

PAGE PRIDE, FAR AND WIDE

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PAGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

New Superintendent Puts Focus on Communication

Page Unified School District's new superintendent, Mr. Varner is making a push this year to keep you as informed as possible with what is going on in your child's school and the school district as a whole.

Monthly SCHOOL newsletters have important dates and school-specific information, celebrations, and collaborations.

Monthly DISTRICT newsletter is in your hand right now! Find out where to go to get answers to your questions, read about district-wide departments and services provided, make fun connections between our past, present, and future.

Our website www.pageschools.org used to be out of date, but is now the place to go for our most current calendars, breaking news, and links to our schools.

Facebook pages for each school and the school district are updated

several times each week, sharing up-to-the-minute schedule changes, fun tidbits, and event reminders.

Mr. Varner's informal **Superintendent's Forum** provides for an easy ask-and-answer time and is held from 4-5PM before each Governing Board meeting, which are usually the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Mr. Varner also hosts a monthly **Superintendent's Advisory Committee** comprised of certified and classified staff representatives from each school to formally bring staff concerns and problem solving to the forefront.

With articles in the **Lake Powell Chronicle**, the **Arizona Daily Sun**, and the **Navajo Times**, our local newspapers are also helpful in getting

information out to you.

And when PUSD employees participate in **radio interviews on 93.3 Jack FM** at 9:00AM once or more a month, we are hitting the airwaves to keep you informed!

Get this newsletter sent directly to your e-mail inbox!



Send an e-mail to PRcontact@pageud.k12.az.us to be added to the list.

Sky High Likes—Help us reach our goals

Search for and LIKE our pages to help each school reach its goal:

LVP 160 likes	DVI 120 likes
PMS 235 likes	PHS 2,340 likes
MMHS 25 likes	PUSD 140 likes

The quickest and easiest way to find out what's going on in our district is through each school's Facebook page. They are updated frequently with up-to-date news of note. You

can also access each school's website from the Facebook page for more detailed information, calendars, and staff contacts.

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Find out FAST on Facebook!

- Lake View Primary School Eagles: 140 likes
- Desert View Intermediate School Bobcats: 96 likes
- Page Middle School Panthers: 215 likes
- Page High School Sand Devils: 2,317 likes
- Manson Mesa High School Falcons: 19 likes
- Page Unified School District: 124 likes

Finding P.R.I.D.E in Page Schools



More often than not, Page Unified School District employees and students bring their "A" game to campus, work to do what is expected of them and, frequently, go above and beyond the call of duty. Each school has incorporated Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports and recognizes those students who are Positive, Respectful, Involved, Determined, and Excellent (PRIDE) in the way they act and go about the business of learning. Our employees also receive Personal Recognition In District Education (PRIDE) to share the outstanding efforts of our certified and classified staff. Each month, each school chooses a Student of the Month and the school district recognizes one classified and one certified employee for recognition, as nominated by their peers. The picture above on the left shows our August 2015 honorees: Kristi Schmitter, Markie Schoppman, and Damian Rosas (not pictured are Brooklyn Begay, Mariessa Fowler, Autumn Yazzie, and Tyler Yazzie). The middle and right photos show our September 2015 honorees: TaShawna Boone, John Paul Gagnon, Jeremy Tallsalt, Eve Sandall, and Lori Wilson (not pictured are Nashiona Redking, and Daysha Fuller). Congratulations!

Campus Cruising: Where is this?



Last month, we brought you this mural on the left and challenged you to identify on which PUSD campus it is located and the story behind it. How did you do?

The mural is on Lake View Primary's campus at the main entrance to the building. In 1986, Page Elementary was split into two K-5th grade schools to accommodate the over

1200 students causing now-Desert View Intermediate School to burst at the seams.

Lake View Elementary was just over 5 years old when their art teacher won a 3-year grant to have an artist-in-residence visit the school for a week each year. Remember the quilt from 1992? It's still hanging in the Lake View library!

From afar, the mural depicts Rainbow Bridge and Lake View, along with our Page and Navajo communities.

Up close, every student in the school created a mold representing their families, schools, sports, and other interests. If you were a student at Lake View then, can you find your contribution?

Where are we this month?



This mural is centrally located on one of our campuses. It's been there over 10 years and hundreds of students, parents, and PUSD staff pass by it every day.

