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School News

PALO VERDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Palo Verde Students, Parents and Community,

February was a very busy month around Palo Verde. We had over 500 parents and guardians attend our spring parent/teacher conferences. We so appreciate your continued support for the school year. It is truly this partnership that helps our students be so successful.

On April 1, Urban Plunge, along with numerous collaborative partners, will be hosting a weekend of beautification on the campus. Many wonderful groups have invested in Palo Verde and we are anticipating a great deal of work getting accomplished ranging from campus cleanup, new landscaping, and painting in different areas, etc. This is a remarkable opportunity for community members to engage in our school, establish relationships and create positive social changes to meet the needs of our community.

Palo Verde will host our Spring Family Pride Night on Wednesday, April 12. Family Pride Night will be from 5:00-6:30 p.m. We strongly encourage families to come as this is an opportunity for students to share what is going on in their academic classrooms, as well as a time for families to participate in numerous activities. Please be asking your child for more information pertaining to Family Pride Night.

Our Friends of Rachel groups continue plans to encourage and promote a chain reaction of kindness on campus. These groups have planned beautification on campus, words of kindness posters around campus, students reading to our preschool students on campus, and the challenge tree.

We also continue to celebrate the many achievements of our athletic teams. Great job to all of our boys who participated in soccer this year. Good luck in the District Tournament next week! Our girls' basketball teams did a phenomenal job as well, constantly improving throughout the season. Our final athletics for the season are track, a non-cut sport, and girls' softball. We encourage all students to be a part of either sport.

There will be no school in session the entire week of March 20-24. Enjoy your Spring Break!

Please mark your calendars for the weeks of March 28-April 7. This is the testing window that our students will be taking the AzMERIT State Test. Please partner with us to support our students and encourage them to perform at their highest level during these times. Our staff and students are currently busy ensuring that everyone is ready for these high-stake tests.

These is so much to celebrate and look forward to at Palo Verde!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jill Sarraino, Proud Principal

Ms. Holly Weiner, Assistant Principal



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Robotics Event!

WESD Scrimmage After School on Thursday, March 16 at Palo Verde Middle School.

Save the date for this scrimmage only event! If you have yet to attend a competition this is an excellent way to begin to explore and learn!

No Fees!

- No Engineering Notebooks
- No STEM Research Paper
- Just having fun together and teaching each other what we know!

More details to follow as we get closer to the date!

Hope to see you then!

Attendance News:

Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-901(A) (1):

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.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 2- 6:00 Area Band Festival

Mar. 7- 4:45 Boys Soccer @ RP

Mar. 9- 6:00 Spring Choir & Handbells Concert

Mar. 16-4:45 Boys Soccer Tournament @ La Pradera
5:00-Robotics Event in Cafeteria

Mar. 20-24-Spring Break-No School

Mar. 27-4:15- PTO Meeting in Library

4:30-Site Council Meeting in room 115

Mar. 27-31- AZ Merit Testing Week

Apr. 3-7- AZ Merit Testing Week

Apr. 3-4:45 Track Meet @ Moon Valley HS

Apr. 4-4:45 Girls Softball @ PV

Track Meet @ Moon Valley HS

March Open Gym Hours

Friday, Mar. 3- 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, Mar 4, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 10, 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 11, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 17, 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 18, 1-4 p.m.

Mon.-Thur., Mar. 20-23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 31, 5-8 p.m.

