

# PAGE PRIDE, FAR AND WIDE

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**PAGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**

## Page Schools Welcome Manson Mesa High School



Joining the Eagles, Bobcats, Panthers, and Sand Devils in Page Unified School District (PUSD), the Falcons of Manson Mesa High School (MMHS) are on the hunt for opportunity, hope, and achievement.

Established by PUSD and launched for the 2015-16 school year, MMHS is designed to support students in the completion of their high school education. MMHS focuses on students who have fallen significantly behind in their overall course credits, offering accelerated on-line courses augmented by English and Math teachers visiting from Page High School.

Named after the mesa upon which the City of Page was built in the early 1950's and with a

nod to the Manson Yazzie family and the Navajo Nation, Manson Mesa High School proudly embraces its Page community and Navajo heritage. MMHS lead teacher Janice Prather explained that while MMHS is a separate entity from Page High School and students will receive a diploma from Manson Mesa High School, they still have an opportunity to take elective courses at Page High, especially those in Career and Technical Education. MMHS provides students flexibility in scheduling by offering day courses from 8am to 3pm and evening courses between 3pm and 8pm, with open campus lunch and dinner available at Page High's cafeteria and off campus.

"We are addressing a need in our school district to assist students in certain circumstances to earn their high school diploma. It's an exciting, new opportunity and gives students hope," said MMHS principal, Ryan Tkalcevic. With about 34 students enrolled and a waiting list of students identified by counselors, administrators, parents, and

**Six schools  
under the PUSD "umbrella"**



Page Preschool  
Lake View Primary  
Desert View Intermediate  
Page Middle School  
Page High School  
Manson Mesa High School

Student Support Services, hope has arrived.

For more information about MMHS, please follow them on Facebook or call Mr. Tkalcevic at (928) 608-4134 to set up an appointment. MMHS is located at 500 S. Navajo Drive, next to the PUSD district office and Desert View Intermediate School.

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### Find out FAST on Facebook!

- Lake View Primary: NEW!
- Desert View Intermediate: 57 likes
- Page Middle School: 191 likes
- Page High School: 2,274 likes
- Manson Mesa High School: NEW!
- Page Unified School District: 94 likes

**Have an idea for a story?! Let [PRcontact@pageud.k12.az.us](mailto:PRcontact@pageud.k12.az.us) know about it!**

### A Common Thread: Music in the schools



**Class piano at Lake View**

From playing classical music to a child in the womb, singing a baby to sleep, attending powwows to teach heritage and tradition, learning the

flute and other instruments, attending school dances, and performing to even simply choosing a playlist on an iPod, music touches us throughout our lives.

Music is so integral to the human experience and so positively affects student learning and achievement, that PUSD's music program extends from kindergarten through high school.

With funding from general supplies, tax credit donations, extracurricular supply budget, auxiliary funds, and Music

Boosters, our music programs seek to bring out the best in our kids. Because music offers learning through the visual, audio, and kinesthetic, every student is able to find their groove and be successful in music.

In Page, all students have Music class in K-5th grade, but you need to encourage your middle school and high school students to choose Music (choir, orchestra, band, etc.) as an elective. Students don't even have to take Band during school to participate in the Page High Marching Band!

Have your kids take music classes, support your school's music programs, and watch student achievement improve across the board!



**Page High marching band**

### Questions, answered.

**"The Superintendent's Forum is perfect for parents and community members to stop in and informally get your questions answered."**

You have questions; we have answers! PUSD's new superintendent, Rob Varner, is creating opportunities for communication within Page Unified School District and with the larger community. To that end, he has established a "Superintendent's Forum" to be held twice a month, before regular Board meetings and Board study sessions.

All staff, parents, students, and community members are welcome and invited to the open, informal forum where you have an opportunity to ask questions and dialogue with Mr. Varner and Asst. Superintendent Kelly Glass about the issues important to you.

