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Hawk News



Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

As we wrap up another fantastic school year, I just want to take a moment to acknowledge everyone and all the achievements we've accomplished together! This year has been filled with growth, challenges, and countless memories.

To our students: I am proud of your hard work, creativity, and determination. Whether you excelled in your classes, tried out for a new sport or club, or supported your friends, you've made our school a brighter place.

To our caring parents and guardians: Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. Your encouragement and involvement make a significant difference in your child's learning experience, and we couldn't do this without your support.

To our dedicated staff: This month, we will celebrate with a weeklong appreciation event for you. Your endless dedication and passion for teaching and supporting our students is truly inspiring, and it warms my heart to know that you truly care for everyone.

As we head into summer, I hope you take some time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the little things. Whether you're spending time with family or going on a vacation, make the most of the warm months ahead.

Over the summer be on the lookout for information about the upcoming school year. I can't wait to see you on August 1st at Meet Your Teacher event and the first day of school on August 7th.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Goshow, M.Ed.

Scholastic Book Fair Monday, April 28th– Friday, May 2nd

PROP Meeting Thursday, May 1st—8:15 a.m.

Art Walk/ Sports Recognition/ Family Night Thursday, May 1st—5:00-7:00 p.m.

Spirit Day / Morning Assembly Friday, May 2nd—8:15 a.m.

Staff Appreciation Week Monday—Friday, May 5th—May 9th

PROP Peter Piper Pizza Night—Thursday, May 15th— 4:00-8:00 p.m.

8th Grade Recognition Dinner Saturday, May 17th—5:30-7:00 p.m.

7/8 Grade Dance Saturday, May 17th—7:00-8:30 p.m.

8th Grade Breakfast / Field Trip—Castles N' Coasters Monday, May 19th

Honor Roll Ceremony Wednesday, May 21st—6:00 p.m.

Pre-K Promotion Move-Up Day Thursday, May 22nd—9:00-10:30 a.m.

8th Grade Promotion Thursday, May 22nd—6:00 p.m.

Talent Show Friday, May 23rd—9:00-10:30 a.m.

End of 4th Quarter / Parent Portal - Report Cards Friday, May 23rd

Last Day of School / Class Parties / Early Release Friday, May 23rd



As the end of this school year approaches, please note that all medications held in the health office must be picked up by the last day of class. It is school policy to discard any medications left behind over the summer.

Please also ensure that your students are caught up on vaccinations for next school year. If you have a student in 5th grade or above, note that Arizona requires 11-year-old students to obtain a Tdap and a quadrivalent Meningococcal vaccine prior to their 12th birthday. If you have any questions, feel free to email the school nurse at

irose@paintedrockacademy.com.

News & Updates

A message 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:

- The “Move On When Reading” state policy, a result of the legislation in [A.R.S §15-701](#), [A.R.S §15-704](#), and [A.R.S §15-211](#) (as amended by [HB2026](#)) explains the requirements for pupil promotion, early literacy instruction, and accountability for student achievement in reading. It requires that a student not be promoted from third grade to fourth grade if he or she “does not demonstrate sufficient reading skills” on the state’s third grade reading test in accordance with the statutes. For more info <https://www.azed.gov/mowr>
- 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 our 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 www.ed.gov
- Get to know our Teachers! All our teachers’ profiles are available in the front office for your review.

PRE-K BUTTERFLY

Pre-K had wonderful little guests for most of April. Our friends arrived as tiny caterpillars. After about two weeks of steadily eating, our little guests formed chrysalises inside which they made miraculous transformations. After not-so-very-patiently waiting, our old friends emerged as butterflies. We enjoyed watching their wings dry out and strengthen before we released them to explore the world around them.



Field Day



Thank you so much for your incredible support during Field Day. Your help with all the activities made a huge difference, and we couldn't have done it without you! The positive impact your time and energy had on all the students was truly significant, and we are so grateful.



We are very fortunate to have volunteers like you who go above and beyond, and we hope to see you involved in future events and projects.



Read-in 24-25

Read-ins bring together students, teachers, and community members, fostering a sense of shared purpose and enjoyment of reading.



Mrs. Kim Hintze, Author/Publisher, read to our KG



A special 'Thank You' to Ms. Natalia Huth, Librarian, for her hard work to put the Read-In together and to our NJHS members, who assisted with the event by greeting and guiding our guests.



