Welcome school

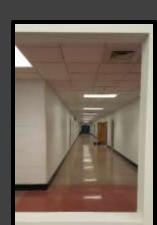
Apache Elementary has had a "facelift" and we're so excited to share our new changes with you. Over the summer crews were busy removing carpets, shelves, desks, and more to make a better look and of course a healthier environment for our amazing children. There is still work to be completed but we can't wait for you to see the new

changes at Apache.





and cleaned



Hallways painted and polished



Removal of all office furniture



Completed office desks and work spaces (work will continue in the office)





Dear Apache Families,

A very sincere WELCOME BACK to our students and families. I know that 2016-2017 will be a year filled with growth and great things for Apache children. We have been BUSY this summer and we have a lot of new things for you to see (new flooring, a new front office, and a new security door). But the best new things are people! We have an amazing new assistant principal, Mr. John Brown; phenomenal new teachers, and AWESOME new students. Our quest is always to "make the best better". I know you will be able to see that in action.

Welcome to our new families. We say "AWESOME happens here" and you will soon know why. You will not find a better group of future citizens in the making nor a harder working staff.

We are anxious to have our classrooms and hallways filled with the enthusiasm of Apache children. We can't do what we do without YOU! Thank you for your support of our students, families, staff and community.



Heidi Caine

We have a new Assistant Principal! Welcome John Brown who comes to us from Tolleson School District. *To the awesome Apache Community:*

I am humbled and thrilled to be joining the team at Apache Elementary.

During my conversations by phone and in person with our principal, Mrs. Caine, the one message that has been repeated again and again is the amazing students, parents, staff, and community that make up Apache. I look forward to meeting all of you in the next few weeks and I look forward to seeing all of the amazing things that you do throughout the school year. I get a strong feeling that Apache has several outstanding programs in place and that people are confident and competent in their jobs. The picture that came to mind was the school as a wheel and each member of the students, parents, staff, and community is represented by a spoke in the wheel. Just as each spoke supports the wheel and helps it move forward, I sense that all of you have been supporting the school and helping it move forward. My plan is to come in and be another "spoke in the wheel". I will fit in and do my absolute best to support the school and all of the students, faculty, staff, parents, and programs that are in place. With that being said, entering my 20th year in education I know that every school year is an opportunity to grow and move our students towards excellence so I give you my word that I will work hard to make that happen.

On a personal note I have been blessed with an amazing family. My wife of 12 years, Andrea and I have three kids - Alessandra (11), Gianna (9), and Steven (7). The girls both dance and tumble several days per week (they were just in Vegas for nationals). My son loves sports and is playing basketball and baseball this summer. Being a husband and father has made me a better person and I am extremely thankful for my family

Sincerely, John Brown

Apache Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures



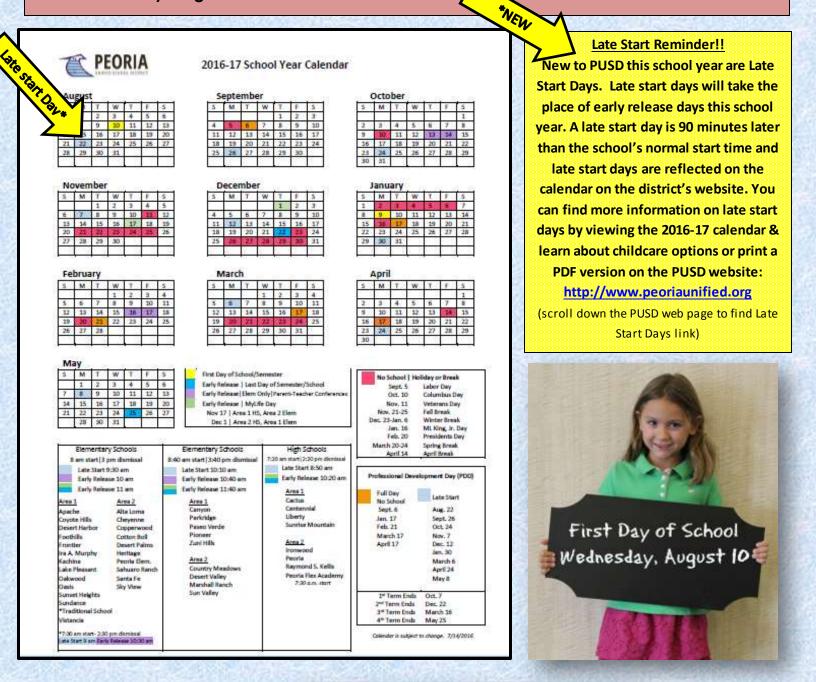
Student safety is our top priority at Apache. We know we can't do it alone and need your help to provide safe passage for students to and from school. Signage and pavement markings are provided as well as teachers on duty to assist in this process. Please help us by previewing and following the guidelines.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Procedures:

