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LA PALOMA ACADEMY
CENTRAL CAMPUS
OCTOBER 16, 2017

IMPORTANT AFTER-SCHOOL INFORMATION

Due to safety concerns, we will no longer be able to take calls requesting students be ready for parent pickup. In order to more carefully monitor students, it is necessary for parents to come inside, from 3:45 to 5 p.m., to pick students up.

When parents request their child be ready for pickup, students often have to wait outside, unsupervised, until a parent arrives. This is counter to our goal of keeping students safe at all times.

We request your patience as we work on reducing wait times to 8-10 minutes.

Students who are allowed to sign themselves out will continue to be able to do so. Mr. Houk, our After-School Director, would like to thank parents for their cooperation.

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.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Character Trait: **Respect**

OCTOBER 16:

- Picture Retakes

OCTOBER 18:

- Duds for Dollars

OCTOBER 20:

- Character Pizza Lunch with the Principal, Respect

OCTOBER 23:

- Cookie Dough Sales Start

OCTOBER 24:

- McDonald's School Night, 5-7 p.m.

OCTOBER 25:

- Special Duds

OCTOBER 27:

- Harvest Fest, 6-8 p.m.

OCTOBER 31:

- Fall Grams Delivered

HELP US RAISE SOME DOUGH

October 23 will mark the start of our annual Cookie Dough Fundraiser. This event not only helps the school, but the delicious, pre-made dough can also make holiday baking significantly easier.

Your participation in all our fundraising events is always appreciated.

HARVEST FEST

Harvest Fest, La Paloma's annual celebration of autumn, takes place on Friday, October 27, from 6-8:30 p.m. Among the fun activities this year will be a dunking tank, obstacle course, jumping castle, and much more. Food, on sale from 6-8 p.m., will include nachos, super nachos, popcorn, cotton candy, and a two-taco carne asada plate.

Don't miss this fun-filled family event! You can purchase six tickets for \$1 before October 25, and four tickets for \$1 after that. Punch cards are available for \$5 and \$10. Make this year's Harvest Fest successful and memorable by attending with family and friends.

OCTOBER'S CHARACTER TRAIT: RESPECT

This month's character trait is respect. Some aspects of respect are being considerate of the feelings of others, being tolerant and accepting of differences, and dealing peacefully when faced with anger, insults, or disagreements. Use good manners, be polite, and follow the Golden Rule, treating others the way we'd like others to treat us.

YEARBOOK INFO

Yearbooks for grades K-5 are now on sale for \$15, but will increase to \$20 after December 22. Hardcover yearbooks for grades 6-8 are currently available for \$20, with the price going to \$25 after December 22.

This year, parents can upload photos of their student by going to www.community.lifetouch.com, and entering the following access code: PUBDUU. Contact Mrs. Suba for more information.

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@lpatuson.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.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please remember that we have small children and families walking in the parking lot. Please drive carefully and slowly on school property.

Pinnacle Peak Restaurant has allowed La Paloma Academy to use their parking lot during our busy times, from 7:45 to 9 a.m., and from 2:45 to 4 p.m.

It's extremely important parents remember to drive slowly through this parking lot. Parents driving too fast will cause us to lose the use of the Pinnacle Peak lot.

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.

PICTURE TAKING POLICY

We understand your desire to take cute pictures of your children playing with their friends while at school. However, we need to keep in mind that not all parents want pictures of their children taken for a number of reasons.

In order to respect all of our families, we are asking that you DO NOT take pictures of students at school unless you have clearance from the office. Anyone seen trying to capture those precious moments on campus will be asked to put the camera or cell phone away and take pictures off campus. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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.

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 Kelly Houk, at khouk@lpatucson.org, for more information.

EARLY RELEASE ON WEDNESDAYS

It's important for parents to remember that students are released early every Wednesday throughout the school year. Students in grades K-6 are released at 11:30 a.m., and students in grades 7-8 are released at 12 p.m. The After-School Program will be available until 6 p.m. every day unless otherwise noted.

DUDS FOR DOLLARS

Every Wednesday is Duds for Dollars day at La Paloma Central. Students who pay \$1 to their teacher will be allowed to wear any school-appropriate clothing they like. The monies collected via this fundraiser will be used in the classroom or for special activities.

On days designated as Special Duds, students will be instructed on the apparel they will be allowed to wear on that day.

At no time are students allowed to wear pants with tears, flip-flops, or spaghetti strap tops.