



Committed to Creating a Strong School Community  
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**School Hours**  
Mon-Fri  
8:30am-3:05pm

**Office Hours**  
Mon-Fri  
7:45am-4pm

Gates Open: 8:10AM

10965 E Peralta Trail Road, Gold Canyon, AZ. 85118  
480-677-7540

### A Note From The Principal

*Every Child, Everyday, Whatever It Takes*

Welcome to Peralta Trail Elementary School. In AJUSD we empower students by providing them with the knowledge, skills, and ingenuity to pursue their dreams and make a positive difference in the world. We are preparing many of them for careers that do not yet exist. Together parents, teachers, support staff, and community members will challenge our students to think critically, communicate clearly, collaborate effectively, and embrace creativity. We will accomplish this by providing our students with a caring and inclusive educational experience that fosters academic excellence, social and emotional development and provides a challenging learning environment that will prepare them for a productive and fulfilling future. It is my honor to serve this community by preparing the leaders of tomorrow.

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"  
reads **20 minutes**  
each day

3600 minutes in  
a school year

**1,800,000 words**



90<sup>th</sup> percentile

Student "B"  
reads **5 minutes**  
each day

900 minutes in  
a school year

**282,000 words**



50<sup>th</sup> percentile

Student "C"  
reads **1 minute**  
each day

180 minutes in  
a school year

**8,000 words**



10<sup>th</sup> percentile

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

### Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for our students. The State Compulsory Attendance Law requires that students between the age of 6 and 18 must attend school. If your child is going to be absent, please call the school office at 480-677-7540 ext. 3201. Please indicate your child's first and last name, the date and the reason for their absence. If your child is tardy please make sure you come into the office and sign him/her in.

- Excused Absences: Examples of excused absences include illness, doctor appointment, family emergency, bereavement and religious holidays. In order for an absence to be excused, a parent/guardian must call or provide a note to the front office within 24 hours of the absence. If an absence can be excused with a medical note, please provide the office with a copy. After 7 excused absences, you will begin receiving letters which will include information regarding your child's current attendance, attendance laws, and board policy.
- Unexcused Absences: If parents do not notify the front office of the reason for a child's absence within 24 hours, the absence will be coded as unexcused and may trigger a truancy review. In addition, absences may be coded as unexcused if they become excessive as defined by Arizona State Law. If your child has a chronic illness that results in him/her missing more than 10% of the school days in the year, please request a chronic illness form from the school nurse to be completed by your child's physician.

### Dress Code

- Shirts/tops must be long enough to completely cover a child's midriff at all times and may not have revealing necklines.
- Undergarments may not show.
- Straps must be approximately 2" wide.
- Shorts or skirts must be longer than the child's hand when extended.
- Clothing that displays tobacco, alcohol, drugs, violence, sexual connotations, or is otherwise disruptive to the educational process is not permitted.
- Hats are permitted outside the school buildings provided the visors face front.
- Spikes, excessive chains, straps, and/or other accessories that may be deemed inappropriate, dangerous, or disruptive may not be worn on school grounds.
- Please be sure that footwear is sturdy and comfortable.

***If you have questions, please ask.***

### Electronic Devices

Electronic devices for educational purposes are provided by the school. For this reason, any cell phones, MP3 players, games and other electronic devices brought on campus must be turned off and remain in your child's backpack during school hours. If any above items are used on campus, they will be sent to the office for pickup by the parent. PTES is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices.

