



Hawk News

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Goshow, M. Ed. Principal



Dear Painted Rock Academy Families,

I can hardly believe we're already halfway through the school year! As I take a moment to look back on everything we've accomplished together so far, I can't help but smile. One thing I can truly appreciate is how well-organized our events and activities have been so far. We've had so many fantastic gatherings, and I genuinely thank our amazing parents and volunteers—your support has been crucial to making each event a success.

Another notable accomplishment is that we've earned two distinguished recognitions: an "A" rating from the Arizona Department of Education and recognition as one of the best elementary schools by U.S. News and World Report! What an incredible achievement! This success is a testament to our passionate teachers and the support of our wonderful community. The staff at Painted Rock Academy continues to embody our school's vision and mission statement, and this achievement is truly their pride.

As we look forward to the rest of the year, I'd love to see even more families getting involved through volunteering. There are so many ways to contribute, and one special opportunity coming up is our annual Spring Fling on March 1st. Keep an eye out for more information as we get closer to the date! And if you do volunteer work, don't forget to log in your hours. I know many of you help but may forget to record it. You can easily do this on the log-in sheet at the front office or by following this link: [Log Volunteer Hours Here](#)

In closing, I want to sincerely thank you for choosing Painted Rock Academy for your children. This week is National School Choice Week, and it's a perfect time to express my gratitude for trusting us with your kids' education. I've had wonderful conversations with many of you, and I truly believe that your commitment to your children's learning will lead to great results in the future.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of our Painted Rock Academy family. I can't wait to see you all at our upcoming events!

Warmly,

Stella Goshow, M.Ed.
Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS:

StuCo Meeting:

Wednesday, Feb, 5th 3:30-4:15 p.m.

PROP Meeting:

Thursday, Feb. 6th 8:15 a.m.

Spirit Day / Morning Assembly / PROPsicles:

Friday, Feb. 7th 8:15 a.m.

Progress Reports:

Wednesday, Feb. 12th—ParentVUE

Valentine's Day / Early Release:

Friday Feb. 14th

Presidents Day—No School:

Monday, Feb. 17th

Caught Being Good:

Friday, Feb. 21st

StuCo Meeting:

Wednesday, Feb. 26th



Notes from the Assistant Principal

I'm thoroughly enjoying my role as Assistant Principal at Painted Rock Academy. I especially appreciate getting to know more of the student population and their parents. One of my responsibilities includes tracking and addressing student discipline. Because we have high expectations for our students and staff, I have compiled a few notes to help you navigate our guidelines for attendance and dress standards. The full policies may be found in the front section of your student planner.

Tardies (pages 10-11 of the student planner):

- School begins at 8:00 a.m.
- A 5-minute grace period is extended for students to be in their seats by 8:05 a.m.
- Students entering through the office at 8:05 or later will need to be signed in by a parent and will be issued a tardy.
- Four unexcused tardies in the same quarter will result in a lunch detention
- Detentions will continue to be issued for every four subsequent tardies.
- Continued unexcused tardies will result in a meeting with administration, then in-school suspension, and eventually out-of-school suspensions.
- Tardies and absences are both considered when determining eligibility to pass to the next grade level and may lead to citation for truancy.

Dress Standard (pages 15-17 of the student planner):

Four dress code citations (K-3rd) or three dress code citations (4th-8th) in one grading period will result in a detention. Here are a few reminders (see planner for full standard):

- **Outerwear** that may be worn in the building includes the following:
 - **Only plain and solid:** white, navy blue, hunter green or light blue
 - **NO Hoodies** (this includes a hoodie with the hood down or tucked under)
 - **NOT** tied around the waist or shoulders – outerwear may be carried over the bent elbow to take outside to be worn during recess but must be removed when re-entering the building.
- **Nails:** clear, pale pink, pale beige, or French-style plain nail polish is permitted. No other colors or seasonal designs are allowed. No false nails are permitted.
- **Shorts, skirts, and jumpers:** Must be no shorter than 4" above the middle of or back of the knee.
- **No boots.**
- **No leggings.** Students may wear tights/hose in solid neutrals. Footless tights/hose may not be worn.



I hope that you find these notes helpful. We hope that our policies help create an environment in which students can learn with fewer distractions and more individual accountability. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

1st & 2nd GRADE FIELD TRIPS



Our 1st graders had an unforgettable adventure during their visit to the World Wildlife Zoo in Phoenix! It was a day filled with excitement, discovery, and plenty of "wow" moments as the students experienced the wonders of wildlife in person!

The 2nd graders had an amazing day at the Phoenix Zoo. From observing giraffes reaching for leaves to watching zebras roam, the students were captivated by the incredible wildlife that the zoo had to offer. Thank you to all our parent volunteers!

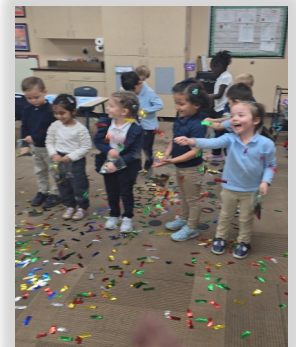


CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL



Alice—"100" year old lady

We celebrated a huge milestone—100 days of school! Our Pre-k and 1st grades showcased their creativity with awesome projects!



PRA ACTIVITIES

8th Grade Dance



The 8th graders had a blast at our annual 8th grade dance party, showcasing their best moves while celebrating their final year with friends! It was a day filled with laughter and memories to last a lifetime!



