

Palo Verde Elementary

A+ School of Excellence™

Casa Grande's Best Kept Secret!

May, 2023

Carol Wrightson, Principal



We are a community of caring leaders and learners.

Hello, Palo Verde Families!

As we approach the end of the year, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership as we wrap up this wonderful school year! I will highlight some important events coming up as we close out our school year.

Palo Verde Title 1
Ice Cream Social & Art Night
Wednesday, May 3, 2023
6:00 - 7:30 pm

- ❖ Various stations including clay, coloring, face painting, and much more
- ❖ Student artwork displayed
- ❖ World's Finest Chocolate Bars on sale \$1
- ❖ Free Ice Cream sandwiches



Art Night and Ice Cream Social Wednesday, May 3 (6:00–7:30 PM)

Come to our Art Night and enjoy free ice cream. See your child's wonderful artwork, visit with staff, and complete some activities. Candy bars will be for sale to support our school fundraiser! We look forward to seeing you!



Important Dates

Wednesday, May 3
Ice Cream Social & Art Night
6:00-7:30 pm

Thursday, May 4
5th Graders visit MS

Week of May 8 - 11
Teacher Appreciation Week

Wednesday, May 10
School Nurse Day

Tuesday, May 16
PTO Meeting 3:30-4:30 pm

Thursday, May 18
Kinder Awards Assembly
1:00- 2:00 pm

Tuesday, May 23
2nd Grade Awards Assembly
9:00-10:00 am
&
3rd Grade Awards Assembly
1:00-2:00 pm

Wednesday, May 24
1st Grade Awards Assembly
9:00-10:00 am
&
4th Grade Awards Assembly
1:00-2:00 pm
&
5th Grade Awards Assembly
2:00-3:00 pm

Thursday, May 25
Last Day of School
Early Dismissal 1:00 pm

PTO Grade Level Representatives and School Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking for parents/guardians to be grade level representatives for our PTO for next year. Our PTO meets once per month, and we would love your input and leadership! Also, we are inviting parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles of students to come volunteer next year! We can create a flexible schedule based on your availability and will offer training. Please sign up at the Palo Verde office or call the school for more information! *Please come join us for our last meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 16 in the Media Center at 3:30 pm!*

Teacher Appreciation Week: Monday, May 8–Thursday, May 11

Please take a moment to thank your child's teacher next week during Teacher Appreciation Week! We thank our staff for all they do!



Important Announcement

The Boys & Girls Club will close for the summer on Tuesday, May 23rd.

If your child gets transported to the Boys & Girls Club afterschool, please make alternate arrangements.

Palo Verde Leadership – Welcome!

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Amy Cameron who is joining our staff as Instructional Coach and Mrs. Jennifer Graffius who will be serving as our Assistant Principal for the upcoming school year. Their experience and leadership will be an asset to our school community, students, and staff.



Palo Verde School Uniform Policy Update

Earlier this year we asked families to give input in continuing the school uniform policy at Palo Verde. Surveys were provided at conferences in both paper form and shared electronically by Google form. Palo Verde staff were surveyed and in depth discussions were held. Finally, current research was reviewed on the impact of school uniforms on student learning and behavior. **Based on the survey results, discussion, and analysis, we will continue the Palo Verde uniform policy for the next school year (2023-2024). However, for the following school year (2024-2025), school uniforms will not be required.** Please review the uniform policy at the conclusion of this letter which will be in place for next year.

If your child has outgrown your uniform clothing, or/and you would be willing to donate to students in need, please place them in the labeled box in the entry of Palo Verde. *If you are struggling to provide clothing for your child that meets the uniform requirements, contact the Palo Verde office, nurse, or counselor.* If you have any questions regarding our current uniform policy, please feel free to contact me at 520-421-1650.

2023-2024 Palo Verde School Uniform Policy

TOPS: Navy blue, red, white polo shirts. Long-sleeved collared shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, and turtlenecks are options. Palo Verde spirit shirts are allowed on any day. **ALL undershirts** should be red, white or blue. *A+shirts* may be worn any day of the week

BOTTOMS: Dark navy blue pants, blue jeans, navy colored sweatpants, or khaki pants, shorts, skirts, capris, and jumpers are acceptable. Shorts, dresses, and skirts should be no less than six (6) inches above the top of the kneecap. Pants or shorts should not be embellished with sequins or lace and should be dark blue (not tie-dyed, not torn, or have holes).

SOCKS: Navy blue, white, or black **solid** colored socks, tights and leggings in these colors may be worn under jumpers or skirts.

SHOES: Closed-toe shoes are to be worn on P.E. days. Low-heeled sandals with a back strap are permitted, but flip-flops, slippers, shoes with a heel, and Crocs are not permitted (no Heelys allowed).

HATS: Hats may be worn outdoors, but are not to be worn in the building. Hats must be worn with the brim forward.

OUTERWEAR: During the cold weather months, any colored jacket, sweater, sweater vest, or sweatshirt is permitted. If a classroom as a whole, or an individual student is unusually cold, the teacher will allow the student to wear their jacket or coat while in the classroom as needed.

Every effort will be made to keep your child in school and make sure that they are wearing an acceptable version of the school uniform and dress code.

Special Awards Assemblies



Kindergarten - May 18	1:00 - 2:00 pm
1st Grade - May 24	9:00- 10:00 am
2nd Grade - May 23	9:00 - 10:00 am
3rd Grade - May 23	1:00 - 2:00 pm
4th Grade - May 24	1:00 - 2:00 pm
5th Grade - May 24	2:00 - 3:00 pm



Summer Break is near

Here are a few reminders from the nurse before school ends. If your child has medication or other health supplies at school, please stop by during the last week or on the last day of school to pick up the supplies.



- Stay hydrated and drink plenty of water.
- Protect yourself from the sun by wearing sunscreen.
- Avoid being outdoors during peak heat hours.





