



Hawk News

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Goshow, M. Ed. Principal



Dear Painted Rock Families,

Happy March! I cannot believe it is almost spring. This is a wonderful time to shake off the winter cold and darkness and welcome the warmer and longer days. I am excited to share many exciting events happening on our school campus in March in this newsletter.

First, mark your calendar for the annual Spring Fling which is on Saturday, March 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a community event that offers a carnival-like atmosphere where families can enjoy a variety of games, including a three-legged race, ping pong relay, water balloon toss, pie eating contest, bouncy houses, yard games, and face painting. Our talented school cheerleaders and Arizona Instruction Cheer will also be at the event to perform their latest routines! And don't worry about lunch – we will have many options like pizza, nachos, and hot dogs. Bring your family, neighbors, and friends along for a fun-filled day.

Next don't miss our Great Skate Night on Tuesday, March 4th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It promises to be a blast with beginners to advanced skaters. This event is also a fundraiser for our 8th graders who are working hard to raise money for their end-of-the-year activities. So, please invite your family, friends, and neighbors for a great night out.

Spring break is from March 17th to March 21st. This is a perfect time to relax, enjoy the sunny weather, and spend some quality time with your family. It's a great time to recharge and get ready to finish off the school year strongly.

Finally, the last week of March marks the beginning of our Arizona state standardized testing. The AzSCI test for 5th and 8th graders will assess their knowledge in science; testing for this will begin on March 24th. Then, starting March 31st, we will begin the AASA (Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment) testing, which is for all Arizona students in grades 3-8 and covers English Language Arts and Mathematics.

I am proud to share that year after year, Painted Rock Academy students demonstrate their competence with scores that exceed the state's average. This success is largely due to our incredible and dedicated teachers, who work tirelessly for the kids!

Thank you for being such supportive families! I hope to see you at some of our upcoming events.

Warm regards.

Stella Goshow. M.Ed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Fling

Saturday, March 1st, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Great Skate

Tuesday, March 4th, 6:00p.m. -8:00 p.m.

PROP Meeting

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

Spirit Day / Morning Assembly

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

PROPsicles

Friday, March 7th

End of 3rd Quarter / Early Release / Staff Development

Friday, March 14th

Spring Break - No School

March 17th through March 21st

Report Cards - Parent Portal

Wednesday, March 26th

State Testing - Science 5th—8th Grade

March 24th through March 28th

Caught Being Good

Friday, March 28th

LOST AND FOUND

Please claim at Spring Fling!

Everything will be donated on March 3rd.

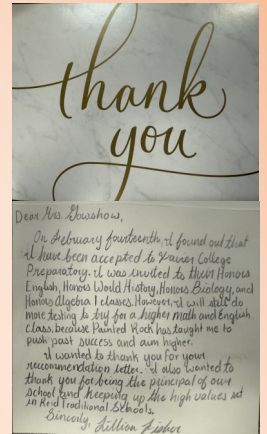
DROP-OFF

Please be reminded that student drop-off is from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. The drop-off doors will close promptly at 8:03 a.m., so please ensure your child arrives on time. Please note that the circle driveway in front of the school is reserved for Pre-K students and may not be used as a general drop-off for older students. Kindly avoid dropping your children on the roadside along the school perimeter. We kindly ask that you use the designated areas for drop-off to help ensure a smooth and safe start to the day for everyone.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

At Painted Rock Academy, **we don't just teach subjects; we ignite passions.** We're so glad so many of you are planning to return next year—school is more fun with more friends! Your child will be supported by a dedicated team of teachers and staff who value their uniqueness, celebrate their accomplishments, and guide them every step of the way in their academic journey. We're excited to see your child reach new heights!

Know someone who would thrive in our supportive, dynamic environment? Share the opportunity with them and let them experience all the amazing things PRA has to offer! Let's make the upcoming year incredible—together! Join a community that empowers students to unlock their full potential!



NURSE'S CORNER



Cases of flu and RSV in Maricopa County are higher than the average for this time of year, according to the Arizona Department of Health Services.

Please remember if your child has a fever that is 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, he or she will need to stay at home 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 at home until symptoms improve. ADHS is still reporting that respiratory virus cases are elevated.

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 consent 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

Congratulations to our NJHS Candidates



The five pillars of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) are:

- **Scholarship:** A commitment to learning and growing through education.
- **Service:** Volunteering and helping others in meaningful ways.
- **Leadership:** Taking initiative, solving problems, and contributing ideas.
- **Character:** Valuing diversity, building relationships, and making ethical decisions.
- **Citizenship:** Being involved in the community.

NJHS membership recognizes students who demonstrate these values. It's an honor and a commitment that challenges students to grow through service and school activities.

A Special thank you to Ms. Wolpert, Ms. Christian, Mr. Ho, Mrs. Chittapur & Mrs. Shinde for their time and dedication to this prestigious club.