- Students who <u>pick up younger siblings</u> should go to the younger sibling's pick up area and pick up their brother or sister then exit the school in zone 2 or zone 3 (west or east side).
- As in all traffic conditions red curbs are designed for emergency access. It is important that these remain unobstructed. Please be reminded Peoria Police have on occasion ticketed illegally parked vehicles along red curbs and on the south side of John Cabot Road.
- Traffic will enter the drop off area and will pull up curbside all the way to the beginning of the designated pick-up areas.
- Your child can only be picked up when your vehicles is in the "pick-up zone." This area will be clearly marked with cones and staff guidance.
- The driver must remain with the vehicle at all times while in this area. You will have to constantly move forward, especially at pick-up time. If you don't expect your child immediately after the bell rings, you should either time your arrival accordingly or find a designated area to park. Additional over flow parking is available at Apache Park.
- Courteous drivers are always appreciated. Pease help us with keeping all students safe.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Procedures continued:

**Our K-2 students are dismissed at 2:50 PM so that we can have them safely in their cars before the rest of the students are dismissed. We are particularly conscious of our little ones waiting in the heat. To keep the parent pick up traffic moving, if you are picking up a K-2 student and an older sibling, please do not enter the front circular drive until 3:00 PM so that all of your children are picked up at once. If you wish to make "two rounds", you may come at 2:50 PM to get only your K-2nd graders and then move on to your older child's pick up spot. Thank you for your kindness to our youngest students.



meet the t e a c h e r night Monday, August 8th from 5:00-6:00 PM



2016-2017 Class Lists will be posted Monday, August 8th at 2:00 PM

School meals

- ✓ create an account
- ✓ pay for meals
- ✓ apply for assistance

https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/logi n/getmain?requestAction=home

http://myschoollunchapp.com/



Health Services Health and Wellness for All Arizonans

Students must have proof of all required immunizations, or a valid exemption, in order to attend school. Arizona law allows exemptions for medical reasons, lab evidence of immunity, and personal beliefs. *Log onto the ADHS for detailed information of immunizations for all students K-12 or the <u>PUSD</u> website.* <u>Arizona Immunization School Requirements</u> <u>http://www.peoriaunified.org/domain/110</u>

Coming soon...

Robotics Club is coming soon to Apache! We will be meeting after school, once a week, using science and technology to build robots that will compete in robotics challenges. In addition, the Robotics Club will participate in at least two regional tournaments using VEX IQ Products this school year.

Be listening to morning announcements for more information, or see Mrs. Scales or Mrs. Heitkam for an information packet.



Something for Everyone

boys basketball, football, softball girls volleyball, softball, basketball Cross Country Drama Club Habitat Club NEHS NJHS Homework Club Opportunity Hour Outdoor Education Speech Contest Spelling Bee Student Council Variety Show New this year: Robotics Club off campus sponsors: chess club Art Club Discovery Club AM/PM

Create and fund your child's account online! at www.myschoolbucks.com to create an account, cluck your child's balance and transaction history and make payments.

