



# PANTHER NEWS

## School News

### **PALO VERDE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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**Palo Verde News: December, 2017**

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Dear Palo Verde Students, Parents and Community,

Last month, we celebrated American Education Week, as well as Thanksgiving. We want to be sure we take the time to thank all the people who have made Palo Verde what it is today: a school where our focus is to Produce Valued Motivated Students, where everyone does everything to achieve their personal best. Parents, thank you for the continuous partnership that you have with Palo Verde and the commitment you have to the success of your student's education. We are thankful and appreciative of your support both inside and outside of the classroom. Students, we thank you for coming to school every day with a positive attitude, ready to be challenged academically, and give everything you do your absolute best. Each of you plays a special role in our team here at Palo Verde Middle school and working together, we have already seen significant academic growth this year, and are excited about what the future holds for Palo Verde.

Since the beginning of the 2017-2018 School Year, there have been two staff members at Palo Verde who have received Employee of the Month from the Washington Elementary School District. We would like to congratulate our Program Coach Carrie Hale and our Night Custodian Dora Real for receiving this exceptional recognition and award. Palo Verde has wonderful staff that care a great deal about all of our students and their success at Palo Verde.

Did you know that Palo Verde has its very own clothing closet that is open to students, families of the school and the community? We are lucky enough to have the "Panther Den" located right on our campus. This Den is run in conjunction with our school social worker and Christ Community Church. We have clothing for all ages, shoes, toys, and household items. Please contact our social worker Ms. Martinez if you are in need of any of those types of items, or drop by on any of our Saturday times. Our next community day is December 9 from 9-11 a.m. Come stop by and see what we have to offer. A large bag of goods is \$2 and a small bag is \$1.

In December, we are celebrating the Pillar of Character: *Caring- Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need.* Our students practice these examples of what a caring person looks like each and every day. Our hope is that this is also represented outside of school, and our community see the wonderful and kindhearted students we have at Palo Verde Middle School.

As a final reminder, Winter Break is from December 22-January 5. School will start back up on January 8. Please take this time to enjoy your family and your friends and rest up for a super 2018!

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The Washington Elementary School District (WESD) will host multiple Teacher Interview Fairs to hire teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. All Teacher Interview Fairs will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the WESD Administrative Center, 4650 West Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, 85304. Contracts for the 2018-2019 school year will be offered to qualified candidates. Student teachers, soon-to-be college graduates, seasoned teachers and alternative pathways are encouraged to attend!

Teacher Interview Fairs are scheduled for:

Saturday, December 16, 2017,  
Saturday, January 20, 2018,  
Saturday, February 24, 2018,  
Thursday, March 15, 2018, 4 to 7:30 p.m.; and  
Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Interviews will be conducted for those interested in teaching: kindergarten, elementary education, special education, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, general music, art and special needs preschool. Successful candidates may be recommended for a 2018-2019 teaching contract.

Apply online prior to the interview fair at [jobs.wesdschools.org](http://jobs.wesdschools.org). Please select the posting titled, Teacher – All Positions. Human Resources will contact qualified applicants directly to preschedule an interview.

For more information, contact the WESD Recruitment Office at 602-347-2622 or e-mail [teach@wesdschools.org](mailto:teach@wesdschools.org).

## PALO VERDE PTO

### Jane Dough Cookie Dough fundraiser

*Dates: 11/27/17 - 12/18/17*

*Delivery: 1/11/18*

*For those of you that are familiar with Jane Dough's® Cookie Dough – you may already have a list of friends and family waiting to order!*

*For those of you that are not familiar with Jane Dough's® cookies – you will wonder how you ever lived without them.*

*The delicious flavor lineup includes Chocolate Chip, Cinnamon Sugar, Ginger, Oatmeal Raisin, and Peanut Butter.*

*Each 3-pound box with 36 pre-cut ready to bake cookies sells for only \$15 each.*

*Questions? Call Ms. Carpena at 602-347-2535*



### Upcoming Events:

*Dec 7-4:45 Cheerleading Event at RP  
Wrestling @ MS*

*Dec 11-4:45 Boys Basketball Tournament  
at PV or CH*

*Dec 12-4:45 Wrestling at PV*

*Dec 14-4:45 Wrestling at PV*

*Dec 18-4:15 PTO Meeting in Library*

*4:30 Site Council Meeting in room 115*

*Dec 19-6:00 Winter Band and Orchestra Concert in Gym*

*Dec 22-Jan 7-Winter Break-No School*

### December Open Gym

*Friday, Dec 8 5-8p.m.*

*Saturday, Dec 9 1-4p.m.*

*Friday, Dec 15 5-8p.m.*

*Saturday, Dec 16 1-4p.m.*

