



THE LINK

LA PALOMA ACADEMY
CENTRAL CAMPUS
FEBRUARY 26, 2018

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.

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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Facebook page, too!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Character Trait: **Citizenship**

MARCH 1:

- Talent Show Sign-Ups

MARCH 7:

- Duds for Dollars

MARCH 8:

- Skate Country, 6-8 p.m.

MARCH 9:

- Pizza Lunch with the Principal, For "Citizenship" Character Lunches

MARCH 13:

- Spring Pictures

MARCH'S CHARACTER TRAIT: CITIZENSHIP

Being a good citizen means doing your share to make your school and community a better place, either by yourself or through cooperation with others. A good citizen stays informed and gets involved in local affairs, always striving to make the community a better place. A good citizen is a good neighbor who obeys the law, protects the environment and volunteers to help others.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We've begun registering kindergarteners for the 2018-2019 school year. If you, or anyone you know, has a child who will be five years old prior to September 1, 2018, they are eligible for La Paloma's FREE full-day kindergarten. Our kindergarten curriculum includes language arts, math, science, social studies, health and safety, and character education. La Paloma also has FREE before- and after-school care. Don't miss next month's newsletter for more information. And don't forget to enroll your current student in next year's program.

TALENT SHOW SIGN-UPS, MARCH 1

Does your student have a special hidden talent? Encourage your student to try out for our talent show, where kids can show off their singing, dancing, magic tricks or poetry reading - and tell them that being onstage is a great way to not only show off your talent, but it is also good for their social skills later when your child has to speak in front of a crowd. Encourage your student today!

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.

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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



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.

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.

CHECK OUT LPA CENTRAL ONLINE

LPAcentral.org offers our newsletters, special events and school reminders that is user friendly, easy to navigate, and can be fully translated into Spanish.

The website also features Family Link, allowing parents to follow their student's academic progress. We encourage you to use it throughout the year!

Visit LPAcentral.org to see school news, our event calendar, lunch menu, informative blogs, and more. We are also on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! Like our Facebook page for daily school updates and helpful information.

REMEMBER TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOKS

Parents should remember to order yearbooks as soon as possible in order to get them before the end of school in May. Yearbooks for grades K-5 are on sale for \$20. Hardcover yearbooks for grades 6-8 are available for \$25.

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.



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.

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.

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.