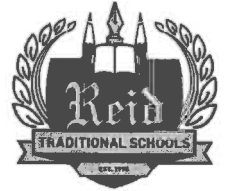




# REID TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS' Painted Rock Academy



## September 2012 Newsletter



[www.PaintedRockAcademy.com](http://www.PaintedRockAcademy.com)

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Phoenix, AZ 85023

### A message from the Principal...

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Painted Rock Academy! We have completed our first week of school, and we are very pleased with how smoothly our opening has gone. Thank you all for your cooperation and a special thank you for your excitement and positive attitudes. I am sure this is going to be a terrific year, and we look forward to many more wonderful years to come.



You should be so proud of your children, who come in daily with smiles on their faces, excited to learn. Their teachers, in turn, have expressed that same excitement and enthusiasm. With all of this going for us, we can't help but have a successful and enjoyable year.

I am also happy to announce that we will have our first parent meeting on September 6, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. We are getting ready to choose our school colors and our school mascot, so be watching for that information. Things are coming together pretty quickly, and that was evidenced by one parent's comment that this did not feel like a brand new school. We feel fortunate not only to have a beautiful facility to educate children in, but even more so to have such supportive families to work with.

Thank you again for choosing us as your educational partner and for allowing us to work with you and 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

#### August 2012

- 28 Kindergarten Curriculum Night  
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 29 Curriculum Night
  - 1st grade-5:30-6:15 p.m.
  - 2nd grade-6:15-7:00 p.m.
  - 3rd grade-7:00-7:30 p.m.
  - 4th grade-7:30-8:00 p.m.
- 30 Curriculum Night
  - 5th grade-5:30-6:00 p.m.
  - 6th grade-6:00-7:00 p.m.
  - Specials (Music Room)
  - 7th/8th grades 7:00-9:00 p.m.

#### September 2012

- 3 No School - Labor Day
- 10 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
- 19 Progress Reports
- 24 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
- 28 Early Release 12:15 p.m.



Painted Rock Academy would like to thank D.L. Withers Construction and its team of subcontractors for their donation of bookcases and \$19,050 to benefit our library. Our next-door neighbor, Kingdom in the Valley Christian Church, also donated \$1,000 for the library. Thank you all!



## Health Office News

Mrs. Linda Winters, R.N.

☺ In order to help keep all of our children healthy, please remember that children must be fever-free for 24 hours before they may come back to school.

☺ Please do not allow your children to carry any medicine with them, including over-the-counter medications. All medicines need to be checked in and stored for your child in the Health Office.

☺ Please be sure to send a water bottle with your child on a daily basis. We want to be sure to keep the students well hydrated.

### Early Release

September 28th is an early release day.

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

Here are the school hours for these days:

Half Day Kindergarten: 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Full Day Kindergarten-8th grade: 8:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

### Lunch Menu Update

Our hot lunch program was a big success.

The lunch menu for September will be sent home with your student. You must sign up for the full month and pay for the full month. Lunch orders for the month are due August 28th with exact amount of money for what you ordered for the month.



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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. Donations of spoons, forks, and straws are also appreciated.

### After School Enrichment Classes

These classes are offered after school by Arizona Instruction. Arizona Instruction has been offering enrichment classes at Valley Academy for the past four years and has served students statewide for two decades. The classes available are:

Mondays:	Drama, K-8th grade
Tuesdays:	Drawing, Arts and Crafts, K-8th grade
Wednesdays:	Jr. Pom and Cheer, K-4th grade Jr. Sports Club, K-4th grade
Thursdays:	Dance, K-8th grade

More details and registration forms can be found at the front office and on the "For Our Families" page of [www.PaintedRockAcademy.com](http://www.PaintedRockAcademy.com).

### 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.

### Dress Code Reminder

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 must be no shorter than the middle of the thigh and no longer than the middle of the knee.
- Fabric sashes may not be worn in lieu of a belt.
- Students are not permitted to wear eye shadow, mascara, or eyeliner.
- Only one bracelet maybe worn at a time.
- It is recommended that boys have their hair length cut above the collar.
- Solid, uniform color socks must 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.



*Newsletter*



Dear Painted Rock Families,

Welcome back to what is going to be a fantastic school year at Painted Rock Academy. The first weeks of school have gone very smoothly, and we look forward to everything falling right into place.

We want to remind everyone of a few procedures to help ensure student safety. If you are dropping your children off, please enter campus through the Banff driveway (southwest corner of campus) and continue driving around to the north side of the building and drop your children in the loading zone near the doors marked "student drop off." Please continue forward and exit the campus onto 25<sup>th</sup> Drive.

