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Hawk News

From the Principal's Desk

Mr. Bauer, M. Ed., Principal



Dear PRA Families,

To say that the 2020-21 school year has begun like no other would be the understatement of the year, and in 2020, that's saying something. I don't know that there is any way to begin this year's newsletter better than to say 'THANK YOU' to everyone for staying strong in the face of enormous obstacles, and forging ahead with the monumental task of educating our students up to our rigorous standards.

To our teachers and support staff, THANK YOU. Our motto for the year is "Flexibility, Balance, and Sanity," and we will certainly need a great abundance of the first two in order to maintain the third. These last six months have proven that being a traditional school does not mean being an inflexible one. Our staff has learned a myriad of new technologies and subsequent teaching methods on short notice and have done so for the very best reason: their students needed them to do so. It hasn't been easy, and continues to present new challenges every day, but they always rise to the occasion for our students, and I cannot commend their work enough.

To our parents, THANK YOU. Most of us here at PRA are parents as well and know firsthand the challenges presented over the last six months. Finding that balance between the need to have your children receive a great education, while protecting them from a pandemic, and doing both while keeping a roof over your heads and dinner on the table, has challenged you mightily. We have worked very hard to provide your children with that great education while maintaining an understanding of and respect for the difficulties you may be experiencing. Thank you for staying with us.

To our students, THANK YOU most of all. You have been our inspiration for continuing to fight through these many challenging tasks. You have given us a reason to never even consider giving up. Throughout all of the trials and tribulations of the last six months, many of them raising our level of frustration, the importance of your education has kept us going. Your teachers and all the staff at PRA have worked determinedly to help guide you through this time.

Thank you, PRA families. Together, we will survive and thrive, as we always do. Thank you for being a part of our community.

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Meet our new teachers!

Back row: Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Maguire, Miss Jones

Front row: Miss Jackson, Miss Riva, Mrs. Burris. (not pictured Ms. Cardillo)



Bruster's Ice Cream Fundraiser

Thursday, September 3rd 4:00-8:00 P.M.

Progress Reports Available Online

Wednesday, September 16th

Early Release/Staff Development

Friday, September 18th at 12:15 P.M. See the staggered release schedule on the website.

Reid Traditional Schools and Painted Rock Academy Board Meetings

Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 P.M. Reid Offices. School board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

For more information, please visit our website at www.PaintedRockAcademy.com

Meet Our Staff

Administration & Office

Ms. Mitchell, M.Ed.- CEO
 Mr. Bauer, M.Ed.- Principal
 Mrs. Harper, M.Ed.- Asst. Principal
 Mrs. Sommerfield -Secretary
 Mrs. Steinmann– Purchasing
 Mrs. Andrew, RN-Health Office
 Mrs. Hubbard -Receptionist
 Mrs. Saucedo - Academic Tutor

Support Staff

Mr. Garcia- Custodian
 Mr. Brashears- Custodian
 Mrs. Ramirez-Perez-Food Service Mgr.
 Ms. Bunch - Food Service Assistant

Preschool

Mrs. Neaville

Kindergarten

Mrs. O'Donnell
 Miss Riva
 Mrs. Venugopal

First Grade

Miss Jackson
 Ms. Loreto
 Mrs. Shinde
 Mrs. Thurber

Second Grade

Mr. Ho
 Mrs. Hostetler
 Ms. Tucker
 Mrs. Weeks

Third Grade

Miss Jones
 Mrs. Goshow
 Mrs. Keeley

Fourth Grade

Ms. Boehler
 Miss Magunsen
 Mrs. Ramirez

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Pace
 Ms. Reynolds
 Ms. Scrip

Sixth Grade

Miss Christian
 Mrs. Mayes
 Mrs. Patel

7th & 8th Grade

Mrs. Del Giorno
 Mr. Hicks
 Mr. Tanner
 Mrs. Wolpert

Special Area Teachers

Ms. Cardillo- Art
 Mr. Maguire - Technology
 Mrs. Tenold - Library /World Language
 Ms. Illsey - Music
 Coach Hunt - P.E.
 Mrs. Singh- Resource
 Mrs. Burris– Resource
 Mrs. Mendoza-Speech
 Ms. Fringer-Occupational Therapist

Boulder Club Aides

Miss Neaville, Coordinator

Classroom Aides

Mrs. Alderman
 Miss Bauer
 Mrs. Bermudez
 Miss Canavan
 Miss Skiba
 Miss Felix
 Mrs. Fellars
 Miss Ludwig
 Mrs. McCue
 Mrs. Orozco
 Miss Scrip
 Ms. Shvartsman

Do you want to know more about your teacher? All of our teachers' profiles are available for you to view in the school office.

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 AzMerit 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. Reid Traditional Schools does not share directory information for commercial purposes. For more information on FERPA rights, check out the Other Services 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 Other Services 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.

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