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## School News

### PALO VERDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**Palo Verde News: April, 2017**

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**Ms. Holly Weiner, Assistant Principal**

Dear Palo Verde Students, Parents and Community,

What a month we had in March! We are currently in the midst of our final sports season of the 2016-2017 school year. The track team and softball team are working incredibly hard each day to prepare for upcoming games and track meets.

We are currently finishing up our AzMERIT testing, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science will begin the AIMS assessment next week from April 11-13. Attendance is crucial during these few weeks of testing; it is our goal as a school to have 100% attendance on each day the tests are given.

To our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students: You will be receiving information regarding your May Promotion Ceremony. Continue to do your best academically and behaviorally.

Palo Verde is lucky enough to have two recipients selected for the Lamp of Learning Award. Congratulations to: Kevin Brown our very own school psychologist and Kelly DeYoung, the pastor at Christ Community Church, a part of the school collaborative and very dedicated to the success of Palo Verde Middle School. They will be recognized on May 5 at an awards ceremony put on by the Washington Elementary School District for these distinguished individuals.

On April 1 we had our Spring Campus Beautification Day. We were lucky enough to have around 50 volunteers on our campus doing everything from pulling weeds to cleaning classrooms. This year we decided to give back to our community on the beautification day and had a drawing for a home make-over for one of our very own Palo Verde families. It was an incredible experience being able to give back to those that are such a big part of Palo Verde Middle School. We would like to thank Mark Lunn of Young Life, one of our collaborative members for helping to make this community make-over possible.

April 12 is our upcoming Family Pride Night at Palo Verde, it will run from 5:30-7 p.m. We will have games, experiments, performances, and food for sale. Please come as a family and hear about the amazing things that your child is learning each and every day while they are at school. We will be sending home more information in the next week for the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

We would also like to take a moment to thank Dr. Hoffman and the Arizona Orthodontic Studio staff. They have volunteered to provide a popcorn party for all of our students as an incentive if our goal of 100% attendance is reached during the AzMERIT and AIMS testing.

Thank you to all of you who support the students and staff at Palo Verde Middle School.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jill Sarraino, Proud Principal

Ms. Holly Weiner, Assistant Principal



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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremonies

Monday, May 22

**1:30 p.m.-Tigers and Cheetahs**

Tuesday, May 23

**9:30 a.m.-Ocelots, Bobcats(Bruckner)**

**11:30 a.m.-Bengals, Bobcats(Smith, Arsenault)**

## WESD is Hiring!

*Please contact the recruitment office at 602-347-2622 to schedule an interview with Washington Elementary School District. For more information, please go to [teach@wesdschools.org](mailto:teach@wesdschools.org).*

### **SPRING FAMILY PRIDE NIGHT!**

**Wednesday, April 12**  
**Food, fun, and prizes!**  
**5:30-7:00 pm.**

### **Ava's Kettle Corn PTO Fundraiser**

Ava's Kettle Corn is a family-owned, local company that produces high quality kettle corn that is dairy free/gluten free/nut free. Comes in 8 delicious flavors! Sale dates: 4/10-5/1/17. All proceeds go to support PV's students & teachers! Questions? See Ms. Carpena in Room 801. Come by and try it on Family Pride Night April 12!

### **Upcoming Events:**

*April 6- 4:45 p.m. Track @ Moon Valley HS*

*April 10-4:45 p.m.-Track @ Sunnyslope HS*

*April 11-4:45-Girls Softball @ PV*

*April 18-4:45 p.m.-Girls Softball @ PV*  
*Track @ Greenway HS*

*April 20-4:45 p.m.- Girls Softball @ MS*  
*Track @ Greenway HS*

*April 24-4:45 p.m.- Track @ Apollo HS*

*April 25-4:45 p.m.- Track @ Apollo HS*

*April 27-4:45 p.m.- Girls Softball @ PV*  
*Track @ Apollo HS*

*April 28-5:00-7:00 p.m.-Friendship Dance in gym*

### **April Open Gym Hours:**

*Friday, April 7- 5:00-8:00 p.m.*

*Saturday, April 8- 1:00-4:00 p.m.*

*Friday, April 14- 5:00-8:00 p.m.*

*Saturday, April 15-1:00-4:00 p.m.*

*Friday, April 21- 5:00-8:00 p.m.*

*Saturday, April 22- 1:00-4:00 p.m.*

*Friday, April 28-No Open Gym.*

*Saturday, April 29- 1:00-4:00 p.m.*



