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LA PALOMA ACADEMY
CENTRAL CAMPUS
MAY 21, 2018

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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.

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Character Trait: **Review of FCC**

MAY 22:

- 8th Grade Promotion,
6:30 p.m.

MAY 23:

- Free Dress Down Day

MAY 24:

- Last Day of School
- Half-Day
- NO After-School

SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp will be held May 29-July 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For eight weeks, 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. Note: Save \$10 per week for each week you prepay. La Paloma Summer Camp is DES approved. Hurry! Enrollment ends May 24.

END OF THE YEAR INFO

On May 22, we will bid a fond farewell to the 8th graders of La Paloma's Central campus. The graduation ceremony for the class of 2018 will take place at 6:30 p.m. Congratulations to all graduates.

May 23 will be a Free Dress Down Day. The same rules apply as always do on Duds for Dollars day, except this one's a freebie.

Thursday, May 24, will be the last day of school, which will actually be a half-day. There will be no after-school care, so parents should plan accordingly.

Summer office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The office will be closed on May 28 for Memorial Day and on July 4 for Independence Day.

We hope all La Paloma students and their families have a wonderful and safe summer. We look forward to seeing everyone back on campus in August for the start of the new school year.

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 5 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.

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.

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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



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.

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.

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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PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please remember that we have small children and families walking in the parking lot. So, 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.

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.

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.