



## From the Principal's Desk

Mr. Bauer, M. Ed., Principal

It's difficult to believe, but we are rapidly approaching Spring Break! We hope you will enjoy your week off, but we want to encourage all of you to remind your students to read often while they are away. Encourage them to play educational games and have meaningful conversations with you throughout the week. Meaningful conversations with adults build vocabulary. We want them to be sharp when they return, as we will get right to work preparing for state standardized testing and completing the year's curriculum.

This year, our 3rd – 8th grade students will be taking the AzMERIT state achievement assessment, while only 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take the AIMS science assessment. We are scheduled for these tests to begin on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Tests will be administered Monday through Thursday, with a make-up day on Friday. Please make every effort to have your children here each day on time; once testing begins, students may not enter their classrooms until their class has finished testing for the day, and they will have to make up their test. Please avoid making appointments that would cause your child to miss school that week. While only 3rd – 8th grade students are tested, we ask that Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders are here on time so there is as little disruption as possible for students who are testing. If you wish to find out more about the achievement test, please visit the Arizona Department of Education AzMERIT website at <http://azmeritportal.org/>.

You can help your students prepare for testing by making sure they have a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast each day. Students will be allowed to bring a healthy snack for a break between testing sessions. Great snack ideas include crackers, granola bars, or fresh fruit. Please encourage your child to take the test seriously as these tests inform them, and us, if they are learning what they need to know to continue being successful students. Teachers have been working diligently all year to prepare your students for these tests, while making sure they are receiving a well-rounded education.

Painted Rock Academy is a traditional school that focuses on providing an environment conducive to academic success. High parental involvement also helps students achieve success. Parents who are involved can more actively monitor the progress of their child. This helps them catch weaknesses and spot strengths, allowing parents to provide additional support to their child's learning. Working together with the school is beneficial to ensure your child's success, and that is our goal. Thank you for being a part of the team.

## Upcoming Events

### Pennies for Patients

Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> Student Council is collecting money for pennies for patients. Please help this good cause.

### Student Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

### PROP Meeting

Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15 a.m. in the Parent Room.

### National Junior Honor Society Meeting

Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

### Spirit Day/Morning Assembly

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:15 a.m.

### Spring Fling- "Carnival"

Join us Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Spring Music Concerts

Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> Full day

KG - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 6:00 p.m.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

### Preschool Open House for 2017-2018

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

### Early Release-Staff Development

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Boulder Club will run its normal hours.

### No School-Spring Break

Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

### Report Cards Sent Home

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Standardized Testing Week

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>– Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

### Reid Traditional Schools and

### Painted Rock Academy Board Meetings

Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. School board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll Ice Cream

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

## Upcoming Sports

### Boys' Basketball Tournament Game (Away)

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. vs. AmeriSchools

### Girls' Basketball Tournament Game 2 (Away)

Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. vs. Paideia

### Boys' Basketball Tournament Game 2 (Away)

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. vs. TBD (If the boys win the game on 3/1, they will go on to this game on Friday. GOOD LUCK!)

### Girls' Basketball Tournament Final Game (Away)

Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. vs. TBD (Girls will play in the final game on Tuesday for the Championship if they win the game on 3/ 2. GOOD LUCK!)

### Track Intramural Season Starting

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting until 4:15 p.m. with track coaches for any 4th - 8th grade students interested in joining. Practices will be afterschool on Tuesday's and Thursday's until 4:30 p.m.

# NEWS & UPDATES

## Music Concert Details



**When:** Monday, March 6, 2017  
6:00pm for Full-Day Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**When:** Tuesday, March 7, 2017  
6:00pm for 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade and choir

**Concert dress:** Navy uniform shirts and khaki uniform bottoms (no jumpers please). Girls may wear navy tights. Dress shoes or nice sneakers (no boots or light up shoes please).

We will begin on time for both performances; please make sure your child is seated in their proper row 10 minutes prior to performance times.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Field Day

1st - 8th grade students enjoyed field day. Thanks to Coach Hunt and the amazing parent volunteers for making it possible.



### 8<sup>th</sup> grade Car Wash

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade held a car wash fundraiser to raise money to help with costs of promotion activities. We had a great turn out and are thankful for the generous donations.



### 4th grade field trip

4th grade went on a field trip to the Pioneer Living History Museum. They learned a lot and enjoyed a fun filled day.



Congratulations to our 5th Annual Geography Bee winner Daniel L.

Winners of the school level have to take an online test to further qualify for going to the State Level Geography Bee. We are proud that Daniel is going on to the State Level and wish him well.





# March 2017

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Student Council Meeting</p> <p>Boys' Basketball Tournament Game (Away)</p> <p>Track Intramural Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>PROP Meeting 8:15 a.m.</p> <p>NJHS Meeting</p> <p>Girls' Basketball Tournament Game (Away)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Spirit Day/Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.</p> <p>Boys' Basketball Tournament Game (Away) TBD</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Spring Fling 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</p>
Pennies for Patients						
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Spring Music Concert 6:00 p.m. (Full day KG–3<sup>rd</sup>)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Girls' Basketball Tournament Finals (Away) TBD</p> <p>Spring Music Concert 6:00 p.m. (4th - 8th grades)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip</p> <p>Track Practice</p> <p>Preschool Open House for 2017-2018</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Early Release - Staff Development</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
No School – Spring Break						
<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Track Practice</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Reports Cards Sent Home</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Track Practice</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll Ice Cream</p>	
Standardized Testing						