



# REID TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS' Painted Rock Academy



## November 2012 Newsletter

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### A message from the Principal...

With the first grading quarter behind us, I'm very proud of how we've implemented the traditional academic program here. I'm excited to say that more of the "extras" are lining up now, with new activities being organized this month.



I would like to congratulate the newly-elected officers of the Painted Rock Academy Student Council. Karina (8th grade) is President, Crystal (8th grade) is Vice President, Lauren (6th grade) is Historian, and Sophia (7th grade) is Treasurer. I look forward to seeing you lead our students to a great year.

All you sports fans, basketball is here! Try-outs will be November 5th, with games beginning after Thanksgiving. Now that we have teams, we also need cheerleaders to support them. Cheerleading will also begin after Thanksgiving. Go, Hawks!

You can show your school spirit at our games and on Spirit Day by wearing your new Spirit Day shirts. If you pre-ordered a shirt, they should be distributed in time for the November 9th Spirit Day. If you missed putting in your order, they will also be for sale at the Family Night on November 8th.

Family Night is the highlight of the Book Fair that runs from November 5th through 9th. Be watching for information about this fun week of books, reading, and activities.

Finally, November 20th is the date of the school spelling bee, where our students can showcase their spelling skills. Make plans to attend and see who comes out at the head of the spelling class!

It's a busy month, but as we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, I am including the staff, parents, and especially the students of Painted Rock Academy on my list of blessings. We are accomplishing great things here, for which I am immensely grateful.

Sincerely,

Leslie Szostak,  
Principal

### Important Numbers

Main Number: (623) 466-8855

Reception Desk:	ext. 172
Attendance:	ext. 172
Nurse:	ext. 179
Principal:	ext. 176
Assistant Principal:	ext. 176
Secretary:	ext. 176
Parent Room (PROP):	ext. 153
Fax:	(623) 455-3270

### Important Dates

#### November

- 1 PROP Meeting, 6:30
- 2 No School -Staff Development
- 5 Basketball Try-outs
- 5-9 Book Fair
- 8 Family Night
- 9 Spirit Day
- 12 No School-Veterans' Day
- 14 Progress Reports
- 15 Morning Assembly
- 20 Spelling Bee
- 21-23 No School Thanksgiving Break
- 28 Picture Retakes



## November No School Days.



Friday, November 2nd  
Monday, November 12th  
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday,  
November 21, 22, and 23

## Lunch Menu Update

When you choose your hot lunches, remember that you are casting your vote for what meals will be on the menu in future months. Keep your favorites available by ordering them often! There will be two new options on December's menu, a tasty beef stroganoff and "Chef-Beth-Ar-Dee," a macaroni, beef, and tomato sauce recipe that may look a bit familiar to you. Give it a try!



We accept donations of *creamy* peanut butter, grape jelly, and bread for students who have forgotten their lunches. We charge just \$1.00 for an *emergency* PB&J sandwich, thanks to you.

## Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day will be on Tuesday, November 20th for those students who were absent on picture day or who would like to have their pictures retaken. Students wear their regular uniforms for pictures.



## A t t e n d a n c e

If your child is absent, please remember to let the school know using the website or by calling the office at (623) 466-8855, by 9:00 a.m. Please spell the first and last name of your child. If this information cannot be understood, we will be unable to excuse the absence. You may request homework at that time. To allow teachers adequate time to gather the work, homework requested after 11:00 a.m. will not be available until the next day. The homework can be picked up in the office at the end of the school day.

## Make Payments Online

Click "Make a Payment" on our web page to pay for Boulder Club, Academic Arcade, or Full-Day Kindergarten. It's fast and easy!



## Health Office News McKinney-Vento Information

If your family lives in any of the following situations,  
*in a shelter;*  
*in a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation;*  
*in a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station;*  
*doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship;*  
your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act. If you believe your children may be eligible, contact Mrs. Winters, our school nurse, to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool children.