> Apply for Free or Reduced meals online! Visit <u>school uncharp.com</u> to securely apply. Applications are transmitted directly to Peorla Unified Food & Nutrition and a determination is usually made within 24.48 hours Paper applications are also available in the school office or coleteria. Find school lunch memory at worw neoriaunified are

We are growing!

AP - John Brown Kindergarten - Allyssa Ellingson Kindergarten - Brandi Pischke First - Bryan Parsons Sixth - Krista Lyman Seventh - Jennifer Mundy Seventh - Erica Drew Eighth - Brian Little Resource - Sarah Cummings Speech - Jaren Woodruff PE - Ryan Yamauci Chorus - Katherine Stremel Art - David Pischke

Important School Procedures

First Day of School: Monday, August 10th. First bell at 7:40 AM, Line up bell 7:55 AM, and Late bell at 8:00 AM. Students are allowed on campus no earlier than 7:40 AM when teachers are on duty.

<u>Tardy Policy</u>: Every time a child walks into a classroom late, not only has that child missed part of his/her education, but 24 other students can't help but lose their focus. We know that life happens and understand everyone is late at times. Students with multiple tardies will serve lunch detention or after school Opportunity Hour.

<u>After School Opportunity Hour:</u> We will not rest until we build a community of students who care about each other and who are at school to learn. The state standards are more rigorous than ever. Our staff believes they will change your child's future opportunities. At Apache, we will work to have students not miss instruction time. After school opportunity hour will be utilized for students who interrupt the learning of others, have multiple tardies or overdue assignments.

Synergy ParentVUE: Synergy ParentVUE is a tool that gives you the ability to monitor your student's grades, attendance, and assignment information securely from your Internet Browser. We are providing this access through the Synergy ParentVUE feature. You must register in the school office.

<u>Meal prices and fees:</u> Elementary school breakfast - \$1.50, Elementary school lunch – \$2.50, Milk – 35 cents per carton. Monthly menus are posted on the PUSD website. Field Trips: minimum of \$6 transportation fee <u>http://www.peoriaunified.org/</u>

<u>Tax Credits</u>: Tax credits are used to fund extracurricular activities which supplement educational experiences. It is a dollar for dollar reduction in state taxes owed. <u>http://www.peoriaunified.org/</u>

Volunteers: Apache relies on volunteers to help in and out of the classroom. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or continuing as a volunteer you will need to complete all the information required for a PUSD volunteer every year, located on the PUSD portal. http://www.peoriaunified.org/

Bus routes: The mission of the Peoria Unified School District's Transportation Department is to transport every student who rides a bus to and from school or on a field trip in the safest, most efficient, and professional manner. To locate your bus route - http://www.peoriaunified.org/domain/97

<u>Calendars</u>: Online calendars help keep you up to date. <u>District</u>: <u>http://www.peoriaunified.org/Page/2</u> Apache: <u>https://schools.peoriaud.k12.az.us/sites/apache/Pages/Default.aspx</u>

Study Island: Build, rebuild, and keep practicing skills http://www.studyisland.com/

