From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Goshow, M. Ed. Principal

Dear Families,

I hope you had a restful Thanksgiving break and enjoyed some quality time with loved ones. Holidays are often celebrated with traditions, and one of my family's traditions is to share the best moments of our year at the Thanksgiving table. This year, my favorite moment was being promoted to Principal of the school. Although it has only been three months, I have loved meeting new families and students, all of whom have been kind and welcoming to me. I look forward to continuing our positive interactions each day. A school tradition at Painted Rock is the annual Reindeer Run, which will be held on December 20th, starting at 8:30 AM. This event is a foot race for all grade levels, where we will celebrate the fastest boy and girl in each grade.

With three weeks left until Winter Break and the end of the second quarter, I want to remind you to help your child(ren) stick to their daily schedule. The holiday season can become quite hectic, making it easy to lose focus. Teachers would appreciate your support in keeping these two priorities in mind:

1. Attendance

School starts at 8:00 AM.

Students are considered tardy after 8:05 AM.

Remember, our north doors open at 7:30 AM for drop-off.

Four tardies in a quarter will result in detention.

2. Homework

Please check your child's agenda and homework nightly.

If you have concerns, don't hesitate to check in with your child's teacher.

ParentVUE is a great tool for tracking your child's progress.

Additionally, please ensure your child comes to school dressed for cold mornings. Since we send children outside, a warm coat, hat, and gloves are helpful for keeping them warm. Remember to label these items with your child's name to make it easier to return them if misplaced.

During Winter Break, you can help maintain your child's skills by encouraging daily reading. We hope families will support us in upholding high expectations with 20 minutes of reading each day. **Reading is a powerful tool** for building your child's mind.

We wish each of you a safe and joyful Winter Break filled with family time!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Stella Goshow, M.Ed.

Principal



NEWS & UPDATES

Spirit Day is on Friday,

December 6th



Also in January, Spirit Day is Friday, January 10th, 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Spirit Day / Morning Assembly / PROPsicles:

Friday, Dec. 6th Assembly at 8:15 a.m.

7th & 8th Grade Winter Dance:

Friday, Dec. 6th 6:00-8:00 p.m.

StuCo—Food Drive:

Monday, Dec. 9th (last day)

Great Skate Fundraiser—CANCELLED

This will be rescheduled in 2024.

Caught Being Good:

Friday, Dec. 13th

School Spelling Bee:

Tuesday, Dec. 17th 1:00 p.m.

End of 2nd Quarter / Reindeer Run / Early Release / Winter Parties:

Friday, Dec. 20th

Winter Break—No School:

Dec. 23rd through Jan. 6th

School Resumes:

Tuesday, Jan. 7th

Report Cards:

Wednesday, Jan. 8th - ParentVUE

PROP Meeting:

Thursday, Jan. 9th 8:15 a.m.

Spirit Day / Morning Assembly / PROPsicles:

Friday, Jan. 10th Assembly at 8:15 a.m.

Honor Roll Ice Cream / Caught Being Good:

Friday, Jan. 17th

100th Day of School:

Wednesday, Jan. 22nd



Last day for food
donations
Monday, December 9th

From the Desk of Nurse Rose

Please remember that if your child has a fever that is 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, he or she will need to stay home from school until it has been 24 hours without a fever and without the use of fever reducing medication (acetaminophen, ibuprofen, naproxen). If your child is not feeling well, please keep him or her home from school until symptoms improve.



If your child needs medications while at school, a parent or guardian must bring the medication to the nurse's office and fill out a form. No medications should be in a student's backpack without specific permission. This includes over the counter medications and homeopathic medications as well.

PRA ACTIVITIES





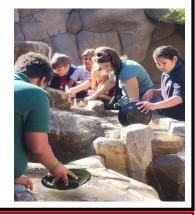
Natural History. It was a refreshing break to step into a diverse world of dinosaurs, ancient cultures, and















We had our annual Sock Donation Drive for SockTober, run by StuCo, and it was a huge success! Students and staff from Pre-K to 8th grade donated brand new socks to help those in need. A special shoutout goes to the 2nd and 4th grades, who worked together to donate an incredible 1,111 pairs of socks! These grades were the top winners! Thank you to all who participated.