## 2018-2019 Dates to Remember

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>July</b></p> <p>20 - Meet Your Teacher Night (4:30-6pm)</p> <p>24 - First Day of School</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AUGUST</b></p> <p>8 - Bobcat Pride Day Early Release</p> <p>9 - Welcome Back BBQ &amp; Curriculum Night</p> <p>21 - Milano's Instrument Rental (5:30pm at DVES)</p> <p>24 - Family STEAM Night</p> <p>28 - Fall Pictures</p> <p>31-Peter Piper Pizza w/Principal Night (4pm)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p>3- No School Labor Day</p> <p>12-Bobcat Pride Day Early Release</p> <p>21- FamilySTEAM Night</p> <p>27-28 - Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Release K-12 (both days)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <p>1-12- FALL BREAK</p> <p>24-Bobcat Pride Day Early Release</p> <p>26-Fall Festival/ Family STEAM Night</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>12- Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL</p> <p>14- Bobcat Pride Day Early Release</p> <p>16- FamilySTEAM Night</p> <p>20-Turkey Trot</p> <p>21-23-No School Thanksgiving Break</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <p>12/3-12/8-SS Shop</p> <p>12-Bobcat Pride Day Early Release</p> <p>14-STEAM Family Night</p> <p>20-Reindeer Dash</p> <p>21-End of Quarter Early Release K-12</p> <p>12/24-1/4 WINTER BREAK</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JANUARY</b></p> <p>7- School Resumes</p> <p>16-Bobcat Pride Day Early Release</p> <p>18- FamilySTEAM Night</p> <p>21-Civil Rights Day No School</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p>1-Peter Piper Pizza w/Principal</p> <p>13-Bobcat Pride Day Early Release</p> <p>15- FamilySTEAM Night</p> <p>18-Presidents Day No School</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MARCH</b></p> <p>6-Bobcat Pride Day</p> <p>8-FamilySTEAM Night</p> <p>11-22 SPRING BREAK</p> <p>27-Spring Pictures</p> <p>28 - Bunny Hop</p> <p>28-29 - Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Release K-12 (both days)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APRIL</b></p> <p>4-KG Cap &amp; Gown Pictures</p> <p>10-Bobcat Pride Day Early Release</p> <p>12- FamilySTEAM Night</p> <p>19 - Spring Holiday No School</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAY</b></p> <p>3-Field Day (KG-6th)</p> <p>8-Bobcat Pride Day Early Release</p> <p>17-FamilySTEAM Night</p> <p>23- Last Day of School Early Release K-12</p> <p>24-Last Day for Teachers</p> <p>27-Memorial Day</p>
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## STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

### GROWL Award

GROWL tickets will be issued to recognize students who exemplify the GROWL Philosophy. When students have earned 10 tickets, they may trade them in for an award.

### Student of the Month

Each grade level will select one boy and one girl as student of the month, based on the GROWL philosophy. Students will be recognized at the Bobcat Pride Day Assembly. One student per class will be chosen Student of the Year.

### Perfect Attendance

Perfect Attendance will be recognized each quarter.

### High Five

Students with five or fewer absences for the year will be recognized.

### Scholars of Distinction

Students with straight A's on their quarterly report cards will be recognized for their accomplishments each quarter.

### Honor Roll

Students with an A/B average will be recognized for their accomplishments each quarter.

### Birthday Recognition

The principal will announce birthdays weekly. Students will receive a pencil.

## **Arrival and Dismissal Procedures**

**Please follow the procedures detailed below to ensure student safety**

**Arrival:** You may pull through the parent drop off loop to drop your child off at the gate or park in the parent parking lot to walk your child to the gate. Please do not leave cars unattended in the drop off lane at any time. School begins each day at 8:30am. Students arriving after 8:30am will be considered tardy and a parent will need to sign the child in. The gates open for admittance at **8:10am**. Please make sure your child does not arrive any earlier, as we do not have supervision for them.

**Dismissal:** After school you may pull through the parent pick up loop and we will load your child in your car or may again park in the parent parking lot to walk to the gate to pick up your child. School ends each day at 3:05pm. Students leaving prior to 3:05pm must be signed out by a parent and will be marked accordingly on attendance.

**If you need to make any changes for after school transportation, or get a message to your child, please notify the front office before 10:30AM. Messages and transportation changes will be delivered during lunch. For this reason, we cannot ensure delivery after 1:00pm.**

Please try to make all appointments before or after school so that your child does not miss valuable learning time.

### **Bell Schedule Regular School Days**

Drop Off: 8:10	1st bell: 8:25	Start: 8:30	Dismissal: 3:05
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### **Bell Schedule Early Dismissal Days**

Drop Off: 8:10	1st bell: 8:25	Start: 8:30	Dismissal: 12:50
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## **Bobcat Cafeteria**

**Breakfast \$1.10 Milk \$0.50  
Student lunch \$2.40 & Adult breakfast \$2.00 & lunch \$3.00**

*Pre-Purchase meals at EZSchoolPay.com. Students may also bring lunch money to the cafeteria prior to school starting. If you are writing a check please put students name and classroom teacher on the check.*

*Party items can be pre-ordered. Choose from cupcakes, cookies, Italian ice and or milk. To order contact the school cafeteria or classroom teacher. Prices start for as little as .25 per student.*

*Eating Area: Student will be eating on the patio everyday as long as the temperature is 100 degrees or less.*

### **Lunch Schedules:**

Recess for the first 15 minutes followed by lunch.

**KG-11:00-11:40  
1st & 2nd- 11:15-11:55  
3rd & 4th-11:30-12:10  
5th & 6th-11:45-12:25**

