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School News

PALO VERDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Palo Verde Students, Parents and Community,

Thank you to so many of you for coming to "Meet the-Teacher" Night on August 22 and visiting with us. If you missed out, please be sure you have signed the school pact and returned it your child's tutorial teacher. Two important dates to remember are October 24 & 25, Parent/Teacher Conferences. We will be sending information home to sign up for conferences. We would love to see each and every one of you here to discuss your child and meet the teachers, if you haven't done so already.

You have access to your child's grades at all times through the District Parent Portal system. Grades are updated weekly for your convenience. The Synergy Parent Portal now has an APP for those of you who like to access grades on the go. If you have not yet received information on the Parent Portal, you will need to come to the school to pick up your parent copy. Teachers also have their Web sites up and running. Be sure to check out your child's teachers' Web sites, where you will gain information on the class and current events at Palo Verde.

On Wednesday, September 6, midterm reports will go home with students. Please be sure to ask your child for this report. Take time to discuss what is going on in your child's classrooms. There are plenty of celebrations already in the classroom, and the students are excited to tell you about them.

We continue to use Character Counts and practice the Six Pillars of Character. This month our focus is RESPECT: Treat others with respect• Follow the Golden Rule• Be tolerant of differences• Use good manners, not bad language• Be considerate of others• Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone• Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements. Please continue to talk to your child about these very important pillars. These support your child in being the best he or she possibly can be and will lead to success. Our Character Counts reward days are the first Wednesday of each month; typically a "dress up" day. Only students who have earned the reward may participate in this event. If you child has earned the reward, he or she will have a pass. We expect all students to follow the District dress code policy if he or she is participating in a dress down day.

We also encourage students to get involved in our various clubs/athletics. Palo Verde has multiple opportunities for students not only in the classrooms, but also in extracurricular activities. Announcements are made daily regarding student involvement at Palo Verde.

Thank you for a tremendous start to the year! We continue to see parents/guardians as part of our team at Palo Verde and believe it's because of that team that our students continue to be successful.

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Gifted Services Testing Opportunity

Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as gifted. Testing for placement in the gifted program takes place three times a year on ALL campuses. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please complete the screening form found on the Gifted Services website (www.wedschools.org/Page/18) or contact your child's teacher to arrange for testing. A brochure describing services provided to gifted students and a list of common characteristics can be found on the website as well. Feel free to call or email the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Dr. Jason McIntosh, with any questions you may have (Jason.mcintosh@wedschools.org / 602-347-2651).



Health Office News

Students have their vision and hearing screened in accordance with the state of Arizona's Department of Health Services guidelines. Vision and hearing are very important to your child's ability to learn, listen and make good progress in school. The goal is to remove health-related barriers to learning.

This year the screening is scheduled to take place on November 14, 2017. It is important that your child is in attendance on this day. If glasses or contacts are worn, please make sure they have them with them. Parents/guardians are informed of the results if follow-up care is recommended. School-based screenings are not intended to replace routine wellness examinations by the primary health care provider.

If you do not want your child's vision and/or hearing screened, please contact the health office. If you are concerned about your child's hearing or vision or have questions about the screening program, please contact the health office.

P.T.O. News

Palo Verde PTO
SaveAround Coupon Book Fundraiser
Cost:\$25
Sale: 9/18-10/16
Why: Raise funds to help teachers/students
In/out of the classroom!
Questions? Ms. Carpena 602-347-2535

Open Gym Hours:

Friday, September 8, 5-8 p.m.
Saturday, September 9, 1-4 p.m.
Friday, September 15, 5-8 p.m.
Saturday, September 16, 1-4 p.m.
Friday, September 22, 5-8 p.m.
Saturday, September 23, 1-4 p.m.
Friday, September 29, 5-8 p.m.
Saturday, September 30, 1-4 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 5 4:45 p.m.-Girls Soccer @ PV
4:45 p.m.-Boys/Girls Volleyball @ PV
Sept. 7 4:45 p.m.-Girls Soccer @ CH
4:45 p.m.-Boys/Girls Volleyball @ RP
Sept. 18 4:15 p.m.-PTO Meeting in Library
4:45 p.m. Boys/Girls Volleyball @ PV
Sept. 19 4:45 p.m.-Girls Soccer @ DF
Boys/Girls Volleyball@ DF
Sept. 21 4:45 p.m.-Girls Soccer @ MS
Boys/Girls Volleyball @ MS
Sept. 25 4:45 p.m.-Cross Country Meet @ Moon Valley Park
Sept. 26 4:45 p.m.-Girls Soccer @ PV
Boys/Girls Volleyball @ PV
Oct. 2 4:45 p.m.-Boys/Girls Volleyball Tournament @ DF
Oct. 3 4:45 p.m.-Girls Soccer @ PV

Fall Choir and Hand bells Concert



Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym.



