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PALO VERDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Mr. Mark Culbertson, Principal

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Dear Palo Verde Students, Parents and Community,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We are excited to embark upon another year here at Palo Verde, and look forward to working with you, your students and the community throughout the school year. We have a strong belief that all students, especially those at the middle school level need whole child education. You will hear a great deal this year from your student about character building, social and emotional education, as well as being pushed academically for every child to reach its fullest potential.

As a school, we value the partnership with our families and community. Through your support, communication, and involvement in your student's education, we know that we are helping to build productive members of society, and students who are capable of their very best.

In middle school there are many additional programs and after-school extracurricular activities that students can get involved in. Being involved in additional activities, whether it is a 21st Century class, a club or sport, is a great way to make connections, build friendships, and use your talents outside of the normal school day. The upcoming sport tryouts will be Girls Soccer and Boys and Girls Volleyball. We will be giving students tryout information over the announcements the first weeks of school.

If students are interested in clubs, we offer: NJHS (invite only) and Student Council. We will also be starting back up our 21st Century classes in September. Students will bring home enrollment information, in the latter part of August. We will offer both intervention and enrichment style classes with an emphasis of STEAM.

We will be having our Meet-the-Teacher and Title 1 Night on Tuesday, August 22. We look forward to seeing all of our families that evening and our teachers look forward to sharing upcoming information for their classes for the school year. If you did not make it to Schedule Pick up Night on August 3, please stop by our office Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with your ID to pick up the ParentVUE information. You will be able to check your students' grades from your phone or computer at school, and communicate regularly with the teachers. Again, thank you for trusting us and choosing us to help educate your child. We look forward to getting to know all of you and seeing you at our various events throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Culbertson, Principal

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GIFTED SERVICES

In accordance with ARS §15-779, special education is provided to students of lawful school age identified as gifted in one or more of the verbal, quantitative or nonverbal reasoning areas. The Washington District has a continuum of gifted services from which each school selects those that best meet their students' needs. Center-based services for highly gifted students are also available. If you think your child may need these special education services, evaluation is available. Contact your child's teacher for more information.

ATTENDANCE UPDATES

In order for absences relating to illness, doctor appointment, bereavement, family emergencies, or district approved vacation to be counted as excused absences, the school must be notified of the absence prior to the absence, or the day of the absence by the parent or legal guardian who has custody of the student. Absences that are not reported will be unexcused. Palo Verde Middle School maintains a 24-hour attendance line where absences can be called in at any time of the day, or night at 602-347-2525.

SIGNING OUT STUDENTS

If you need to pick up your child between 12:00 and 1:10 p.m., please allow up to 30 minutes for us to get your child to the main office, as he or she may be in one of several locations.

To avoid classroom interruptions, we will be unable to sign your child out after 3:40 p.m. on regular dismissal days and 2:10 p.m. on early release Wednesdays.

If you can assist us by avoiding appointments, etc. during these times, it would be much appreciated.

Parent Information

Tuesday, August 22 – Meet-the-Teacher Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Our teachers are excited to meet with parents and share all of the exciting things going on at Palo Verde!

Health Office News

As part of our efforts for school safety, please remember that parents/guardians must sign in medication at the health office. This applies to both prescribed medicine and over-the-counter medicine. Also, the school health tech can only administer medicine a parent/guardian has provided. Feel free to call 602-347-2510 if you have any questions.

Access Your Child's Information Using ParentVUE

Palo Verde Middle School is pleased to announce that parents and guardians can be more involved in their child's education by utilizing ParentVUE, a Web-based program that allows parents and guardians the opportunity to monitor their child's educational progress. Each parent/guardian will receive information on how to activate his or her account. You will receive Activation Instructions and an Activation Key that you will need when you first sign in. You will be given the opportunity to change your password after your account is activated. By activating your ParentVUE account, you will be able to see information specific to your child or children. You will be able to see view child's attendance, class schedule, grade book and, to a limited extent, calendar. The grade book for grades 4-8 will be fully available. For grades K-3, limited grades will be visible as WESD is transitioning grade books for K-3 into the system at this time. You will also be able to see and review the student info (contact and emergency information) the school has on record for your child. We encourage you to activate your ParentVUE account (instructions included) and become familiar with its features. Your child's teachers will be updating the information regularly, so visit often to stay current with your child's progress. We look forward to working with you to improve your access to information about your child's academic progress. If you have a question regarding your child's schedule, grades and/or attendance, please contact your child's teacher. If you have a question regarding the use of ParentVUE, please e-mail: WESDParentVUE@wesdschools.org.

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