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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 have been in the midst of our girls basketball and boys soccer seasons, our before- and after-school programming is back up and running for the spring semester, and we are trying to get as much instructional time with students as possible before the state testing window starts in another month.

On April 7, 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 classroom deep cleaning, work on the softball field and volleyball courts, and continuing the landscaping process with the planter out front of the school. 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.

We are about to begin our final season for athletics which is girls softball and co-ed track and field. We always look forward to these wonderful outside sporting opportunities and watching our student athletes finish the school year strong. As track and field dates get set, we will communicate with our athletes which high schools we will be traveling to for our meets.

If you haven't been to Palo Verde's clothing closet before, mark your calendars for Saturday, March 10 from 9-11 a.m. We will be open for all community members to come and shop for clothing and small household items. This is on the far north end of our campus. Another important week coming up is Spring Break. Students will be off school the week of March 19-23. We know this will be a much-needed break as our students have been working incredibly hard to prepare for AzMERIT and AIMS testing in their classes.

Mark your calendars for April 2-13. This is the state testing timeline. It is so important that all of our students are present each day during this week. Please avoid making appointments during this time. We will be sending home more details as this testing week approaches. In the meantime, we will continue to push our middle school students academically to ensure that they are not only successful in their classes and on the state assessment (AzMERIT & AIMS Science), but will also be a productive member of society. Please take time to ask your child about his or her day. Your child most definitely will have a great deal to share as middle school is a busy time for all students.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Culbertson, Principal

Ms. Holly Weiner, Assistant Principal

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The Washington Elementary School District (WESD) will host Teacher Interview Fairs to hire teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. All Teacher Interview Fairs will take place 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:
Thursday, March 15, 2018, 4 to 7:30 p.m.; and
Saturday, April 28, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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. 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.



PTO Butterbraid Fundraiser

Sale dates: 3/5/18-3/26/18

Delivery: 4/6/18

Cost: Each 22 ounce pastry sells for only \$12 each

Flavors: Apple, Blueberry Cream Cheese, Cherry, Cinnamon, and Cream Cheese pastries, plus the Caramel Roll.

Purpose: To support students and staff in/out of classroom.

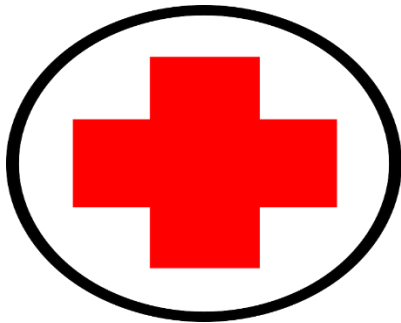
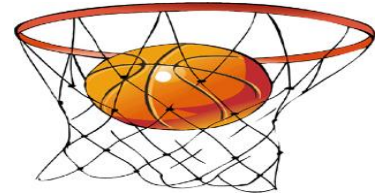
Open Gym Hours

Friday, Mar. 9, 5-8 p.m.

Sat, Mar. 10, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 30, 5-8 p.m.

Sat, Mar. 31, 1-4 p.m.



Health Office News

We are in the thick of flu season, and Palo Verde has been hit hard! Please do not send your sick child to school - it will take he or she more time to recover, and it exposes others to whatever germs he or she is fighting. When trying to decide if you should keep your child home from school, keep the following notes in mind:

- **Fever:** Any temperature that is 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher is considered a fever. Students must be fever free (without fever reducer) for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Vomiting/Diarrhea:** Students can return 24 hours following the last episode of vomiting/diarrhea.
- **Excessive Chronic cough and/or runny nose:** continual coughing and excessive nasal discharge may be contagious and may require treatment from your health care provider.

If you have any questions or concerns, our Health Technician, Mrs. Rachael Mitchell, can be reached at 602-347-2510. Thank you for helping to keep Palo Verde Middle School healthy!



Keep your child safe on the Internet!

Join Palo Verde's Officer Chad Thursday, March 8 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the PV Cafeteria for a presentation on "Your Child & Internet Safety." Officer Chad will explain and answer questions regarding safe websites, Facebook/Instagram/Snapchat, apps, etc. in helping parents to monitor their children's safe use as they navigate the Internet.

Upcoming Events:

Mar. 8, 7-8 p.m.-Internet Safety Class-Cafeteria

Mar. 9, 4-5 p.m.-Athletic Pictures-Gym

Mar. 19-23-Spring Break-No School

Mar. 26, 4:15 p.m.-PTO Meeting-Library

4:30 p.m.-Site Council Meeting-Rm 115

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