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LA PALOMA ACADEMY
CENTRAL CAMPUS
MARCH 26, 2018

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.

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!

2050 N. Wilmot Rd., Tucson, AZ 85712

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Character Trait: **Citizenship**

MARCH 28:

- Special Duds
- Parent-Teacher Data Meeting

MARCH 30:

- Spring Holiday, No School

APRIL 2:

- AzMERIT Testing Begins

APRIL 4:

- Duds for Dollars

APRIL 6

- Daddy-Daughter Dance, 6-8:30 p.m.

APRIL 14:

- Summer Camp Early Bird Registration

APRIL 23:

- Spring Recess, No School

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.

SPRING HOLIDAY

There will be no school on March 30 for our Spring Holiday. We hope students all enjoy their three-day weekend!

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Female students and the significant male figure in their lives (father, stepfather, grandfather, uncle, brother, etc.) will have a wonderful evening at the Daddy-Daughter Dance, on Friday, April 6, from 6-8:30 p.m. This year's theme is Butterfly Kisses. Tickets are on sale at the front desk for \$20 per daddy-daughter pair and \$10 for each additional daughter. Tickets include dinner and a small gift for the girls. Dinner is served 6:30-7:30 p.m. The dance begins at 7:30 p.m. Besides dancing, daddies and daughters can expect lots of fun and an evening everyone will remember.

SPRING RECESS

There will be no school on Monday, April 23 for Spring Recess. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 24. Parents should plan accordingly.

SUMMER CAMP

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. That's the day we'll have our Early Bird Special Registration at the Central campus for La Paloma Summer Camp, and we'll be serving complementary donuts and juice. For 8 weeks this summer, May 29-July 20, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. We'll keep your kids—and their brains—busy with monthly themes, daily activities, swimming, volleyball, tae kwon do, movies, bowling, museums, and twice-a-week enrichment classes. Plus, daily breakfast, lunch and snacks are included in the \$140/week fee. Save \$10 per week for each week you prepay. La Paloma Summer Camp is DES approved. Enrollment ends May 24.

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



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.

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, for more information.

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.