



REID TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS'
Painted Rock Academy



December 2012/January 2013

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Season's Greetings



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It almost seems impossible, but it will soon be Winter Break. We wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Holiday and a prosperous New Year. This also gives us a chance to once again say thank you for choosing Painted Rock Academy as the school for your children. I would also personally like to tell you how much I have enjoyed working for you and your children. You all have made coming back from retirement a positive decision.

We are looking forward to returning in January and completing our first official year at Painted Rock Academy. I think we all can be proud of our accomplishments this year, and I know there will be many more in the future. Again, thank you all for making Painted Rock Academy a special place.

Sincerely,

Leslie Szostak

Principal



National School Choice Week is January 25- February 2, 2013. National School Choice Week celebrates effective educational options for all children. Every child deserves a quality education, and we are happy to be one of many successful schools in our community participating in National School Choice Week. Thank you all for making Painted Rock Academy *your* school choice!

☎ Important Numbers ☎

Main Number: (623) 466-8855
 Reception Desk: ext. 172
 Attendance: ext. 172
 Nurse: ext. 179
 Parent Room (PROP): ext. 153
 Principal/Asst. Principal: ext. 176
 Fax: (623)455-3270

Important Dates

- December 2012**
- 6 PROP Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 - 6 Board Meeting - Reid Traditional
 - 7 Spirit Day
 - 10 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
 - 13 Holiday Concert 6:30 p.m.
 - 20 Geography Bee 1:00 p.m.
 - 21 Early Release 12:15 p.m.
 - 21 End of 2nd Quarter/
Winter Break Begins, 12:15 p.m.
- January 2013**
- 7 School Resumes
 - 9 Report Cards Go Home
 - 10 PROP Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 - 11 Spirit Day
 - 14 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
 - 18 Early Release 12:15 p.m. /Staff
Development
 - 21 No School - MLK Day
 - 23 100th Day of School
 - 24 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
 - 28 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.



Winter Break Schedule

Early Release 12:15 p.m.
 December 21, 2012
 (No Boulder Club P.M. Session)

No School
 December 24, 2012—January 4, 2013
 School Resumes: January 7, 2013



Board Meeting

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 welcome to attend. Board Meetings are held at the Reid Traditional Schools conference room at 14841 N. Black Canyon Highway. If you wish 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.



From the Nurse's Office

Linda Winters, R.N.

The school is happy to provide a change of clothes for students who have an accident or a dress code issue, but it is necessary for the clothes that are sent home to be washed and returned as soon as possible. Please be considerate of other students who are also in need of loaned clothes.

On that note, if you have any uniform pants or shirts that your child has outgrown, please consider donating them to the nurse's office. We would like to have a good supply for any needs that arise.

Waiting List for 2012-2013 School Year

Now is the time to start talking with your friends about signing up at Painted Rock Academy for August 2013. We just started accepting new student applications for next year, and we will establish a waiting list order in mid-February, so have them sign up soon.



We also need to know if your family is planning to enroll any new siblings at Painted Rock Academy, for kindergarten or for other grades. We are glad to reserve spots for siblings of current students; please fill out a waiting list application for new siblings so we can hold their places.

Attendance

If your child is absent, please remember to call the attendance line at (623)466-8855 ext. 172, by 9:00 a.m. Please leave and spell the first and last name of your child. If this information cannot be understood, we will be unable to excuse the absence. If you wish to request homework, please do so at that time. It is also now available to report absences on the school website @ www.paintedrockacademy.com.

For campus safety, please remember to always wear your ID badge while on campus. School policy states that parents must have an ID badge or blue placard in order to pick up their child. Otherwise, you need to please check in and get a visitor's badge in the Front Office. We will be enforcing this, and you will be asked to check in at the front office if you do not have a badge or placard.

CHANGE IN CHECK PROCESSING: Our office is updating the technology we use to handle the checks we receive for all payments. Please be aware that when you write us a check, those funds may be **withdrawn from your bank account on the same day** you make the payment. Please plan accordingly, and thank you for your support as we improve our service to you.



Support After School Activities with Your Tax Dollars

Wouldn't you just love to have control over exactly how Arizona spends your tax dollars? If you could, wouldn't you tell the state that we've got a great school, and that they should send your money right to Painted Rock for after school activities? You can actually do that, in a way.

When you donate to the Painted Rock Academy Tax Credit Fund before December 31st, you can reduce any tax you owe to Arizona by that amount, up to \$200 if filing individually or \$400 filing jointly. That's the maximum credit you can get, but you can donate any amount; every dollar given towards extracurricular activities helps us build our programs to benefit your children. You can even earmark your donation to a specific after school program or let us use it where it is needed most.

If cash is short right now, pay online; it's like being able to pay your taxes with a credit card. Even you can't donate yourself, you can still help the kids by encouraging your relatives to make a donation that will reduce their Arizona tax too.

The process is easy. Click "Support Us" on the school website or bring a check to the office. We will send you a tax receipt by February first to use when you do your tax return. After that, it's up to the kids to enjoy the benefits. Thank you for your participation in this valuable program.

Student Information Page



This year's 2012 Scripps National Spelling Bee was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at Painted Rock Academy. Our winner was Raksha from Ms. Christian's 5th Grade class. The runner-up was Kerrigan from Mrs. Henry's 4th grade class. Raksha will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee, which will be held on February 9th, 2013.

Holiday Concert

Thursday, December 13, 2012
6:30 p.m. at the
Painted Rock Academy Field

Come join us for a fun evening. Students, please arrive by 6:00 p.m. Be sure to wear navy blue pants and a collared white shirt. Students may wear a long sleeve white t-shirt under their polo shirts to keep warm.



Basketball season is upon us. We are very excited to have sports going and look forward to cheering on our team. Please come cheer them on and support our students.

Upcoming games

Wed. Dec. 5th @ Foothills - Boys, 4:30 p.m.
Thurs. Dec. 6th @ **Painted Rock Academy** vs. ICOSA - Boys, 4:30 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 10th @ Ameri Schools - Boys, 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 12th @ **Painted Rock Academy** vs. Westwind - Boys, 4:00 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 17th @ Milestone - Boys, 5:30 p.m.



We are very grateful for Dick's Sporting Goods and their large donation to help get our basketball program started. They have graciously given us eight girls' basketballs, eight boys' basketballs, traveling bags for each team, practice pinnies, and cones. They also gave all the players water bottles. They will be hosting a "Painted Rock" discount day. Thank you, Dick's, for your great generosity!



Winter Classroom Parties

Classroom winter parties will be held on December 21st at 11:15 a.m. A visitor's badge or a Painted Rock Academy picture ID must be worn while on campus. Please remember that it is against Painted Rock Academy's policy to bring small children, siblings, and/or friends of students on campus while visiting the classroom parties. We ask that no red colored drinks are served at classroom parties, and don't forget that all food must be store bought.

Please respect our campus rules and have fun at the parties!



Student Council is holding a canned food drive for St. Mary's Food Bank. We are accepting any non-perishable items and other supplies such as clothing, household paper supplies (napkins, toilet paper, tissues), and other products until Monday, December 17th.





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