#### **March 2015**



## **Important Parking Information**

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 wanted to give you as much notice as possible.

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

# **Upcoming Events**

**Boosterthon Pep Rally** Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15 a.m.

**PROP Meeting** Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Parent Room.

**Spirit Day** Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Boosterthon Fun Run**

Thursday, March  $12^{th}$  $6^{th} - 8^{th}$  grades: 8:10 - 9:10 a.m. K -  $2^{nd}$  grades: 9:20 - 10:20 a.m.  $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$  grades: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### **Spring Music Concert**

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades: 5:00-5:30 pm 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades: 5:50-6:30 pm

**Early Release/Staff Development** Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> dismissal at 12:15 p.m.

**Spring Break, No School** Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

**Report cards go home** Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

**Spring Fling** Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## NEWS & UPDATES

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



Wow! Can you believe it? We are rapidly approaching Spring Break! We hope you will enjoy your week off, but we want to encourage all of you to remind your students to read often while they are away. Encourage them to play educational games and have meaningful conversations with you throughout the week. Meaningful conversations with adults build vocabulary. We want them to be sharp when they return, as we will get right to work completing the year's curriculum and preparing for State Standardized Testing.

Painted Rock Academy is a traditional school that focuses on providing an environment conducive to academic success. High parental involvement also helps students achieve success. Parents who take an active interest in helping their children succeed are more

likely to have well educated children who excel in school. Parents who are involved can more actively monitor the progress of their child. This helps them catch weaknesses and spot strengths, allowing parents to provide additional support to their child's learning. Working together with the school is beneficial to ensure your child's success and that is our goal. Thank you for being a part of the team.

## "Sounds of Spring in the Park" Concert



## When: Thursday, March 12, 2015

Kindergarten through 3rd grade: 5:00-5:30 pm

4th grade through 8th grade: 5:50-6:30 pm Where: Painted Rock Academy on the front field Concert Dress: White collared shirt on top

> Dark pants, skirt, dress shorts on bottom (no jeans) Dress shoes or nice sneakers (no boots)

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



1st grade field trip to the Hall of Flames Museum of Firefighting



2nd grade field trip to the Tempe Center for Arts





6th grade field trip to Ballet Arizona





Boosterthon Pep Rally Don't forget the Boosterthon Fun Run will take place on Thursday, March 12th.

# CALENDAR



# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	<b>2</b> Boosterthon Pep Rally	3	4	5 PROP Meeting 8:30 a.m.	6 Spirit Day	7
8	9	10	11	12 Boosterthon Spring Concert 5:00 p.m.	13 Early Release Staff Development 12:15 p.m.	14
15	16 17 18 19 20   No School Spring Break					21
22	23	24	25 Report Cards Go Home	26	27	28 Spring Fling
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