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LA PALOMA ACADEMY
CENTRAL CAMPUS
JANUARY 30, 2017

ROOM ON THE BROOM

For Literacy Night, on February 21, Title I staff will perform *Room on the Broom*, the popular children's book and play by Julia Donaldson. This free event will include a pizza dinner, raffles, and door prizes, and promises to be a fun-filled evening showcasing the importance of literacy.

NEW SNACK SHACK HOURS

Students should note that the Snack Shack is open after school one day a week:

- Wednesday 1-3 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.



Join our email list at
LPACentral.org!
And check out our
Facebook page, too!

2050 N. Wilmot Rd., Tucson, AZ 85712

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Character Trait: Caring

- ✓ **FEBRUARY 1-10:**
 - Valentine Grams On Sale
- ✓ **FEBRUARY 8:**
 - Special Duds
- ✓ **FEBRUARY 6-10:**
 - Love of Reading Week
 - Spirit Week
- ✓ **FEBRUARY 10:**
 - Sweetheart Dance, Grades 5-8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- ✓ **FEBRUARY 14:**
 - Valentine Grams Delivered
- ✓ **FEBRUARY 15:**
 - Jump Rope for Heart Event
- ✓ **FEBRUARY 16:**
 - Chipotle Fundraiser, 3-7 p.m.
- ✓ **FEBRUARY 17:**
 - Pizza Lunch with the Principal
 - Parents Night Out, 6-9 p.m.
- ✓ **FEBRUARY 21:**
 - Literacy Night featuring *Room on the Broom*, 6-7:30 p.m.
- ✓ **FEBRUARY 22:**
 - Grandparents Breakfast, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
- ✓ **FEBRUARY 23-24:**
 - Rodeo Break, No School

VALENTINE GRAMS

Buy that special someone a Valentine Gram! They go on sale from February 1 through February 10, and will be delivered on Valentine's Day, February 14. Valentine Grams are \$5 each, and supply is limited, so order early.

A WEEK FOR LITERACY AND SCHOOL SPIRIT

We'll be celebrating literacy and letting students proclaim their school spirit, all in the same week!

Love of Reading Week will promote the importance of literacy, from February 6-10. We'll be welcoming several special guests who will read to students throughout the week. At the same time, it's Spirit Week, with a different theme each day. Parent volunteers are always welcome to participate.

FEBRUARY'S CHARACTER TRAIT: CARING

Caring is defined in the *Oxford English Dictionary* as "displaying kindness and concern for others." By showing kindness and concern for others, we're treating people the way we want to be treated. Showing compassion for others, trying to see the world through another person's eyes, and helping people in need are also aspects of caring. We should all work toward caring more about everyone we encounter each day.

Phone: (520) 721-4205 | 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@lpatucson.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-6th), or between 3:30-3:45 p.m. (7th & 8th). 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-6th) or 3:45 p.m. (7th & 8th). 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 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
- 1-855-832-5226
- Visit 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.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

We require students to adhere to our uniform dress code. Solid-color polo shirts in the school colors: red (not maroon), white, or navy blue can be worn, or La Paloma polo shirts available in the office for \$14 each. Slacks, shorts, jumpers, capri pants, and skirts in khaki or navy blue are acceptable (no other "bottom" colors are permitted). Uniforms should not be either excessively baggy or too tight. The dress code applies to all students at all times during the school day, including after-school and school-sponsored events and activities.

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@lpaticuson.org, for more information.

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.