



# THE LINK

LA PALOMA ACADEMY  
CENTRAL CAMPUS  
WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2016

## DECEMBER'S CHARACTER TRAIT: KINDNESS

This month's character trait is important in helping students relate to others as they go through life. Showing kindness means being concerned about other people, and treating everyone as we would want to be treated. Kind people think about other's feelings, they help those who are in need, they are kind even when others are not, and they never expect anything in return. To quote Aesop, in the fable, *The Lion and the Mouse*, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

### PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes for absent students, new students, or students who have brought a picture packet back will take place on Tuesday, December 6. Uniforms are required.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

Character Trait: Kindness

- ✓ **DECEMBER 6:**
  - Picture Retakes
- ✓ **DECEMBER 9:**
  - Character Lunch with the Principal
- ✓ **DECEMBER 12-16:**
  - Kid's Corner Holiday Shop
  - Benchmark Testing
- ✓ **DECEMBER 15:**
  - Holiday Expo, 6-8 p.m.
  - Cookies with Santa, 6-8 p.m.
- ✓ **DECEMBER 21:**
  - Duds for Dollars
  - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, Half-Day
- ✓ **DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 4:**
  - Winter Break, No School
- ✓ **JANUARY 6:**
  - Parents Night Out, 6-9 p.m.

### LOST & FOUND

Winter brings sweater weather to Tucson. Many students, not used to wearing them, forget their sweaters around school. If your student is missing anything—most likely a sweater—check the Lost and Found at the front office to claim items that have gone astray.

### COOKIES WITH SANTA/HOLIDAY EXPO COMING TO LA PALOMA

On December 15, from 6-8 p.m., students can spend some quality time with Mr. Clause. Bring the kids to have cookies with Santa, and they may even have a chance to slip the Big Guy their wish lists.

At the same time, La Paloma will be hosting a Holiday Expo. Parents are encouraged to sign up for a table at the Expo, for only \$10. For more information, call Mrs. Suba at (520) 721-4204 ext. 224.

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

When the holidays are over, parents might need a little break. We can help! Parents Night Out on Friday, January 6, will give parents a couple hours of free time while we watch the kids, from 6-9 p.m. Make your plans now, and we'll provide the details in future editions of The Link.

Phone: (520) 721-4205 | [www.LPACentral.org](http://www.LPACentral.org)

School Hours: Grades K-6: 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. • Grades 7-8: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday is a half day. School ends for K-6 at 11:30 a.m.; grades 7-8 end at 12 p.m.

Please send inquiries to: [vvalencia@lpaticucson.org](mailto:vvalencia@lpaticucson.org)



## SAFE PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

Parents, please note the following requests when picking up or dropping off your student:

- **The Yellow Curb** - This is a quick drop-off and pick-up zone. There is no parking at the yellow curb and you should remain in your vehicle at all times. Please don't ever leave your vehicle while at the yellow curb.
- **The Red Curb** - This is a Fire Lane. For your child's safety, do not drop off or pick up in this lane! There should be no stopping or parking at the red curb. Always pull your car as close to the yellow curb as possible when dropping off or picking up your child.
- **After School** - Parents should pick-up their students between 3:15-3:30 p.m. (K-6<sup>th</sup>), or between 3:30-3:45 p.m. (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>). Make sure your child stays in the front of the school and remains there until you arrive. Students who wander into the parking lot or the dirt lot are not safe. Please reinforce this with your student. Students that have not been picked up by the designated time must report to the After-School Program by 3:30 p.m. (K-6<sup>th</sup>) or 3:45 p.m. (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>). If you arrive and don't see your child in front of the school, please park your car in the parking lot, go to the office, and ask they be paged from the After-School Program.
- **Pick-Up Tip** - 3:15-3:25 p.m. is the busiest time in the parking lot. Try to arrive after 3:25 p.m. to avoid the traffic.

Please help keep our parking lot safe for all our students!

## STUDENT LUNCH ACCOUNT

We are excited to offer **MySchoolBucks**®! This online payment service provides a quick and easy way to add money to your student's meal account using a credit/debit card or electronic check. You can also view recent purchases, check balances, and set-up low balance alerts for **FREE!**

Enrollment is easy!

1. Go to [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com) and register for a free account.
2. Add your students using their school name and student ID.
3. Make a payment to your students' accounts with your credit/debit card or electronic check.

*A program fee may apply. You will have the opportunity to review any fees and cancel if you choose, before you are charged.*

If you have any questions, contact MySchoolBucks directly:

- [support@myschoolbucks.com](mailto:support@myschoolbucks.com)
- 1-855-832-5226
- Visit [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) and click on Help

## TAX CREDITS

Arizona law allows taxpayers to receive a tax credit of up to \$400 for donations that benefit our students. A tax credit reduces what you owe in state taxes, dollar-for-dollar. For more information, including a printable form, please go to our website, [LPAcentral.org](http://LPAcentral.org).

## BEFORE SCHOOL

Just a reminder that our Before-School Program is always happy to welcome students who arrive early; however, please keep in mind that, for the sake of safety, we ask that you **DO NOT** drop off your student before 7:30 a.m. There is no staff to supervise the students, either inside or outside of our building, until that time and we can't be responsible for students who are dropped off prior to 7:30 a.m. Thank you for helping us to keep our school community safe.

## ATTENTION PARENTS

Make sure your child gets to school on time. The last school bell rings at 8:30 a.m. and breakfast will be served in the classroom at this time. If your child is tardy, he or she will not be served breakfast in the morning.

## HOMELESS RESOURCES

If your family lives in any of the following situations:

- A shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- On the street
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodation
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

**Then, you have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. Contact Homeless Liaison Kathleen Phillips, at [kphillips@lpatucson.org](mailto:kphillips@lpatucson.org), for more information.**