**The next Forums will be Tuesday 9/8 and Tuesday 9/22 from 4-5:00PM in the district offices.**

### READY TO TALK BUDGET?!

Join Mr. Varner for Budget 101—a session dedicated to understanding the State budget and how it affects our school funding. Learn about where money comes from and how it is spent at the state level.

**BUDGET 101  
Wednesday 9/23  
from 4-5:00PM  
in the district offices.**

Coming soon:  
Budget 102—an overview of PUSD's budget!

### Where is this?



Facebook Focus

**Do you know where this picture was taken?**

Go to the Page Unified School District Facebook page and submit your guess in the comments!

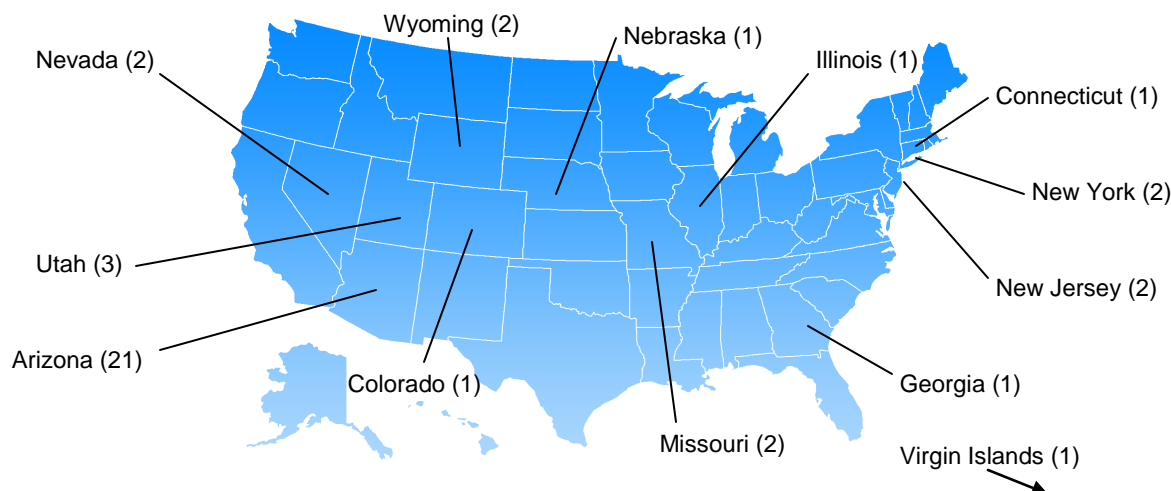


Parents and students have been walking past this mural for more than 20 years. On which campus is it located? Were you part of its creation?

Share your stories with us!

Like and follow us on Facebook for more fun...and information!


## Finding Page, America



The old joke is that Page isn't in Utah but is too far north to be in Arizona; so, we are simply Page, America. Our educators have travelled far and wide to be part of Page, America and our PUSD family this school year. Whether it was driving 2,300 miles cross country or two and a half hours up I-17, each has made a commitment to your children to bring the best they have to offer each day. Please continue to make them feel welcome and share with them the sights and sounds, the beauty and wonder, the ancient and the modern that only Page and our surrounding area have to offer. As they bring their life experiences into the classroom to give our children a well-rounded education, let's remember to get our teachers OUT of the classroom and create incredible adventures and memories for them over the next nine months and beyond.

**Forty educators from across the United States and the Virgin Islands have joined our ranks for the 2015-16 school year!**

**What should someone who is new to Page \*absolutely\* have to experience when they are here?**

 Comment on this article on our Page Unified School District Facebook page and let us know!

