## From the Principal's Desk

Seasons Greetings, PRA Families,

As usual, this school year is zooming along. Here we are, just a few weeks from winter break and the half-way point of the school year. Although it's business as usual here at Painted Rock Academy. I'm once again proud to say that we have earned an "A" from the Arizona Department of Education, remaining among the highly performing schools in Arizona. We also recently became a Spalding accredited school, meaning many of our teachers have gone through the rigorous certification process through Spalding. Painted Rock Academy will always continue to strive for excellence and maintain high expectations for our students and staff.

In addition to learning our normal curriculum, students are currently taking performance benchmarks in the classroom, as well as in the technology lab. These benchmarks help us to better identify the strengths of our students, as well as areas in need of improvement. This process is instrumental in providing us with essential data for continuous student improvement.

Lastly, please accept my sincere hope that you have a wonderful holiday season and that our students enjoy a restful and safe break from school.

Sincerely, Mr. Bauer Mr. Bauer, M. Ed.

## **Upcoming Events**

Winter Concert December 5th Grades 1, 3, 5 at 5:30 P.M. Grades 2, 4, 6, 7, 8 at 6:30 P.M. Bethany Bible Church Morning Assembly Monday, December 6th. Students in grades 1-6 are honored for their classroom achievements. **Spirit Day** Friday, December 6th. All K-8 grade students may wear Spirit t-shirts and purchase ice cream to celebrate. Toiletries for the Homeless December 9th-14th, Campus-wide collection to benefit Save the Family Foundation of Arizona. Choir Concert Thursday, December 10th. 6:00 P.M. P.E. Room Everyone is welcome to attend. School Board Meeting Thursday, December 12th. Reid Office (14841 N. Black Canyon Freeway) School Board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend. Early Release/End of 2nd Quarter Thursday, December 19th. at 12:15 p.m. NO P.M. BOULDER CLUB Winter Break December 20th through January 6th. School resumes Tuesday, January 7th.

More Events Listed on Calendar Page



November student of the month, Cheyenne K. is pictured with our administrators, Mr. Bauer and Mrs. Harper. Cheyenne was recognized for being an All-Around Outstanding Student and Helpful Member of the Community.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Wedding wishes to Mr. Arcadia and his beautiful bride, De Anna. The couple tied the knot last month in a deeply personal ceremony attended by immediate family. After a brief honeymoon, the couple is making their home in Phoenix.



Tax credit donations are used for many things. Recently, our schools have purchased sports equipment for school teams, paid referee fees, purchased music, paid coaches, purchased games and art supplies for after school programs, purchased materials for after school clubs, and funded intramural and state-wide competition costs. With your help, we have been able to expand the extracurricular opportunities for our students, and this benefits everyone.

Please complete a Tax Credit Donation <u>form</u>, and mail it to us with your donation check, or you can donate by credit card online <u>here</u>. Full details about the Arizona Tax Credit Donation are on our website <u>Tax Credit Donation Information</u> page.

Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Scripps Spelling Bee Winners 1<sup>st</sup> place winner -Christian S. (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) 2<sup>nd</sup> place -Cillian C. (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)



Student Council Donation Drive Toiletries for the Homeless December 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Student Council will be collecting NEW and UNOPENED hygiene products to be donated to the homeless shelter here in Phoenix. Hygiene Products: toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, lip balm, lotion, and floss. Donation boxes will be posted at school entrances.

NEHS and committee members would like to thank everyone who bought erasers and or chips. We exceeded our goal and donated \$300.00 to Phoenix Children's Hospital. Your kindness and contributions will directly impact children in the hospital.

Thank you, Miss Magnusen, Advisor

## December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 16	Announce Box Tops Class Winner  Lottery 1:00 P.M.	3 77	PROP Used Uniform Sales 7:30-8:15 A.M. 2:00-3:30 P.M.	PROP mtg. 8:15 A.M.  Winter Concert 5:30 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.	Spirit Day  Morning Assembly 8:15 A.M. STUCO decorate 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Winter Dance 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.	7
8 Week 17	9 81	4.0	4.4	4.0	13 85 Caught Being Good	14
15 Week 18	16 86	47	4.0	40	No School Winter Break	21
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