Mrs. Leanna Bunting, Nurse, read to 1st graders



Mr. Timothy Fish, Military, read to our 2nd graders



Mrs. Kathy Scott, Author, read to our 3rd graders



Mrs. Robin McElroy, Business Owner, read to 4th & 5th graders



Mrs. Ruth Douthitt, Author, read to our 7th & 8th graders



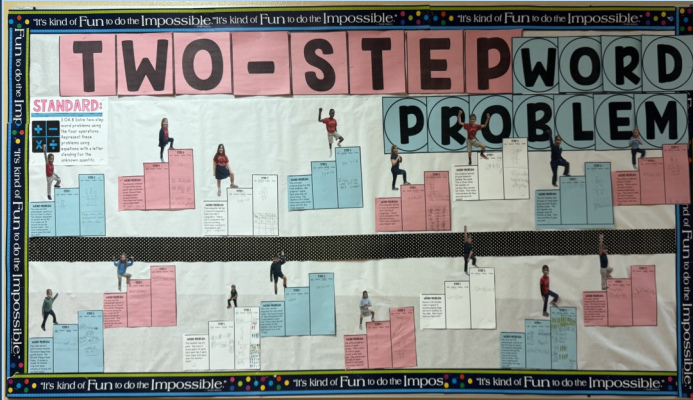
Mrs. Urvashi Desai, Pharmacist, read to our 6th graders

Creative Bulletin Board

Congratulations to our Bulletin Board WINNERS!

This is a fun way to show excellent student work.

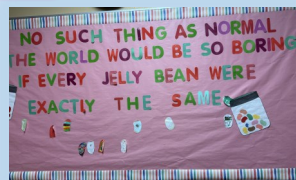
Creative work done by 2nd Grade—Students were super creative in presenting their two-step word problem.



Creative work done by 3rd Grade—Students were showing all the people who were influential in making our state what it is today.



Here are other notable boards from other grade levels.



8th Graders



As 8th graders leave a school, they transition from middle school to high school. This transition is significant as it marks a shift in their educational journey and social environment. 8th grade is often seen as a critical year for building academic skills and work habits that will be essential for success in high school.

Best of luck to all of our 8th graders and their future endeavors.



4th Grade Field Trip—AZ Museum of Natural History



The 4th grade students had an adventurous day exploring the Arizona Museum of Natural History in April! Their adventure started and ended with a breezy bus ride full of laughter and conversation. While at the museum, many students enjoyed the opportunity to pan for gold in the museum's outdoor gold mining area. The students learned about several different Native American tribes and ancient civilizations, like the Mayans, Incas, and Aztecs. Many groups investigated different types of geodes and other fascinating rock formations that have developed over time. Our inquisitive students were able to connect knowledge learned from books and classroom discussions with the many hands-on exhibits they discovered at the museum. The parents who volunteered to chaperone this trip made it possible for the students to gravitate toward the displays and activities that interested them the most, allowing for a truly personalized day of exploration. With heartfelt gratitude, the students and teachers say thank you to these wonderful adults. All who participated had a fantastic time looking back into Arizona's interesting history.



6th Grade Field Trip—Medieval Times



This month, our 6th graders had an unforgettable experience visiting Medieval Times in Scottsdale! Students were transported back in time to a world of knights, castles, and chivalry. They enjoyed a thrilling live tournament featuring jousting, sword fighting, and incredible horsemanship — all while dining on a medieval-style feast!

Beyond the excitement of the show, students learned about the structure of medieval society, the code of chivalry, and the importance of honor and teamwork during that era. It was a perfect way to connect our social studies lessons to a real-world experience, bringing history to life in an engaging and memorable way. Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who helped make this trip possible. It was truly a day our students will not soon forget!



Thank You to Our Fabulous Staff



"A good teacher can inspire hope; ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning."



Thank you for your hard work and dedication. Your impact on our students is truly appreciated.



"Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher."



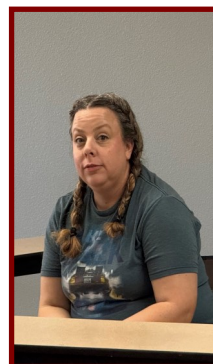
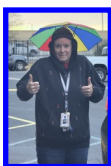
"Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best."



Thank you for creating a safe, nurturing, and engaging learning environment.



"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."



"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."



May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Week 36</p> 				<p>1 164</p> <p>PROP Meeting. 8:15 a.m.  Art Walk/ Sports Recognition/ Family Night 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>6</p>	<p>2 165</p> <p>Spirit Day Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.</p> <p>PROPsicles </p> <p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
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<p>11 Week 38</p>	<p>12 171</p> <p>2</p>	<p>13 172</p> <p>3</p>	<p>14 173</p> <p>PROP Used Uniform Sales 7:30-8:15 a.m. 2:00-3:30 p.m.</p>  <p>4</p>	<p>15 174</p> <p>5</p>	<p>16 175</p> <p>Caught Being Good</p>  <p>6</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8th Grade Recognition Dinner 5:30-7:00 p.m.</p>  <p>7/8 Grade Dance 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p>
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<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Memorial Day Office Closed</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>