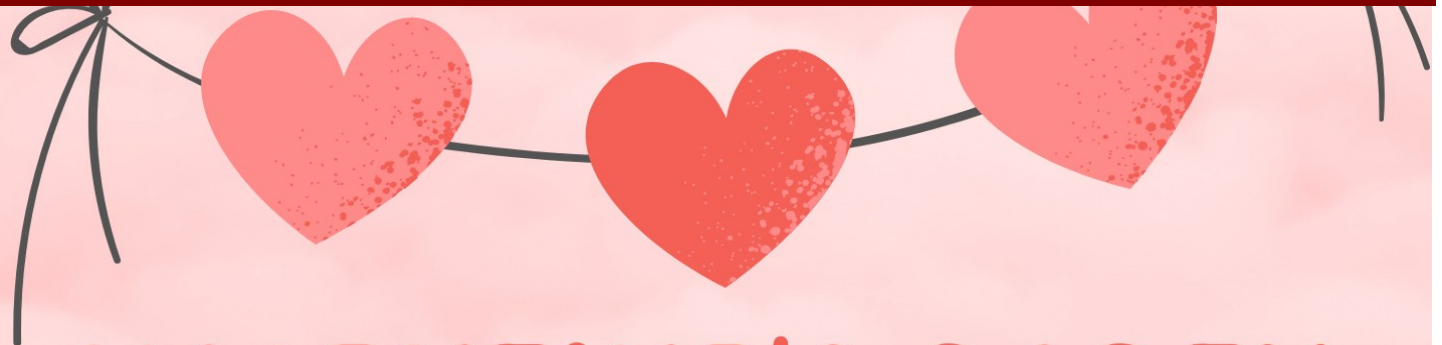
Other PRA Activities...



Dominic, a 5th grader in Ms. Scrip's class, had the opportunity to recite the Gettysburg Address during his Constitution Alive! class, which is typically for students aged 10 and up.

At just 10 years old, Dominic was among the youngest in the class, with only a few other students. He was the only one to recite the speech. The coaches, learning of Dominic's knowledge of the Gettysburg Address during a conversation, asked if he would share it, and he gladly obliged.





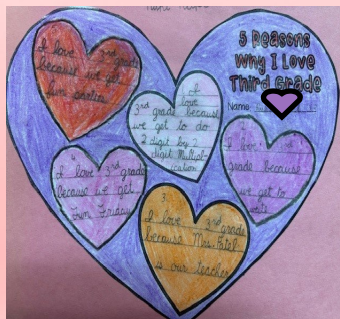
VALENTINE'S PARTY



Our school recently hosted a fun and heartwarming Valentine's Day party, where students had a blast exchanging little gifts with their friends. It was a day filled with laughter and kindness as everyone enjoyed spreading joy.



The 3rd graders especially got creative, making adorable heart-shaped art projects. Each heart featured something they loved about being a third grader, whether it was their favorite subject, fun activities, or simply being part of such a wonderful grade.



It was a sweet way to celebrate friendship and the things that make being in third grade so special!



Spring Sports Update

Great season, Hawks Basketball!

The Boys Basketball team had an impressive season, showcasing their hard work, dedication, and teamwork throughout the year. Their commitment to improvement was evident in every game as they faced tough competition and continuously raised the bar. The season culminated in an exciting victory in their final game, a moment that highlighted their perseverance and skill!

Well played, boys!



The Girls Basketball team wrapped up their regular season with an outstanding record of 7 wins and 1 loss. They continued their strong performance in the playoffs, where they played with great determination but ultimately fell short by one point!

Congratulations to the entire team for their hard work, dedication, and an incredible season! Your effort and teamwork truly paid off.

We are all so proud of you!



Soccer tryouts are scheduled for Tuesday, March 11th, from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Keep an eye out for the flyer with more details. The season kicks off right after Spring Break, and Coach Lifsey is excited to get started and have a fantastic season!

From our Middle School



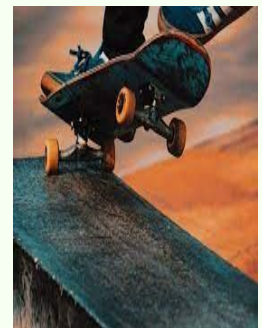
7th Grade Field Trip

The 7th grade students had an exciting field trip to the Mesa Arts Center, where they immersed themselves in the world of art and culture. They explored fascinating exhibits, participated in interactive workshops, and got to experience the vibrant creativity of local artists. It was a day filled with inspiration, learning, and fun, leaving students with a deeper appreciation for the arts.



Great Skate - 8th Grade Event

Get ready for a wheelie good time at our Great Skate Event! Join us for an exciting day filled with fun, friends and skating, all while supporting a great cause. Whether you're an experienced skater or just looking to have sum fun, there's something for everyone! Plus, your participation helps raise funds for the 8th graders' year-end activities, ensuring they finish their school year with unforgettable memories. So lace up your skates, bring your friends and roll on over to make a difference – all while having an awesome time!



Painted Rock Organization of Parents

PROP Meeting

Thursday, March 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.

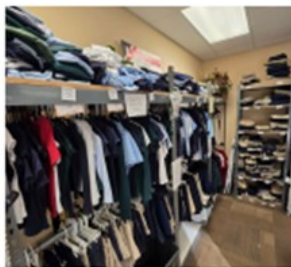
We love
OUR
Volunteers

Used Uniform Sales

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

When: Wednesday, March 5th

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!

Important PROP Dates:

March 1st - Save the Date



Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

March 7th  PROPsicles



March 28
Caught Being Good



Please check out

volunteer@paintedrockprop.org

for more information

As we gear up for the rest of the school year, we'd love to see more family involvement. Your support makes all the difference. Let's keep the momentum going and make the rest of the year memorable!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Kinder Roundup 10:00  PROP Spring Fling 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
2 Week 27	3 127	4 128 Great Skate— 8th Grade 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 	5 129 PROP Used Uniform Sales 7:30 8:15 a.m. 2:00 3:30 p.m.  Stuzzo Meeting 3:30 4:15 p.m.	6 130 PROP Mtg. 8:15 a.m.	7 131 Spirit Day Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m. 	8
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