## From the Principal's Desk

Mr. Bauer, M. Ed., Principal

Dear PRA Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to what will be a great year here at Painted Rock Academy. Last year we brought home the award for Arizona Charter School of the Year. Now, our challenge will be to live up to and build upon that label, as well as our repeated "A" ratings from the Arizona Department of Education. While we work extremely hard to maintain excellence in all areas of education, we depend on you to be our partner in your child's education. Being a PRA parent is no easy job, but I commend you for taking it on. We continue to believe that we thoroughly prepare our students for high school and beyond, and with your help, that will continue. I am very much looking forward to another fun year with all of our wonderful students. Thank you for being a part of the PRA team.

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

#### **Campus Safety**

As always, our goal at Painted Rock Academy is to ensure that our campus is safe and running efficiently. In order for it to be safe and efficient, everyone must follow the school's safety practices including our preferred drop-off and pick-up procedures. Here are some important suggestions that will make traffic flow safely and smoothly so that everyone's day can continue with ease.

- Give yourself plenty of time to follow the correct drop-off and pick-up procedures.
- If you need to park in a spot, please select one on campus by entering through the southwest driveway off Banff.
- Please do not enter campus using the east "exit only" driveway on 25th Drive. It is for exiting traffic only!
- Please be cautious when driving on campus and through the neighborhood because children are present.
- Please do not park/drop students off in the round-about in front of the office. This area is reserved for handicapped student drop-off and pre-school drop-off only.
- The drop-off doors on the north side of the building are for student and staff entry only. All parents/visitors must enter through the front office and sign in. Please have proper identification while on campus (parent badge/ placard/visitor sticker).

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **PROP Meeting**

Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 A.M. in the Parent Room.

#### Peter Piper Pizza Family Night

Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00 - 8:00 P.M. Come and enjoy pizza, have fun and support our school at Peter Piper Pizza on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & Bell.

#### **Progress Reports Go Home**

Wednesday, September 19th

#### Early Release/Staff Development

Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:15 P.M. See the staggered Release schedule on the website.

#### **Student Council Elections**

Speeches and voting for student council will take place on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 A.M. for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades.

#### **Upcoming Sports Events**

Football Home Game (ASU West Field) vs. Riverbend

Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M.

Volleyball Home Game vs. Sun Valley

Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M.

Football Away Game vs. ESC

Thursday, September 20th at 4:30 P.M.

Football Home Game (ASU West Field) vs. Brighton

Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M.

Volleyball Home Game vs. Riverbend

Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M.

Volleyball Home Game vs. Pensar

Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M.

Football Home Game (ASU West Field) vs. Pensar

Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M.

### **NEWS & UPDATES**



#### **Traffic Reminders**

Just a few friendly reminders:

- Please remember if you are waiting in the pick-up line to stay to the right, near the curb, to help ease neighborhood traffic congestion.
- Please do not block driveways or intersections. Our line will be long, so please make sure you are allowing residents to get into or out of their driveways.
- Please remember this is a residential neighborhood with many families and children. Please drive slowly and cautiously and be courteous.

We have been very pleased with the patience, understanding, and support of so many parents. We appreciate your positive comments as we all continue to work to provide the safest campus for our students.

#### **Robotics Club**

Painted Rock Academy is proud to announce the starting of our Robotics Club for 4th-6th grade students. We look forward to a great year.



Ms. Illsley received a grant from CenturyLink for the music department. She was able to get iPads to help with teaching the music curriculum for our students. Thank you for your hard work obtaining this grant. We are excited to use this technology to learn about and create music.







#### 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 <a href="https://www.ed.gov">www.ed.gov</a>

## CALENDAR



# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 No School Labor Day	4	5 PROP Meeting 8:15 A.M.	6	7 Spirit Day & Morning Assembly 8:15 A.M.	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Family Fun Night @ Peter Piper Pizza	15
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