted Rock Academy. The second semester registration is available now and is due by January 11<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to sign up for the afterschool activities provided by AZ Instruction at Painted Rock Academy for the second semester.



Arts & Crafts Class artwork was displayed in the office. They did a great job and enjoyed the semester.

### Winter Choir Concert

December 15<sup>th</sup> was our fantastic winter choir concert here at Painted Rock Academy. They did a fabulous job. Thanks, Ms. Illsley, for a fun-filled night. It was a wonderful concert.






Jr. Cheer performed at our December morning assembly. They did a fantastic job and had a lot of fun.





# January 2017

| Sun | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                                     | Sat |
|-----|---|--|--|--|---|-----|
| 1   | 2   | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6                                       | 7   |
|     | No School Winter Break  |  |  |  |   |     |
| 8   | 9   | 10   | 11   | 12   | 13                                      | 14  |
|     | Girls' Basketball Game @ ADP  |  | Report Cards Sent Home<br>Student Council Meeting<br>Girls'/Boys' Basketball Games @ Bennett | PROP Meeting 8:15 a.m.<br>Girls'/Boys' Basketball Games @ AmeriSchools | Early Release Staff Development         |     |
| 15  | 16  | 17   | 18   | 19   | 20                                      | 21  |
|     | No School<br><br>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |  |  | Boys' Basketball Home Game vs. AmeriSchools                            | Spirit Day & Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m. |     |
| 22  | 23  | 24   | 25   | 26   | 27                                      | 28  |
|     | Girls' Basketball Home Game vs. Riverbend   | <br>100th Day + 100% Attendance = 100% Funding<br>Please make every effort to be in school today<br>6th grade field trip<br>Girls'/Boys' Basketball Scrimmages @ Western School of Science and Technology | Boys' Basketball Home Game vs. Brighton  | Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.  | 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Ice Cream        |     |
|     |   |  |  |  |   |     |
| 29  | 30  | 31   | Feb. 1   | 2  | 3                                       | 4   |
|     |   | Girls' Basketball Home Game vs. Brighton   | Boys' Basketball Home Game vs. Brighton  |  |   |     |