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**LA PALOMA ACADEMY  
CENTRAL CAMPUS  
APRIL 2, 2018**

## AZMERIT TESTING

We will conduct AzMERIT testing the first week of the month, April 3-6, for grades 3-8. Parents should be certain that their student is present each day and arrives at school on-time.

Here are some testing tips for students to keep in mind:

- Get a good night's rest before test days
- Eat a healthy and nutritious breakfast the morning of test days
- Read through each question thoroughly
- Always check your work
- Relax—you're going to do great!

Parents, answer some test questions with your child prior to testing. Go to [AzMERITportal.org/sample-tests](http://AzMERITportal.org/sample-tests) and take a sample test

## 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.



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**LPAcentral.org**  
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Facebook page, too!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

Character Trait: **Review of FCC**

#### APRIL 3:

- 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 20:

- Character Lunches with the Principal for FCC

#### APRIL 23:

- Spring Recess, No School

#### APRIL 25:

- Special Duds

#### APRIL 30-MAY 4:

- BOGO Book Fair

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 complimentary 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.

## 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.

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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@lpatuson.org](mailto:vvalencia@lpatuson.org)



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.**

## 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.