Apache Elementary 2016-2017 School Supplies

	Kindergarten
Grade Level Suggested Supplies	Teacher Wish List-Optional Items To Be Shared
12 glue sticks	backpack that holds 9x12 papers
2-24 count crayon boxes	* write student name on the inside of backpack*
3-3 Expo dry erase markers (any dark color except black)	1 large container of Clorox disinfectant or baby wipes
1 large pink eraser	
Fiskar scissors-blunt tip	For your Convenience School Sup lists are also available on th
1 standard size pencil box	lists are sur
1 box fat washable markers	lists are also available on the
2 yellow highlighters	Apache Portal
	1st Grade
Grade Level Suggested Supplies	Teacher Wish List- Optional Items To Be Shared
1-large plastic pencil box	1-backpack with student name written inside
1 package of black Expo markers	2-large boxes of kleenex
2- 24 count Crayons (Crayola preferred)	1-box of sandwich size Ziploc bags
12 glue sticks (Elmer's preferred)	1- pieces of 8.5x 11 inch black felt
2-large pink erasers (no toppers)	2- containers of Clorox/Lysol wipes
Small scissors-blunt tip	Headphones (not ear buds)-these will not be shared
2- packages #2 pencils with erasers	
1 - red 2 pocket folder (plastic)	
1-bottle liquid glue	
2-large ruled 100 page black composition book (not spiral)	
spiral)	
	2nd Grade
Grade Level Suggested Supplies	4-black broad tip Expo dry erase markers
1- supply box	1- white board eraser OR clean sock
4-2 pocketfolders w/ prongs(1 blue/1 yellow/1red/1green)	Teacher Wish List- Optional Items To Be Shared
1-decorative double-pocket folder	1-backpack
1-100 page black & white composition book	1-box Ziploc (Rodriguez-sandwich, Knapp-gallon, New-quart)
2- spiral wide ruled notebook of different colors	1- ream of copy paper
(70pgs) 1-box of 24 count Crayola crayons	1- large hand sanitizer
Fiskar scissors (pointed) 12- glue sticks	Clorox/Lysol wipes 2 family sized box of Kleenex
2-pink erasers	
1- dozen standard #2 pencils-no mechanical pencils 2- red pens	
Hand sharpener w/lid	
	narkers or colored pencils

	3rd Grade	
Please No markers, mechanical pencils, pencil grips or pens		
Grade Level Suggested Supplies	Teacher Wish List-Optional Items To Be Shared	
Colored pencils	Familysized box of tissues	
Small Fiskar scissors	Disinfectant wipes	
Pencil top erasers and a Large pink eraser	1 - box Ziploc sandwich bags	
Supply pouch/box	1 - box 2.5 gallon Ziploc bags	
6-12 Glue sticks	Ream of white copy paper	
Plastic Flexible 1'binder (no hard cover)	Clear sheet protectors	
4-5 fat dry erase marker and eraser/sock		
2- boxes of #2 pencils - sharpened	*Headphones/ear buds (we do not share these)	
8-10 Count Dividers (with or w/o pockets)		
Highlighters; preferably red, green, & yellow		
Sticky notes (any size and color)		
2 - folders		
4 - composition notebooks		
1-2 pencil sharpeners with closed cover		
	4th Grade	
Grade Level Suggested Supplies	Teacher Wish List- Optional Items To Be Shared	
4- glue sticks	2-boxes of familysized tissues	
2-boxes#2 pencils	3-clear page protectors	
Erasers	Hand sanitizer	
Small scissors	Oleanse disinfects at a feature	
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	P.E. Grade 5-8	
*Grade 5th -8th all st	udents are required to dress out for P.E.	
The required dress will be a gray t-shirt and navy	blue shorts. A combination lock is recommended for their P.E. locker	
5th Grade (5th grade Academy class will have separate list)		
Grade Level Suggested Supplies	Erasers	
No white out or sharpies	Gluestick	
Hand held pencil sharpener	Zip bags for pencils	
4- two pocket folders (2 with prongs)	Scissors	
1- highlighter	Teacher Wish List-Optional Items To Be Shared	
5- composition books	Box of tissues	
12- #2 pencils	Copypaper	
Colored pencils and/or thin markers	Wide ruled notebook paper	
Red grading pen or pencil	Hand sanitizer	
Dry erase markers with eraser OR clean sock	Ziploc bags (all sizes)	
	*Headphones/ear buds (we do not share these)	
6th Grade		
Grade Level Suggested Supplies	Teacher Wish List-Optional Items To Be Shared	
Backpack	2 boxes of tissues	
5-composition books (2 ELA, math ,science, social studies)	Ream(s) of white copy paper	
4-folders with pockets (ELA, math, science, social studies)	Notebook paper	
Pencil box or zipper bag (large enough to hold the following)		
Glue sticks		
Scissors	* NO white out or sharpies*	
Colored pencils or thin markers	Supplies will need to be replenished throughout the year.	
Pens - blue, black and red	The more prepared your child is, the more	
Highlighters - multi-colors	learning can take place	
#2 pencils and eraser tops		
1 - packet 3x5 white index cards with lines (100)	*Headphones/ear buds (we do not share these)	
Hand held pencil sharpener (no batteries)		



