



# THE LINK

LA PALOMA ACADEMY  
CENTRAL CAMPUS  
MARCH 5, 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.

## 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**  
And check out our  
Facebook page, too!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

Character Trait: **Citizenship**

#### MARCH 7:

- Duds for Dollars

#### MARCH 8:

- Skate Country, 6-8 p.m.

#### MARCH 9:

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

#### MARCH 10:

- Market on the Move

#### MARCH 13:

- Spring Pictures

#### MARCH 14:

- Duds for Dollars

#### MARCH 16:

- Awards Assembly

#### MARCH 16:

- End of 3rd Quarter, Half-Day, No Lunch, No After-School  
K-6th Grades, 11:30 a.m.,  
7-8 Grades, 12 p.m.

## 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

La Paloma Academy is 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.

## MARKET ON THE MOVE, MARCH 10

Market on the Move is a community program that sells vegetables and fruits for \$10 per 60 pounds of produce in the parking lot of Fellowship Bible Church, 6700 E. Broadway.

## SPRING PICTURES, MARCH 13

Spring pictures are upon us and it is wonderful to look back at those childhood photos with fond memories. Make sure your student arrives to school on time and is ready for their pictures, let's get dressed up and smile for the camera!

## 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.

**Phone: (520) 721-4205 | 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)



**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.

**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.

**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.



**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 [khok@lpatucson.org](mailto:khok@lpatucson.org), for more 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](http://www.community.lifetouch.com), and entering the following access code: PUBDUU. Contact Mrs. Suba for more information.

**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.