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From the Principal's office



Hello Painted Rock Families,

It is hard to believe that it is already February. We have several events on the calendar, including our Hawk Hop Fun Run on February 10th and our Spring Fling is right around the corner on March 4th.

With tax season also upon us, we are having a Textbooks Instead of Taxes

contest. This is a great way to support our school. Please see below for more information, and thank you in advance for your consideration.

The students and staff of PRA continue to work hard as we approach the midway point of the third quarter. I am very proud of the effort and great job they each do. PRA is indeed a wonderful place to be at every day. If you would like to experience more of PRA, please see the office about volunteering, substitute teaching, or ways to get involved with PROP.

Have a wonderful February!

Sincerely, Mr. Hoffman, Principal

Current Events

PROP Meeting at 8:30 A.M. Thursday, February 2nd **Spirit Day** Friday, February 3rd **Progress Reports** Wednesday, February 8th Hawk Hop Fun Run Friday, February 10th Early Release / Parent-Teacher Conferences Friday, February 10th Early Release Times - All students with older siblings may wait to release at 12:15 P.M. Kindergarten release is at 11:10 A.M. Preschool, 1st & 2nd Grades release is at 11:30 A.M. 3rd - 8th Grades release is at 12:15 P.M. No School - Presidents' Day Monday, February 20th **School Board Meeting** Thursday, February 23rd at 6:00 P.M. Reid Offices Parents are welcome to attend. Spring Fling - March 4th 11:00 - 2:00 P.M.

TEXTBOOKS INSTEAD OF TAXES CONTEST

Now through April 18, 2023

Make a tax credit donation <u>here</u> to be used for either 2022 or 2023 state taxes. One contest entry will be assigned for each \$100 donation made for a chance to win a \$200 Amazon gift card.

You may review the Arizona Dept. of Revenue School Tax Credits <u>brochure</u>.

Thank you for helping us get new textbooks!

Intent to Return Forms

A simple form has been sent home with each of your children in Kindergarten through 7th grade to confirm that they will return to Painted Rock Academy.

Please complete the form(s) prior to February 22nd to secure your child's seat for the 2023-2024 class. If your academic choice is not Painted Rock Academy, you may indicate this decision on the same form.

If you have additional questions, you may contact the Front Office at 623-466-8855.

After school sports have been an integral part of student wellness. Current basketball teams continue to practice and play games, increasing skill each time. The Girls' team is undefeated, and the Boys' team is 2-1.

Are you interested in making a difference and getting involved? Contact our Athletics Director, Mrs. Goshow, if you're interested in coaching track and field this spring.

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Every time you attend a parent/teacher conference, you get involved in your child's education and strengthen the bond with your child's teacher. Taking the following steps will ensure you and your child get the most out of the conference.

> Review Assignments: Are there goals your child has met? It might be time to set new goals. Write down your concerns.
> Remember, this is a brief conference. Follow-up sessions may be available upon request.



Honorable Hawk

These third grade students have been recognized for their dedication to their studies and great citizenship during the month of January. Mrs. Keeley, Mrs. Patel, and Mrs. Modi have nominated these students for being honest, hardworking and helpful.

Great work, Kimberly, Anne, Angelykh, and Isabelle!

Attendance Matters

Have you seen the outstanding results of your child attending class each day thus far this year? It is extremely rewarding! As a special bonus, those students who have perfect attendance in February will receive a complimentary ticket to an Arizona Diamondbacks home game. The voucher will be sent home and you may choose from a variety of scheduled games from April through July 2023. Keep track on a calendar at home and reach out to the <u>attendance clerk</u> with any questions you may have.



In the Classrooms







Our music teacher, Ms. Illsley, has bolstered the music classroom experience of all students through a \$2,500 grant. The funds were received from the Palo Verde Fiesta Bowl Charities Wishes for Teachers, which is one of the most impactful teacher support programs in Arizona. All of the funds were dedicated to purchasing new instruments and an electric ukulele with technology supplies. The hand drums will connect students to sounds from around the world, and individual-size instruments will engage students in understanding rhythm and song. Discover more details about music and the other specials classes on our website here.

Eighth grade students have mastered the skill of debating in a whole class experience. They studied and collaborated to defend their stance on having a year long school.



Meet Mr. Agrawal

My name is Mr. Agrawal, and I am the Technology teacher. I am originally from India, and I now represent assimilation of American and Indian culture. I enjoy working with and guiding students to accomplish skills in computer science and technology.

I began my career in IT while living in India. Then, in 1996, I moved to the USA where I collaborated with many companies, including a startup.

I have lived in Phoenix, AZ for the last 22 years. My wife is a kindergarten teacher, and we have twin sons. Each are pursuing their own careers.

In Technology, students learn the full range of skills from proper keyboarding to 3D modeling. I am available if you have any questions or concerns.





Thank you, Coach Barella, for providing a digital scoreboard for the Hawks' sports teams! PRA was chosen by Barella Enterprises, which coordinates referees.

Painted Rock Organization of Parents

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, February 2nd

Join us in the Parent Room at 8:00 a.m. for coffee and greetings.

A ZOOM link will also be sent by email for your access from home.



Spring Fling

Save the date for March 4th 11-2 P.M.

Used Uniform Sales

Visit the Parent Room to purchase gently used uniforms.

February 1st and 15th Before school: 7:45 - 8:15 a.m. After school: 2:15 - 3:30 p.m. Donate two clothing items, get one free.

Looking for more ways to support our school while you shop?

You can enroll your Fry's card with the Community Rewards Program. BOX TOPS can be submitted online through btfe.com

Both programs send PRA support without any additional cost to you.

Hawk Hop Fun Run Fundraiser Now through February 24th

We want to promote a healthy lifestyle to our students and the community, all while having fun raising money for our school. The funds will go toward classroom and technology upgrades. Teachers will also directly receive a percentage to invest into their classroom. Be a part of reaching our total goal of \$25,000.

To get started, register your parent hub <u>here</u>, and use our school identifier: 5d2f405118fa1 Each classroom will have individual goals and incentives for the students to enjoy.



On Friday, February 10th, all students will be invited outside for a Fun Run to complete 30 laps. Come and cheer on your child! Kindergarten & 1st Grade ~ 8:15 - 8:45 A.M. 2nd & 3rd Grades ~ 9:00 - 9:30 A.M. 4th & 5th Grades ~ 9:45 - 10:15 A.M. 6th, 7th & 8th Grades ~ 10:15 - 10:45 A.M.

We hope families will enjoy this opportunity to get their kids moving!

Lost and Found is overflowing again with jackets and water bottles. Please stop by our Boulder Club room to claim what you are missing.



Please email volunteerprop@gmail.com for more information.

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