What's the story behind it? Were you a part of its creation? Share your story!

Like and follow us on Facebook to continue the conversation.



A Common Thread: Maintaining Excellence

A walk on the Navajo Reservation, around Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and in and around Page reveals that we live in a very special place. Sacred to the Diné and breathtaking to the millions of visitors who pass through our land each year, our landscapes are some of the most photographed worldwide.

While that beauty is known, you may not have taken the time to appreciate the beauty of our school campuses as well. The gorgeous and sprawling 122 acres that make up Page Unified School District are meticulously maintained by our Maintenance, Custodial, and Grounds Departments, directed by Kris Swatski.

Mr. Swatski leads a crew of 30 employees who provide maintenance and repairs to our six school and district office grounds, Transportation & Warehouse grounds, and baseball/soccer fields at the Sports Complex. On a daily basis, Swatski's crew put their construction, electrical, plumbing, landscaping, painting, and irrigation skills to use as well as



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coordinate and complete ongoing large projects like air conditioning and roof repairs, installation of wheelchair ramp access to the Lake View playground, and renovating Page Middle School's front office. When major emergencies occur like the Page High School fire in 2013, flooding, or air

conditioner failure, it is our Maintenance, Custodial, and Grounds crews who are part of the clean up and repair.

What was once a partnership with the City of Page to maintain Birch Circle and other public fields, PUSD's grounds crews are now solely responsible for irrigating, weeding, mowing, and edging all the grass you see around the campuses and ball fields.

These three departments have an operating budget which has been steadily decreasing each year as Arizona's state legislators change school funding and limit how monies can be spent. When you walk around campus, you'll

notice that our employees take great pride in their work, are able to do much with limited resources, and offer our students an environment that is both safe and beautiful.

As time and the environment wear on our playgrounds, parking lots, vehicles, swimming pool, fields, building roofs and paint, there is a growing need to make capital improvements (facilities and equipment). Where the Arizona legislature makes cuts to such funding, our local funding sources have traditionally stepped up to address capital improvements to our schools. PUSD continues to keep a watchful eye on our state legislature and on-going litigation about funding as we hope to take the steps necessary to maintain the excellence that Mr. Swatski's crews achieve for our students and Page as a whole.

The next time you are on campus, please notice that the pride, history, and beauty of our surrounding landscapes are reflected in the pride, history, and beauty of our schools and enhanced by our Maintenance, Custodial, and Grounds crews.

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

01	02	03	04 College T-shirt Day—first Weds of the month Traditional Native Dress-up Day—PMS PTO—DV 4:00PM Site Council—DV 5:00PM	05 Hot air balloons up close —all schools, morning PHS Drama —Arsenic & Old Lace, CAB 7:00PM	06 Traditional Native Dress-up Day—DV PHS Drama —Arsenic & Old Lace, CAB 7:00PM Picture Retakes—LV	07 Page Hot Air Balloon Regatta, Street Fair, and Balloon Glow PHS Drama —Arsenic & Old Lace, CAB 8:00PM
08	09 Native American Heritage Week PTO—LV 3:30PM Site Council—LV 4:30PM	10 Picture Retakes—DV Superintendent’s Forum— PUSD 4-5:00PM Board Meeting— PUSD 5:00PM	11 NO SCHOOL— Veteran’s Day Indian Education Council— PUSD Hogan 6:00PM	12	13 Traditional Native Dress-up Day—DV Multicultural Dance Assembly —DV 10:30AM —LV 2:00PM Native American Performance —CAB 6:00PM District Cultural Night —PHS gym 6-8PM	14
15	16 Site Council—PMS 4:00PM	17 Dancespace Inspiritus— CAB 7:00PM	18 Traditional Native Dress-up Day—PMS Science Fair—PMS gym	19 AVID Parent Night—PMS Unity Club Talent Show and Pageant—CAB 6PM	20 Traditional Native Dress-up Day—DV Lake Powell Concert Assn: Rollie Stevens—CAB, 7:00PM	21
22	23 Site Council—PHS 4:15PM	24 PRIDE Assembly—LV morning Superintendent’s Forum— PUSD 4-5:00PM Board Study Session— PUSD 5:00PM	25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	26	27	28
29	30	Get your school event on this calendar! e-mail PRcontact@pageud.k12.az.us				

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