## Campus Safety

Keeping all our students safe on campus is a priority at Painted Rock Academy. Please continue to follow these safety procedures:



**ENTER ONLY FROM BANFF.** The parking lot is one-way traffic at all hours. If you need to reach the front lot, drive around to the Banff entrance.

**DROP OFF AT THE ACTIVITY ROOM.** Stopping to let your student out of the car at the basketball court makes for a very dangerous parking lot. Staff is ready to greet them in the Activity Room.

**ALWAYS SIGN IN** and get a name badge at the front office when you are on campus.



**DISPLAY YOUR NAME/GRADE PLACARD** in your windshield when you use the drive-up pickup lane.

What seems like a minor inconvenience to an individual makes a great difference in keeping our campus and our students safe. Thank you.

## Board Meetings



The Board of Directors meets on the fourth Thursday of each month unless otherwise posted. All regular meetings are open to the public, and parents are encouraged to attend. To contact members of the Board, you may send a letter to the school or leave a message at the Reid Traditional Schools office, (623)478-2344.

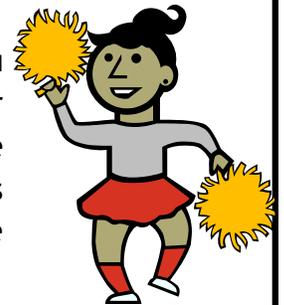
## A Great Way to Support After School Activities

Our recent survey showed that Painted Rock Academy's parents strongly approve of the curriculum we present during the school day, but some mentioned their desire for more extracurricular activities. We agree; we want to provide more sports and other programs after school, but first we need a solid Extracurricular Activities Fund to pay for equipment and staffing. Currently, Chorus is up and running, and Boys' and Girls' Basketball is ready to go when funding is available.



There is an easy way **you can contribute** to the Extracurricular Activities Fund and **get your money back** at tax time by using the Arizona Tax Credit Donation program. In a nutshell, anyone who pays Arizona tax can donate - parents, grandparents, friends - up to \$400 (married, filing jointly), and have their state tax reduced by that amount on their return. It's like being able to tell the state to spend your tax dollars on your school!

Just click "Support Us" on the website for all the details. You can even donate online using a credit card, but donations must be made or postmarked before December 31, 2012. Forwarding a link to the website page is a quick way to let your family and friends know they can easily contribute as well. The teachers and volunteers who run extracurricular programs and the students who participate in them will all thank you for your support



## PROP NEWS AND REMINDERS

### CALLING ALL HAWKS!

Don't miss the next PROP meeting, Thursday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the MPR. YOU make a difference. Here's some of the agenda:



- Volunteer sign-ups for Family Night
- Homeroom Parent Guidelines
- Holiday Canned food and/or Sock Drives

### ROOM SWEET ROOM

*Feel free to use the Parent Room, #153 just past the kitchen, if you'd like to volunteer at school with your younger children. It's a great space for grading papers or doing craft projects. Just sign in at the office and then make yourself at home!*



Come visit the Book Fair – November 5th through 9th! Be sure to attend the Family Fun Night on Thursday, November 8th from 4:30 to 7:30. You will get to color a leaf to decorate our "Painted Rock Room."

### Fundraising Opportunity

Come help your Painted Rock Parents earn some money just by wrapping gifts! PROP committee members will be at Barnes and Noble Bookstore at MetroCenter Mall, November 23rd (Black Friday!), November 30th, December 1st, December 15th, December 21st, and December 22nd to wrap presents for shoppers. If anyone would like to come out and help out, please contact Lisa Cobb at [mbuglyfe4@yahoo.com](mailto:mbuglyfe4@yahoo.com). It's a fun and easy way to benefit Painted Rock kids and PROP.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Prop Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2 NO SCHOOL Staff Development	3
4	5 Basketball Try-outs	6	7	8	9	10
<b>BOOK FAIR</b>						
11	12 NO SCHOOL Veterans' Day	13	14 Progress Reports	15	16 Family Night 4:30 to	17 Spirit Day
18	19 Morning Assembly	20 Spelling Bee	21	22	23	24
<b>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>						
25	26	27	28 Picture Retake Day	29	30	