

# PAGE PRIDE, FAR AND WIDE

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## PAGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

### A Common Thread: Early Learning, Solid Foundation

When we introduced Manson Mesa High School this year as the 6th school under the Page Unified School District umbrella, a common response was, "Six?! Lake View, Desert View, Page Middle School, Page High School, and now Manson Mesa...what's the sixth one?" Well, the sixth one is actually the first one children can attend—Page Unified Preschool! Commonly called Page Preschool and often Desert View Preschool, Page Unified Preschool has been operating under the public radar for decades, so we're going to put the spotlight on them here today.

Housed in its own building at 550 South Navajo Drive, Page Unified Preschool (PUP) is tucked in between Manson Mesa High School in "D" building and the outdoor basketball courts by the Desert View playground and Birch Circle. PUP is able to accommodate about 100 students in six classrooms after being remodeled in the mid-2000s. With six teachers, six paraprofessionals, and three health aides, the student-teacher ratio at our preschool is spectacular and students are spoiled with excellent 1-on-1 as well as small group work while they navigate the ever expanding world of early education.

Page Unified Preschool is open 7:30AM—3:45PM M-F and specializes in providing an exceptional preschool education for all students, including those with special needs. Call (928) 608-4173 for more information on the resources available for children with developmental delays.

Setting Page Unified Preschool apart from their competition in the private sector is the fact that no child can be turned away from enrollment. PUP is open to children as young as 3 years old (with developmental delays) and all children who have reached the age of 4 by September 1st. Because any child residing in our district must be accepted for enrollment, PUP has developed a strong network of specialists to provide much needed services in the early development of body, mind and spirit. On site, there is a speech-language pathologist, an assistant to the speech-

language pathologist, an occupational therapist, a physical therapist, a registered nurse and even a teacher for the visually impaired who travels from Flagstaff twice a week. If you take a moment to really think about all the resources available to our students in Page Unified School District, it is amazing, humbling, and wonderful.

The staff at PUP believes that all children have the right to a childhood filled with love, self-worth, trust, exploration, discovery, creativity, make-believe, and ice cream. The home is where these opportunities begin. PUP, together with families, enables children to realize their potential. PUP celebrates childhood and makes first learning experiences an exciting journey.

PUP employs highly qualified teachers as defined by No Child Left Behind and provides outreach to families in Page and on the Navajo Reservation. For more information about tuition costs, scholarships, and services provided, please feel free to contact Preschool Director Penni Case at [pcase@pageud.k12.az.us](mailto:pcase@pageud.k12.az.us) or (928) 608-4173.



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- Page Unified Preschool: 35 likes
- Lake View Primary School Eagles: 202 likes
- Desert View Intermediate Bobcats: 142 likes
- Page Middle School Panthers: 285 likes
- Page High School Sand Devils: 2,522 likes
- Manson Mesa High School Falcons: 29 likes
- Page Unified School District: 416 likes



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## Special Olympics is Unifying Sports

This month, Page schools will be joining with 4.5 million athletes around the world in hosting a Special Olympics event at Cyclone Field. Internationally, Special Olympics utilizes sports to help athletes see themselves for their abilities, not disabilities. Their world is opened with acceptance and understanding and they become confident and empowered by their accomplishments. They are also making new friends as part of the most inclusive community on the planet—a global community that is growing every day (specialolympics.org).

Two hundred (200!) of their Page friends will be volunteering for our event on Friday, March 11th. Pairing up with athletes, setting up and taking down equipment, timing, recording, announcing, and organizing to help continue the success that Special Olympics has had in Page. Elementary age through high school students (8 years old and up) are able to participate and, along with the addition of the “Young Athletes” (ages 2-7) program this year, this may be Page’s biggest Special Olympics event, yet. Athletes will be traveling from Tuba City, Big Water, and Colorado City and high school athletes can qualify to travel to the Phoenix area for the next level of competition.

## HOW CAN I HELP?

- volunteer or come out to cheer on March 11th in the morning
- Have your business or family financially sponsor an event. For example, “The (BUSINESS NAME) 100m Dash” or “The Shot Put sponsored by (FAMILY)”
- Direct your tax money to Unified Sports using the Arizona Tax Credit Donation (deadline extended to April 15th!). Go to [www.pageusd.org](http://www.pageusd.org) to find the Tax Credit form under “Community Links” or get one at the front office of any PUSD school
- Thank Salt River Project (SRP) and the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) for their significant financial support of our year-round Unified Sports program

Part of the preparation for the Special Olympics event and to expand on the vision and success of athletics in the lives of students with developmental delays has included the establishment of a “Unified Sports” program at Page Unified School District. In its 3rd year at PUSD, Unified Sports is part of the Special Olympics organization and allows middle school and high school special education students to participate in year-round athletics. Spear-headed by Unified Sports Mentor Damian Rosas and supported by the Head of Delegation for PUSD April Hayes and Page High School physical education instructor Brandy Thompson, Page students are able to participate in Floor Hockey in the fall, Basketball in the winter, and Track and Field in the spring. The “unified” aspect of Unified Sports allows athletes to not only travel to play other developmentally disabled athletes, but also to play against non-developmentally disabled athletes and participate in regular sporting events, such as Page High School’s Track and Field Page Invitational on Saturday, April 9th. Mr. Rosas was a Unified Sports athlete before Page had Unified Sports—participating in Special Olympics as well as running for Page High School in the 100m, 200m, and 400m races before he graduated. He now works tirelessly to bring opportunities to his students that he didn’t have.