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**Monday****Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday****Friday****Saturday**

		<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>
		PMS Vball 4 & 5PM	College T-shirt Day— first Weds of the month  PTO—DV 4:00-5:00PM  Site Council—DV 5:00-6:00PM	PHS golf @ home 3PM  PHS JV football 6PM	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
<b>06</b>	<b>07</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>08</b> PHS Vball 4, 5 & 6PM  Superintendent's Forum—PUSD 4-5PM  Board Meeting—PUSD starts at 5:00PM	<b>09</b> Indian Education Council—PUSD, 6PM	<b>10</b> PHS golf @ home 3PM	<b>11</b> 9/11 Day of Service— at City Park, 4-6:00PM	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> PHS Vball 4 & 5PM	<b>16</b> PMS Vball 4 & 5PM	<b>17</b> PHS Vball 4, 5 & 6PM	<b>18</b> Dads & Donuts—LV 7:15-8:00AM	<b>19</b> PHS Vball 11, 12, 1PM
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Superintendent's Forum—PUSD 4-5PM  Board Study Session— PUSD, starts at 5PM  Parent Night—LV 5:00-7:00PM	<b>23</b> PMS Vball 4 & 5PM  Budget 101 info session —PUSD 4-5:00PM	<b>24</b> PHS golf @ home 3PM  Parent Night—DV 5:00-7:00PM  PHS JV football 6PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Site Council—PHS 4:15-5:15PM	<b>30</b> Freshman Focus—PHS 9:30AM-3:00PM	<i>Get your school event on this calendar! e-mail PRcontact@pageud.k12.az.us</i>		

**SEPTEMBER 2015: Page Pride, Far and Wide**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

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				<b>01</b> PHS Vball 4, 5 & 6PM	<b>02</b> PRIDE Assembly—LV morning  PHS Varsity football 7PM	<b>03</b> PMS Vball time TBA
<b>04</b>	<b>05</b> <b>HOMECOMING WEEK</b>  College Fair—PHS 8-9AM  PMS football 4 & 6PM	<b>06</b>  Superintendent's Forum—PUSD 4-5PM  Board Meeting—PUSD starts at 5:00PM	<b>07</b>  College T-shirt Day—first Weds of the month  PTO—DV 4:00-5:00PM  Site Council—DV 5:00PM	<b>08</b>  PMS football 4 & 6PM	<b>09</b>  Homecoming Parade—PHS 3:45PM  PHS Varsity football 6PM	<b>10</b>  PHS Vball 11a, 12 & 1p
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Parent/Teacher Conferences — DV 6-8:00PM	<b>13</b>  PHS Vball 4, 5 & 6PM  Special Board meeting—PUSD 1:00PM  Parent/Teacher Conferences —PHS 6-8:00PM	<b>14</b>  Indian Education Council—PUSD, 6PM  Parent/Teacher Conferences —PMS 6-8:00PM	<b>15</b> <b>1/2 Day of School</b>  Parent/Teacher Conferences —ALL SCHOOLS 1-4PM  Parent/Teacher Conferences —LV 4-6:00PM  PHS JV football 6PM	<b>16</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  Teacher Professional Development Day  PMS Cross Country @ home 3:15PM	<b>17</b>  PHS Cross Country @ home 9:00AM  PMS Vball 11a & 12p
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  Site Council—PMS (will change to another day)	<b>20</b>  PHS Vball 4, 5 & 6PM  AVID Overview —PHS 6:30PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Fall Festival—City Park starts at 3:30PM  PHS Vball 4, 5 & 6PM  PHS JV football 6PM	<b>23</b>  Fall Festival—City Park starts at 3:30PM	<b>24</b>  Fall Festival—City Park 10:00AM-5:00PM
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Site Council—PHS 4:15PM PHS Vball 5 & 6PM Superintendent's Forum—PUSD 4-5PM Board Study Session—PUSD, starts at 5PM Choir performance—PMS 6:30-7:30PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  PHS Varsity football 7PM	<b>31</b>  Trick or Treating—around town 4:30-6:30PM

**OCTOBER 2015: Page Pride, Far and Wide**



To the PUSD family at:

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**NEWS YOU CAN USE**  
**from Page Unified School District**  
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**Page  
Preschool**