	P.E. Grade 5-8		
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The required dress will be a gray t-shirt and navy b	lue shorts. A combination lock is recommended for their P.E. locker		
7th Grade			
Grade Level Suggested Supplies	Teacher Wish List- Optional Items To Be Shared		
4-one subject spiral notebooks (2-science,1 math, 1 history)	2- pack of loose-leaf paper to store in classroom		
1-three subject spiral notebook (for English class)	1-ream of any color copypaper		
2 to 6 two-pocket folders for organization (Not accordion style)	White copy paper		
1 - three ring binder - 1-1 1/2 in size	2- boxes of Kleenex for your homeroom		
1-box #2 pencils or mechanical pencils w/extra lead	Clorox/Lysol wipes		
1-box colored pencils	Hand sanitizer		
Personal pencil sharpener (silent type)			
3-dry erase markers (dark color)			
Dry Erase Eraser or Sock			
2- glue sticks			
2- packs of small index cards			
Zippertype pencil case			
Pens-blue, black, or red only			
2-4 highlighters of different colors			
Post-it-Notes(standard 3x3 any color for Lang)			
Scissors			
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Grade Level Suggested Supplies	Teacher Wish List- Optional Items To Be Shared		
8- spiral notebooks (2 each for LA,SS,Sci, and Math)1- package of dividers (5 tab)	1- large box of tissues 1- ream of copy paper		
4- folders (1 for each class)	Clorox wipes		
Pencils (extra lead if using mechanical)			
Personal pencil sharpener (no batteries)			
Erasers			
Colored pencils			
Washable markers or crayons			
Post-it notes (standard 3x3 any color for Language arts)			
3- highlighters (different colors)			
Pens- black, blue and red			
1- pack index cards-lined (standard size)			
2- packages loose leaf, college ruled notebook paper			

July 2016

Meeting: Aug 30

PTSO

E-mail: PTSOApache@gmail.com Facebook: Apache Elementary School PTSO www.apacheptso.org

Parent Teacher Student Organization

What is the PTSO?

We are a group of parents, teachers, and students who work together to support our school. We organize community events, we raise funds to support projects that better Apache, and we support the teachers and staff. We welcome all parents, grandparents, and other family members as well as all students and staff!

How do I join?

Membership is FREE! We will have forms available at Meet the Teacher night on August 8 and at our Ice Cream Social on August 24. Forms will also be available in the office. Or, simply send us an email with the following: names of family members who wish to join, best contact number, and the names, grades, and teachers of your Apache kids.

When and where do we meet?

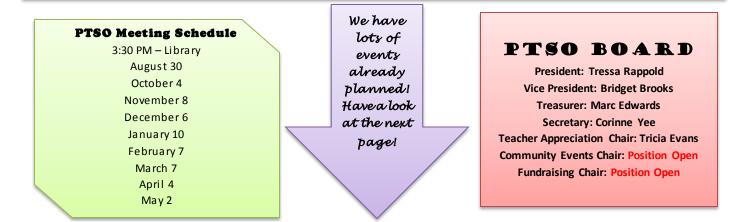
PTSO meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of the month at 3:30 in the library. One exception will be our first meeting of the year, which will take place on Tuesday, August 30 (because there is no school on September 6). See you there! If you can't make a meeting, keep up with us on Facebook, this newsletter, and over email, and join in the fun during one of the many times of year we need helpers.

