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# Hawk News

## From the Principal's Desk Miss McMillan, M. Ed., Principal



Dear Painted Rock Families,

Can you believe it is the 4th quarter already? This year has gone by so fast, and in many ways it feels like we have just begun. We have made tremendous progress in such a short period of time and it is nothing short of amazing. None of this would be possible without such a supportive and committed group of parents,

students, and staff. Reid Traditional Schools and Painted Rock Academy appreciate all of you, and we are looking forward to many more successful years as we continue to develop a top quality school.

With the 4th quarter, also comes the time for state standardized testing (AZ Merit and AIMS Science). This is the first year students in Arizona will be taking the AZ Merit achievement assessment. We are scheduled for these tests starting on Monday, April 13th. Tests will be administered Monday through Thursday, with a make-up day on Friday.

**Please make every effort to have your children here each day on time. Once testing begins, students may not enter their classrooms until their class has finished testing for the day and they will have to make up their test.** Only 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are tested, but we ask that Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are here on time so there is as little disruption as possible for students who are testing. If you wish to find out more about the new achievement test, please visit the Arizona Department of Education AZ Merit website at <http://azmeritportal.org/>.

It is important that you help your student by making sure they have a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast each day. Students will be allowed to bring a healthy snack for a break between testing sessions. Great snack ideas include crackers, granola bars, or fresh fruit. Please encourage your child to take the test seriously as these tests inform them, and us, if they are learning what they need to know to continue being a successful student. Teachers have been working diligently all year to prepare your students for these tests, while making sure they are receiving a well-rounded education.

We are looking forward to a great ending to the year, while looking forward and preparing for another great year next year. Thank you all for being a part of the Painted Rock Academy family.

Sincerely,

Miss McMillan  
Principal



## Upcoming Events

### 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

### Track Meet

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### Spring Day Recess/No School

Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

### PROP Meeting

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Parent Room.

### Spirit Day/Morning Assembly

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m.

### Standardized Testing Week

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April, 17<sup>th</sup>

### Track Meet

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### Progress Reports Go Home

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

### 4<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip

Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Field Days

KG: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:05 - 11:05 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades: April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:15 - 2:00 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades: April 24<sup>th</sup> 8:10 - 9:30 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades: April 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### Early Release/Staff Development

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> dismissal at 12:15 p.m.

### Spring Book Fair

Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

### Family Night/Art Walk/Sports Recognition

Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### Reid Traditional Schools and Painted Rock Academy Board Meetings

Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. School board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

*just a friendly reminder...*

Dear Painted Rock Families,

In the three years since its inception, Painted Rock Academy has grown from roughly 300 students to almost 600 students. Based on our waiting list, that number should continue to grow for the 2015-16 school year. As a choice

school, very few of our students walk or ride bikes to school; therefore, inevitably, we see a large volume of cars during drop-off and pick-up times, especially since our numbers have continued to grow.

Throughout the course of this school year, Administration has been working with the City of Phoenix, as well as Law Enforcement, to examine our traffic flow and volume, and to implement measures to improve student safety at our school. Based on their observations, the City of Phoenix will be posting a new No Parking/No Stopping Zone on 25th Drive along the entire front of the school, as well as a certain distance around the corner to the west onto Banff. This restriction will be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; therefore, parents will not be able to use this area as a drop-off or pick-up area during those designated times.

Law enforcement has informed us that they will be strictly enforcing these new traffic regulations for parents, visitors, and staff alike. We strongly suggest that you use the drive-through drop-off/pick-up areas on the north side of the building. We realize that the line is very long at certain times, but it moves quite fast once pick-up begins, and is without a doubt the safest way to get your child to and from school.

Please keep these changes in mind when planning your daily drop-off and pick-up schedule. Again, we don't know exactly when the new "No Stopping" designation will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> Drive, but we are expecting it anytime now.

Finally, we wanted to remind you that one great way to avoid the busy drop-off in the morning is to get here just a few minutes earlier. You may drop off your children in Boulder Club starting at 7:30 a.m. free of charge. This would allow you to avoid the big rush between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Arriving just a few minutes early will get you in and out of our parking lot much more quickly. Thank you, in advance, for respecting these important safety procedures, and thank you for choosing Painted Rock Academy.

Painted Rock Academy Administration

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The Spring Concert in the Park was music to our ears!



Painted Rock Academy's Around the World Spring Fling was a fun-filled day!



## Boosterthon Fun Run



Painted Rock Academy's 1st Annual Boosterthon Fun Run was a big success! Students had fun raising money for our school!

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	Standardized Testing Week					
				Track Meet 4:00 p.m.		
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26	27	28	29	30		
	Spring Book Fair					
				Family Night/ Art Walk 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sports Recognition 6:00 p.m.		