Spelling Bee



Congratulations to our Spelling Bee participants and winners! They did an amazing job! Our 8th grade student Raghavendra A. will be going to regionals this month!



Reindeer Run

The Reindeer Run was a festive and exciting event, with kids racing through the course in high spirits! It was a wonderful way to spread cheer, encourage teamwork, and watch their friends cheer them on! A special thank you to all the parents and PROP who helped us to make this event successful!



Mini Spirit Week

We hosted a mini Spirit Week where students had a blast showing off their quirky side! Kids rocked ugly sweaters, sported crazy hairdos, and proudly wore jerseys representing their favorite sports teams. It was a fun way for everyone to express their personalities and school spirit.



BASKETBALL SEASON

Coach Lifsey

"It is fun to run fast"

Born in Los Angeles, CA

Played basketball in middle school (7th and 8th) and his teammates from that team are his best friends to this day.)

Favorite sports team: Arsenal (soccer) and the Phoenix Suns (basketball)

Favorite shoes: Adidas

This is his 3rd year as the P.E. teacher at Painted Rock Academy.

Coach Smith

"Go Big or Go Home"

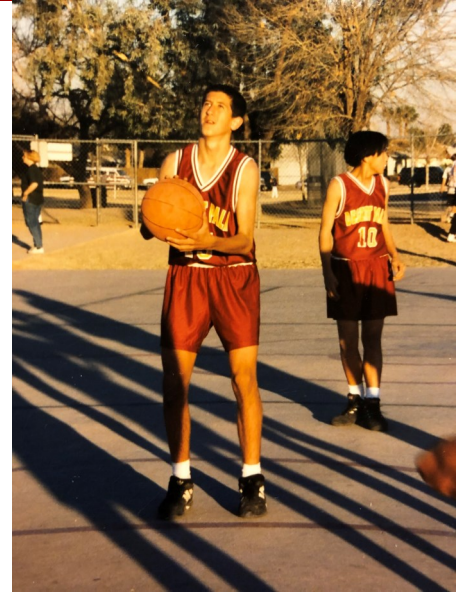
Born in Phoenix, AZ

Played basketball all through middle school and on teams outside of school.

Favorite sport: golf

Favorite shoes: Hey Dudes

His family has been at Painted Rock Academy for 8 years, so far.



Coach Tracey

"Do or do not, there is not try." -Yoda

Born in San Diego, CA

Played four years of varsity basketball in high school, travel club basketball (played as far away as Alaska), and four years of college basketball at San Diego Christian College. She has twelve years of basketball coaching experience, including two years at PRA. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology and is a certified athletic trainer. Favorite Teams: Duke Blue Devils, GCU Lopes, Notre Dame Fighting Irish, and the Chargers

Favorite shoes that she owns: Jordan 11 retro "Legend Blue"

Dream shoes: Jordan 3 Retro "Pure Money"

This is her 4th year at PRA.



Coach Lisa

"Winners never quit and quitters never win." - Vince Lombardi

Born in San Diego, CA

Played basketball for twelve years, both in competitive club and competitive intramural league at SDSU. She has coached summer leagues and summer camps. She is a certified personal trainer.

Favorite teams: Duke, GCU Lopes, Padres

Favorite shoes: Reefs

Her connection to PRA is through Coach Tracey, who is her sister.

Coach Nikki

"Love does hard things"

Born in Holland

Coached basketball for seven years.

Favorite team: Duke

Favorite shoes: Hey Dudes

She was at Painted Rock Academy as staff and as a parent for ten years.



SCHOOL UPDATES



Our donations weighed in at 386 pounds, which is enough for us to provide 322 meals to our neighbors in need! Thank you to all who donated.



ALL SCHOOL CONCERT

The School Concert was a success! Thank you to Ms. Illsley for all her hard work. Good job students for an amazing performance.



2025-2026 School Year:

It's that time again — *readmission season* is here at Painted Rock Academy. We are ready to welcome our students back for another great school year. A Letter of Intent to Return will come home on Monday, February 3rd. Please fill it out and return it with your child as soon as possible.

Here's why families love Painted Rock Academy:

- A curriculum that *actually* sparks interest.
- Teachers who *really* get it—helping kids achieve their academic success.
- A community where everyone, from parents to students, truly feels at home.

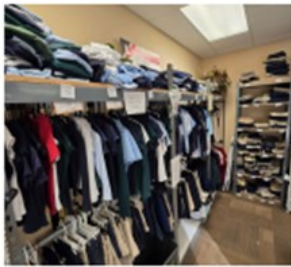
Know another parent who might love us? Share the love! We're always looking to grow our Painted Rock family, one curious mind at a time.

Painted Rock Organization of Parents

Used Uniform Sales

Come see us to purchase used uniforms and/or donate your old uniforms.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 5th & Feb. 19th
7:30-8:15 a.m. & 2:00-3:30 p.m.



Pricing:
Shirts- \$2
Everything Else-\$3
Donate 2 items,
get 1 like item free!

PROP Meeting Info

Thursday, Feb. 6th at 8:15 a.m.

Parents, join us in the PROP Room at 8:00 a.m. before the meeting for socializing, coffee, and refreshments.



Important PROP Dates:

Feb 7th - PROPsicles

Feb 21st - Caught Being Good






**March 1st - Save the Date for PRA's
Spring Fling!** Time: 11am-2pm.



Please check out
volunteer@paintedrockprop.org
for more information



February 2025

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