

REID TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS'  
**Painted Rock Academy**



**October 2012 Newsletter**

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**A message from the Principal...**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It seems impossible that it is already time for our second newsletter; time flies when you're having fun. We are pleased with our first month's efforts and would like to thank you in advance for your patience as we continue to work on making a few adjustments when needed.



If you have not already heard, the students, staff and parents have selected our school colors and our school mascot. Our school colors are Sedona Red and Black and our mascot is the Hawks. This announcement was made at the September 24, 2012 awards assembly, and the students were pleased with their choices.

We received your completed surveys and we appreciate your quick response. The surveys were quite positive. Thank you for your input. While the large majority were marked with a "yes" response, we appreciate the comments many of you made, as it helps us make improvements when and where necessary.

I am pleased to let you know that we are now listed on [GreatSchools.org](http://GreatSchools.org), a non-profit school comparison site. Many of you even found Reid Traditional Schools through GreatSchools. If you have loved your experience here, it would help us if you would go to the site and comment. Those five-star rankings and thoughtful comments carry a lot of weight with families shopping for a great school.

It has been a sincere pleasure working with you and your children the past few months and I look forward to the next several months. Thank you for your support and I know together we can make Painted Rock Academy the best school for your children.

Sincerely,

Leslie Szostak,  
 Principal

**Important Numbers**

- Main Number:** (623) 466-8855
- Reception Desk: ext. 172
- Attendance: ext. 172
- Nurse: ext. 179
- Principal: ext. 176
- Assistant Principal: ext. 176
- Secretary: ext. 176
- Parent Room (PROP): ext. 153
- Fax: (623) 455-3270

**Important Dates**

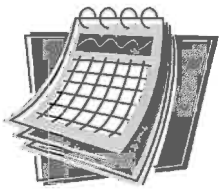
October

- 4 High School Night 6:30 at Valley Academy
- 4 PROP Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Spirit Day
- 8 No School-Columbus Day
- 9 Picture Day
- 15 Morning Assembly
- 19 End of 1st Quarter
- 24 Report Cards Go Home
- 25 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 25-26 Parent Teacher Conferences  
 Early Release (12:15)
- 29 Morning Assembly

November Highlights

- 2 No School for Students
- 12 No School-Veterans' Day
- 21-23 NO SCHOOL  
 Thanksgiving Break

## Early Release



October 25 and 26 are early release days for first quarter parent/teacher conferences.

Hot lunch will not be served; please send a sack lunch with your student.

## Lunch Menu Update

Our hot lunch program continues to grow in popularity. Chef Beth cooks with fresh food whenever possible and always seasons with love! Encourage your students to try new tastes at lunch. For November orders, please pay the exact amount for your order and don't be late! Orders turned in after the due date cannot be accepted.



Also, we would accept donations of *creamy* peanut butter, grape jelly, and bread for students who have forgotten their lunches. We charge \$1.00 for an *emergency* PB&J sandwich. If your child receives one, please pay this amount as soon as possible.

## Picture Day

Picture Day is coming Tuesday, October 9th. Students wear their regular uniforms on picture day. If your student is absent or needs to have their picture retaken, picture retakes will be done in November.



## PROP News

We still need volunteers for picture day, Oct. 9th. Contact Mary Ann Tenold at az10old@gmail.com if you can help. It's a fun job that's full of smiles! If you have uniforms your kids have outgrown that are still in good condition, please donate them to PROP so we can make them available at a minimal price. Join us at our meeting Thursday. Your

## Online Payments Are Here!



Click "Make a Payment" on our web page to pay for Boulder Club, Academic Arcade, or Full-Day Kindergarten through PayPal. You do not need to have a PayPal account to use this free service.

## Attendance

If your child is absent, please remember to call the attendance line at (623) 466-8855, by 9:00 a.m. Please leave and spell the first and last name of your child. If this information cannot be understood, we will be unable to excuse the absence. If you wish to request homework, please do so at that time. Teachers must be given appropriate time to gather the work. Homework requested after *11:00 a.m.* will not be available until the next day. The homework can be picked up in the office at the end of the school day. Thank you.



## Campus Safety

Keeping all our students safe on campus is a priority at Painted Rock Academy. To help us know who is authorized to be on campus, please continue to follow these safety procedures:

**ALWAYS SIGN IN** and get a name badge at the front office when you are on campus. If you come often, you may still obtain an ID lanyard for \$4.00. See Claudia at the front office to have your picture taken.

**DISPLAY YOUR NAME/GRADE PLACARD** in your windshield when you use the drive-up pickup lane. Additional placards are available at the front desk.

**WAIT OUTSIDE** the Activity Room if you walk up to pick up your student at the 11:05 or 2:15 dismissal times.

**PASS THROUGH THE OFFICE TO THE ART ROOM** if you walk up to pick up your student at the 3:15 dismissal.

**TO PICK UP FROM BOULDER CLUB**, come onto campus through the southwest gate by the basketball court and enter the Multi Purpose Room through the glass doors by the playground.



## Board Meetings

The Board of Directors meets on the fourth Thursday of each month unless otherwise posted. All regular meetings are open to the public, and parents are encouraged to attend. If you wish to contact members of the Board, you may send a letter to the school or leave a message with Jeannine at (623)516-7747, ext. 116.



**Parent Teacher Conferences** are this month,. Children do better in school when their parents are involved in their education. The first quarter conferences are mandatory. 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.



#### **Before the conference:**

- 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.

#### **Afterward:**

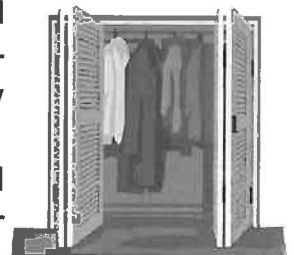
- Tell your child: After the conference, meet with your child and discuss the teacher's comments. Remember to praise all the things your child is doing well and pass along the teacher's compliments. If you need to, talk about areas that you and the teacher will be working on to help your child improve.
- Follow up: In the days that follow, let your child's teacher know that you are following through



**Reid Traditional is now on Facebook!** "Like" our page to keep current with news that affects both Valley Academy and Painted Rock Academy. Just posted: In honor of Painted Rock's opening, Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. John Huppenthal sat down with Mrs. Cuyler Reid, Valley Academy's founder. View this informal, friendly discussion of their work together since 1993 to improve education in Arizona. Then share our page with your friends and family so they can know about the quality, traditional education that you experience at Painted Rock Academy.

**Clean out your closet and help our schools.** Make room for holiday gifts! Reid Traditional is accepting donations for Valley Academy's and Painted Rock Academy's after school programs. We are also accepting donations for the toddler play area in Painted Rock's Parent Room.

Some items we would appreciate are: board games; books; videos; card games; televisions; a refrigerator; puzzles; a chalk board; video games and/or players; Little Tykes toys like a clubhouse, kitchen or workbench; toddler toys; a couch and storage bins or shelves for the Toddler Room; ride-on toys; kids furniture; crayons; and coloring books. Just bring your items to your school's front office, and we will put them to good use! Thank you for your generosity!



# October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 PROP MEETING 6:30 p.m. High School Information Night at Valley Academy 6:30-8:00 p.m.	5 Spirit Day You may wear a <i>plain</i> red or <i>plain</i> black t-shirt. Go Hawks!	6
7	8 No School for students Columbus Day Staff Development	9 Picture Day	10	11	12	13
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