NEWS FROM PRE-K





Our Pre-K students took part in their very own Election Day! We had a voting booth where everyone voted for their favorite snack, putting their ballot in a special ballot box. They were excited to learn how voting helps people make important decisions!











We had our very own mini Macy's Day Parade! We saw many exciting characters like dancing animals in colorful balloons. Everyone smiled and waved, and it felt like we were part of a magical parade just like the one on TV!











PRA ACTIVITIES

We are so proud to announce that both our Volleyball & Flag Football Teams made it to their respective championships this season! **Congratulations** to all the players, coaches, and supporters who made this achievement possible.







On Veterans Day, our school came together to honor the brave men and women who have served in the military. We held a heartfelt ceremony to recognize their sacrifices and immense contributions to our country.



It was an honor to celebrate and thank them for everything they have done for our nation.









YOUNG AMERICAN POETRY DIGEST 2024

We are delighted to share that our students' exceptional poems have been published in the esteemed Young American Poetry Digest 2024. Their creativity, dedication, and talent have truly shone through. These young poets have made a remarkable impact on the literary world, and we are proud to see their work celebrated. We wish them continued success and power to their pen (and their words). A huge thank you to Mrs. Scott for mentoring our students and inspiring them to reach their full potential.









Model T Car Show

On November 14, 2024, the Model T Club of Phoenix showcased their incredible collection of cars. Our students had a fantastic time exploring the various models and even had the opportunity to collect some memorable souvenirs.



















PROP A DECEMBER 2024

PROP Meeting Info

Thursday, Dec 5th, 8:15 A.M.
Join us in the PROP Room at
8:00 A.M. before the meeting
for socializing, coffee, and
light refreshments!

Used Uniform Sales

We know how quickly your kids outgrow their clothes! Come see us to purchase used uniforms and/or donate your old uniforms.

When: 1st & 3rd Wednesday's of the month @ 7:30-8:15 A.M. &



2:15-3:30 P.M.

Pricing:

Shirts-\$2

Everything Else-\$3

Donate 2 items, Get 1 like item Free!



Reindeer Run 2024!

Friday, December 20th

Parents & Guardians are welcome to come watch and cheer on your child during the following times:

8:30-9:00-- Grades 7th-8th

9:00-9:30-- Grades K-1st

9:30-10:00-- Grades 2nd-3rd

10:00-10:30-- Grades 4th-6th

10:30-11:00-- Preschool

PROP is looking for volunteers to help in different areas at the Reindeer Run. Signup link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4BAD

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Other Upcoming Events

- 12/4/2024: Used Uniform Sales
- 12/6/2024: Spirit Day; *PROPsicles; 7th/8th Grade Winter Dance
- 12/12/2024: Great Skate 8th Grade Fundraiser
- 12/13/2024: Caught Being Good
- 12/17/2024: Spelling Bee
- 12/18/2024: Used Uniform Sale
- 12/20/2024: Reindeer Run; Winter Class Parties; Early Release
- 1/8/2025: Used Uniform Sales
- 1/9/2025: PROP Meeting
- 1/10/2025: Spirit Day; *PROPsicles

Volunteers Needed!!

DID YOU KNOW?

Families at Painted Rock Academy are requested to perform at least 3 hours/month of volunteer participation time. PROP is always looking for more amazing volunteers!

Currently PROP is looking for:

- Lockdown Kits Coordinator Help organize & coordinate refreshing the school's lockdown kits.
- *PROPsicles- Help coordinate PROPsicle sales, including buying popsicles, organizing & distributing PROPsicle cards.

Contact us at <u>volunteerPROPagmail.com</u> to find out how to get involved!

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