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LA PALOMA ACADEMY  
CENTRAL CAMPUS  
FEBRUARY 27, 2017

## 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.

## LOST & FOUND

Spring can still bring cool, sweater weather days to Tucson. Many students, not used to wearing them, forget their sweaters around school. If your student is missing anything, 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

- ✓ **MARCH 1:**
  - Talent Show Sign Up
  - Duds for Dollars
- ✓ **MARCH 8:**
  - Special Duds
- ✓ **MARCH 10:**
  - Pizza Lunch with the Principal
- ✓ **MARCH 16:**
  - Honor Roll Assemblies
- ✓ **MARCH 17:**
  - Half-Day, No Lunch, No After-School
- ✓ **MARCH 20-24:**
  - Spring Break, No School
- ✓ **MARCH 31:**
  - Daddy & Daughter Dance

## KINDERGARTEN OPEN ENROLLMENT

We are currently holding open enrollment for all grades for the 2017-2018 school year. This includes enrollment for La Paloma Central's free, full-day kindergarten. If you, or anyone you know, is seeking kinder care for the upcoming school year, don't forget that La Paloma also offers a FREE breakfast program and FREE before- and after-school care. Why settle for half-day kindergarten, when La Paloma has FREE, FULL-DAY kindergarten? Go to [www.LPACentral.org](http://www.LPACentral.org) to register.

## NEW SNACK SHACK HOURS

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

- Wednesday 1-3 p.m.

## 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.

## 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](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@lpatucson.org](mailto: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-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).

## 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.

## LPA CENTRAL ONLINE

Don't forget to stay in touch with your student's teacher through their blog. Each parent has a link to follow their student's progress. We encourage you to use it throughout the year!

Visit [LPAcentral.org](http://LPAcentral.org) to see school news, our event calendar, lunch menu, and more. We are also on Facebook! Like our page for daily school updates and helpful information.

## 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@lpac Tucson.org](mailto:kphillips@lpac Tucson.org), for more information.**