We also want to remind you that if you are picking your children up after school, please wait for them in the Physical Education/Activity room. Please refrain from waiting for your children by their classrooms.

If you are picking up your children through the drive-through pick up line, please enter campus through the Banff driveway (southwest corner of campus) and continue driving around to the north side of the building to the pick-up zone. Have your name placard in the windshield, and we will help your child into the car. Please continue forward and exit the campus onto 25<sup>th</sup> Drive.

Please do not enter campus from 25<sup>th</sup> Drive. This is an exit-only driveway.

Finally, we ask that if you are parking in the neighborhood to pick up your children, please be courteous of our neighbors and do not block their driveways.

Thank you for your help in making our campus operate smoothly. We are excited for the school year and look forward to seeing you on campus!

Kind regards,

Miss Britainy McMillan,

Assistant Principal

## 2012-2013 Painted Rock Academy Teachers & Staff

### Administration & Office

Ms. Mitchell - CEO  
Mrs. Szostak - Principal  
Ms. McMillan - Asst. Principal  
Mrs. Howard -Secretary  
Mrs. Winters- Health Office  
Mrs. Marshall -Receptionist

### Support Staff

Mr. Hickman- Maintenance Manager  
Mr. Garcia - Day Custodian  
Mrs. Lichman -Food Service Manager  
Mrs. Bunch - Food Service Assistant

### Kindergarten

Ms. Kylo  
Mrs. Magid  
Mrs. Venugopal

### First Grade

Ms. Crahan  
Mrs. King  
Mrs. Mitchell  
Ms. Tucker

### Second Grade

Mrs. Miller  
Ms. Pruitt

### Third Grade

Mrs. Harper  
Mrs. Molloy

### Fourth Grade

Ms. Berry  
Mrs. Henry

### Fifth Grade

Miss Christian  
Ms. Scrip

### Sixth Grade

Mrs. Horacek

### Seventh Grade

Mrs. Roberts  
Mrs. Wolpert

### Eighth Grade

Mrs. Del Giorno

### Special Area Teachers

Mrs. McDermott - Art  
Ms. Alfieri - Computers  
Mr. Raetz - Music  
Mr. Mitchelson - P.E.  
Mrs. Vallelonga - Spanish  
Mrs. Singh - Resource Aide  
Ms. McGinnis - Speech  
Ms. Frost- Boulder Club

### Aides

Mrs. Stradling  
Ms. Uhlving  
Mrs. Orozco



Get to know the Painted Rock Academy Teachers.  
Teacher resumes are available for review in the  
front office.

Welcome to all our great Faculty and Staff!



### And now, a word from our Government ...

As a public school, Painted Rock Academy is asked to make our families aware of certain state and governmental notices. Here they are, in a nutshell:

**AZ HB2732**-stipulates that 3rd grade students who obtain a score on the reading portion of the AIMS test that demonstrates the pupil is reading far below the third grade level may not be promoted from the third grade.

**Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** - Parents are allowed to inspect school records and have an expectation of privacy in educational matters. For more information on FERPA rights, check out the *For Parents/ Special Education* area of our website, or ask the school office for assistance.

**IRS Form 990** - A copy of the school's non-profit tax return is available in the school office upon request.

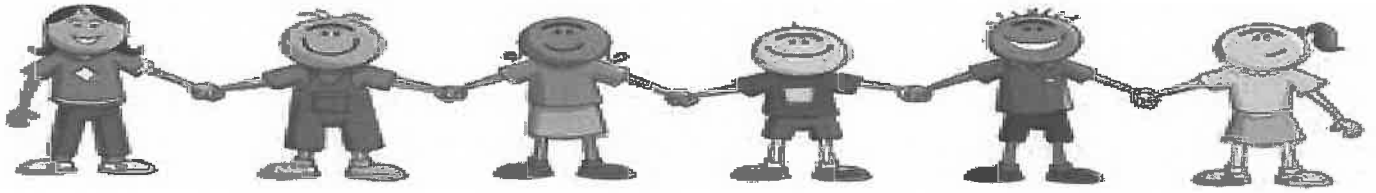
**Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)** - The school has been inspected for asbestos and certified to be asbestos free. The required AHERA Management Plan and inspection materials are available in the school office.

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** - Students with disabilities are entitled to a copy of procedural safeguards. For more information, check out the *Academics/ Curriculum/ Special Education* section of Painted Rock Academy's website, or ask the school office for assistance.

**McKinney-Vento Act** - Special guidelines on the enrollment and education of homeless children are outlined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. For more information, see [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).



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