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LA PALOMA ACADEMY  
CENTRAL CAMPUS  
DECEMBER 11, 2017

## 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](http://www.community.lifetouch.com), and entering the following access code: **PUBDUU**. Contact Mrs. Suba for more information.

## 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.



Join our email list at [LPACentral.org](http://LPACentral.org)! And check out our Facebook page, too!

2050 N. Wilmot Rd., Tucson, AZ 85712

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

Character Trait: **Kindness**

#### DECEMBER 11-15:

- Kids Korner Gift Shop

#### DECEMBER 14:

- Cookie Dough Delivered

#### DECEMBER 15:

- Pizza Lunch with the Principal, Kindness
- Cookies with Santa/Holiday Expo, 6-8 p.m.

#### DECEMBER 20:

- Special Duds
- Holiday Food Drive Ends

#### DECEMBER 22:

- End of Quarter Assemblies
- End of Second Quarter, Half-Day, No After-School Care

#### DECEMBER 25-JANUARY 5:

- Winter Break

#### JANUARY 8:

- Classes Resume

## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Our Holiday Food Drive continues this week, and we're hoping that everyone will be able to contribute. We're accepting canned and non-perishable foods. Anyone can donate, so tell your family, friends, and neighbors. Donations will benefit 15 families from La Paloma Central and the Community Food Bank. You can help us make the holidays a bit brighter for those less fortunate. Hurry! The Holiday Food Drive ends on December 20.

## 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, we'll be hosting a Holiday Expo, an exhibition of local businesses displaying their products and services. This event is open to La Paloma Central families only.

## 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 in need, are kind even when others are not, and 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."

## THANKS TO THE LIONS CLUB

Our annual vision screening was provided again this year by the South Tucson Lions Club, and we are grateful for their generosity. The Lions Club's vision screening tested 1,827 students across all three La Paloma campuses. At Central, 660 students were screened, with 113 referred to optometrists for further testing.

Thanks again to the Lions Club for providing parents with this important health information.

**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@lpatuson.com](mailto:vvalencia@lpatuson.com)



### 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.

### ATTENDANCE POLICIES

La Paloma Academy is committed to:

- Working with students and their families to ensure that all students attend school regularly
- Understanding there are a variety of factors that may influence school attendance
- Providing strength-based and culturally appropriate interventions and services, including parent education and referrals to school/community-based resources
- Addressing excessive absenteeism, chronic tardies, and early departures as quickly as possible
- Communicating the issue to the parents/guardians
- Partnering with parents/guardians and students to develop strategies to address the absenteeism and produce a change in behavior

Please review the Student-Parent Handbook for the full attendance policy.

### 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.

### 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.



### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.