Special Olympics Track and Field

Friday, March 11, 2016

Cyclone Field at Page High School

Starts at 8:30AM

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| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|
|  | <b>01</b><br>Picture Day—DV<br><b>Read Across America Week (dress up days)</b> | <b>02</b><br>College T-shirt Day—<br>first Weds of the month                               | <b>03</b><br>1st Grade Musical—LV<br>9:00AM and 9:45AM       | <b>04</b><br>PRIDE Assembly—DV  | <b>05</b>   |
|  | Parent Night—LV 5-6:30PM   | PTO—DV 4:00PM<br>Site Council—DV 5:00PM<br><br>PMS/PHS Choir Concert—<br>6:30PM at the CAB | Picture Day—LV<br><br>Book Fair Preview at Lake View Library |   |   |
| <b>06</b>  | <b>07</b><br>Book Fair—LV, DV, PMS   | <b>08</b><br>Book Fair—LV, DV, PMS<br><br>Blood Drive—PHS                                  | <b>09</b><br>Book Fair—LV, DV, PMS                           | <b>10</b><br>Book Fair—LV, DV, PMS<br><b>1/2 Day of School</b><br>PARENT-TEACHER<br>CONFERENCES—<br>All schools 1-4:00PM                            | <b>11</b><br>Book Fair—LV, DV, PMS<br><br>Special Olympics—PHS<br>Cyclone Field at 8:30AM |
|  | PARENT-TEACHER<br>CONFERENCES—<br>Lake View 6-8:00PM                           | PARENT-TEACHER<br>CONFERENCES—<br>Desert View and Preschool<br>6-8:00PM                    | PARENT-TEACHER<br>CONFERENCES—<br>PHS and MMHS 6-8:00PM      | PARENT-TEACHER<br>CONFERENCES—<br>PMS 6-8:00PM  |   |
| <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>   |
| <b>Spring Break</b>  |  |  |  |   |   |
| <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b><br>Site Council—PMS 4PM  | <b>22</b><br>Site Council—LV 4:30PM  | <b>23</b><br>Indian Education Council—<br>PUSD Hogan 6:00PM  | <b>24</b><br>4th grade AIMS Science test<br><br>Superintendent's Forum—<br>District Office 4-5:00PM<br><br>Board Meeting—<br>District Office 5:00PM | <b>25</b><br>PRIDE Assembly—PMS   |
|  |  |  |  |   | <b>26</b><br>Lake Powell Concert<br>Association—<br>Crystal Trio 7:00PM                   |
| <b>27</b><br>AZMerit testing begins<br><br>Grandparents Day—LV | <b>28</b><br>Site Council—PHS 4:15PM<br><br>PMS/PHS Band Concert—<br>6:00PM    | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>   |   |

Get your school event on this calendar!  
 E-mail: [PRcontact@pageud.k12.az.us](mailto:PRcontact@pageud.k12.az.us)  
 Find our most up-to-date calendars online at [www.pageschools.org](http://www.pageschools.org)

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jeannie Wood (top photo), our District Data Tech Coordinator and Maebelle Curtis, our District Parent Liaison. Both were honored as the January PUSD employees of the month for Personal Recognition In District Education (PRIDE). Each month, PUSD selects a classified and certified staff member from nominations made by fellow employees.



Each school also recognizes those students who are succeeding in our Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) system by demonstrating PRIDE behaviors—Positive, Respectful, Involved, Determined, and Excellent. For January, Rayshion Nezy and Christina Lucero (pictured below) were honored as Students of the Month along with Eli Lyons, Dana Yellow, and Pedro Welch.



## Campus Cruising

### From last month: Where is this?



For years, our physically handicapped students at Lake View Primary School have had to watch from afar as their classmates played on the “big” playground. The biggest obstacle was maneuvering down the stairs to access the playground or, alternately, going down the fairly steep grass slope next to the stairs. The dilemma was solved this year as our PUSD Maintenance Department installed an access gate to the playground where students are now able to stay on the sidewalk from the front office, down by the parking lot, and onto the playground. Getting closer to the action provides for better stimulation and greater opportunities for student and teacher alike as they may try to utilize the playground equipment or simply interact with classmates.

### Where are we this month?



You see P.R.I.D.E. murals, posters, and banners on the campus of every school in Page Unified School District. At which campus is this one? What is the purpose of espousing P.R.I.D.E. in Page schools?



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