Highlights from 2015-2016

Here are some of our achievements from last year: ♥ organizing a back-to-school ice cream social ♥ conducting a Read-a-Thon to encourage reading and raise money for Apache ♥ putting on an amazing Fall Festival that included numerous inflatables, a fabulous DJ, vendors, a petting zoo, stargazing telescop es, food trucks, and more ♥ treating the teachers to lunch during fall and spring conferences ♥ hosting a family bingo night ♥ conducting an ongoing Spirit Day competition ♥ inviting dads for donuts and moms for muffins ♥ purchasing a new sound system for the multipurpose room ♥ granting numerous teacher and staff funding requests ♥ making Teacher Appreciation Week a special time for our hard-working teachers ♥

Positions Open!

The PTSO Board currently has two open positions: Community Events Chair and Fundraising Chair. Serving on our board is a great way to contribute your talents to your children's education and really make a difference. Let us know if you are interested! Stop by our table at Meet the Teacher or send us an email at PTSOApache@gmail.com.





Kindergarten Parents: After you say goodbye to your little ones on the *first day of school*, please join us in the cafeteria at 8:00am for a special "Woo Hoo" breakfast just for you!



All students, staff, and family members: Join us on Wednesday, August 24 from 6:30-8:00 for FREE ice cream, DJ Louie, dancing, and fun!

Read-A-Thon

Our second annual school Read-a-Thon will kick off on **September** 7. This is a great fundraiser because it encourages reading and gets the school year off to a good start. Last year Apache raised \$6000 with this event! Kids get prizes for reading the books they love! Info will be sent home in late August.



Spirit Day Fridays!

Every Friday, students and staff are encouraged to wear our school colors—red and blue. Teachers are invited to tally the number of students who participate and send it in to the PTSO. We then determine the class winners in three grade categories: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. We love seeing our Warriors showing their Apache pride!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR APACHE FALL FESTIVAL! FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Join us for a huge inflatable slide, a bouncy house just for the little ones, an obstacle course, a rock climbing wall, human hamster balls, games, food, vendors, DJ and dancing, and more! We are seeking volunteers willing to help for **just one hour** the night of the festival. Please contact us at ptsoapache@gmail.com if you can help! *Last year, this was the most attended, most talked-about, most extravagant event in Apache's history!* Families came out in droves, had a blast, and raised \$3000 for Apache. We'd love to do it again, but we need more volunteers! Thanks for your support!

PTSO's Mission

Our objective is to create a strong sense of community among our students, families, and staff and to support our students' education. We do this by raising funds and providing volunteers for community events, for purchases to improve Apache, and for teacher/staff appreciation.



Box Tops Collection Drive

Before you recycle, check your packages for Box Tops labels. Please clip and save these. In conjunction with National Elementary Honor Society, we'll be having a collection drive this fall. Students can bring them in and help their class win a party! These little labels add up to thousands of dollars for our school!







Shop 'til You Drop—and Benefit Apache!

Shoparoo: Download the free Shoparoo app (Apple App Store or Google Play) for your mobile device and create your account. Select Apache Elementary School, under Peoria, AZ, as your recipient. Each time you make a purchase, snap a pic of your receipt with the app. You will be awarded points that translate into money for the school.

Amazon Smile: Designate the Apache PTSO as your charity and we'll get a little love every time you shop at smile.Amazon.com!

Pogo Pass: A Pogo Pass is a one-year pass that gets you into several different venues around town. Some of the great venues included are the Phoenix Zoo, Pump It Up, and Castles-n-Coasters, as well as sporting events like Diamondbacks games. When you use the promo code APACHE at check-out, your PogoPass will only cost \$39.98, and the PTSO will receive \$5 per pass. To see the full list of venues and events included in the pass and to purchase passes, simply go to pogopass.com and use APACHE as your promo code. Fun for a whole year! These make great gifts!

Donations

The Apache PTSO is a 501c3 tax exempt charitable organization. Donations from individuals and businesses are taxdeductible. We appreciate all assistance and put it to good use enhancing our school!

Thank you!

