



# Ridge Connection

*"Ignite, Engage, Encourage, and  
Expect Excellence"*

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

PRHS Community,

Is spring here yet or has that season already passed us? It has been so dry it seems like we are in the summer. At the time of this newsletter we have not had a snow day yet in the second semester but we remain hopeful because we need the moisture.

On February 23rd, Palmer Ridge hosted an open house for all current 8<sup>th</sup> graders and new students who plan to attend Palmer Ridge next year. Also on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22nd our current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students selected courses they intend to take next school year. This process is important to help our school as we build the master schedule for classes next year and make staffing decisions based on student class requests. It is important that our student course requests are accurate based on the limited state funding again this year. This is why it is crucial we have accurate class numbers when we are making decisions about staffing for our school next year.

Palmer Ridge hosted our spring Parent Teacher Conference on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Conferences are planned to provide you the opportunity to meet briefly with your student's teachers and or counselor. I always recommend that you access Infinite Campus prior to conferences and after in order to be informed about your student's attendance and continued academic progress. We invite you to team with our teachers and counselors to assess any needs your student might have in the area of academic support. Your involvement in your student's education is essential to his/her success.

Palmer Ridge High School will be graduating the class of 2017 on May 22nd at the World Arena in Colorado Springs. The class of 2017 has had many positive accomplishments this past year. We have so many students in the class of 2017 exceling in so many different areas in and out of the classroom. This class had one of the highest ACT composite scores in the school's history. They have also done extremely well in regional and state competitions in DECA, FBLA, band, choir, drama and multiple sports. The class of 2017 has continued to excel in academics, sports and extra-curricular programs. They have maintained the tradition of setting the bar high for classes that follow in the future.

Volunteers at Palmer Ridge continue to impact our school in so many positive ways! Our volunteers have donated and continue to donate countless hours to make our school better every day from assisting in the library to painting interior walls and even working the very successful After Prom into the early hours of the morning. Support like this is very unique does make a difference for the school! The PRHS Foundation members have continued to raise funds to provide grants and donations to a variety of programs that we would not be able as successful without this additional support.

As always, I invite and encourage you to visit our campus to see what great things are happening for our students on a daily basis. I hope you and your family have a great and safe spring break!

**"GO BEARS"**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 27-31	Spring Break
April 4	Senior Class Meeting (During school day)
April 5	Senior Parent/Student Meeting (Graduation announcement distribution after meeting)
April 5 & 6	CMAS/PARCC Testing
April 11	SAT/PSAT Testing
April 14	No Classes, 7-12 Grades
April 22	Junior/Senior Prom
May 5	Senior Sunset, Bridge Dance, Senior Yearbook Distribution
May 8	Spring Awards (During school day)
May 1-12	AP Exams Begin
May 12	Seniors Last ACADEMIC Day
May 14	Baccalaureate
May 15	OFFICIAL Senior Checkout Day
May 15	Senior Awards Night, 7:00 p.m.
May 15-19	Final Exams
May 19	9-11 Student Checkout, Last Day of School
May 22	Senior Snack Brunch & Graduation Practice, Mandatory for ALL seniors!
May 22	Graduation at the World Arena in Colorado Springs at 6:00 p.m.
June 5-30	Summer School

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** Snow days could impact some dates and dates are subject to change.



## The Golden Bear Award

The Golden Bear Award is a monthly award given to an outstanding PRHS staff member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty. Staff members are nominated by their colleagues, and a finalist is chosen by the PRHS administrators. The name of the winner goes on a plaque which is located in the front office.

The following staff members have been chosen as Golden Bears in the last couple of months:

**Justin Loudon** is a P.E./Health, head wrestling coach and assistant coach for baseball and football. He has done an excellent job in teaching our students health and improved our strength and conditioning courses. Mr. Loudon is very dedicated and committed to our students at PRHS.

**Mark Ewig** is academic chair for social studies. He is the leader for our AP program teaching AP History, AP Government and Economics to our students. Mark is one of the most passionate teachers to ever walk the halls of PRHS. The repoire that he has with all his students is amazing. We have been extremely fortunate to have Mr. Ewig as a teacher, leader and friend in our building the last 9 years.

**Peg Houk** is a special education teacher. She goes above and beyond helping and accommodating her students to be successful in the classroom and outside of school. She works many events throughout the school year and is currently is the assistant tennis coach. Her commitment to students at PRHS is outstanding.

Congratulations to all our Golden Bears!



## ATTENTION Senior Parents and Senior Students!

There will be a mandatory meeting for senior parents and their senior student on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 @ 7 p.m. in the PRHS auditorium. Senior information and expectations will be topics.

Jostens will be distributing graduation announcement orders following the meeting.

***No early announcement pick-up.***

## From the Athletic Director, *Jimmy Porter*

Spring has sprung here on The Ridge. As I write this, spring sports have just begun, even though it feels a little awkward saying spring sports already. Experience in the Monument area has taught me to expect tumultuous spring weather patterns. If your child is in a spring sport, please watch the weather and our athletic schedule web site for the latest in our schedule changes ([pikespeakathleticconference.org](http://pikespeakathleticconference.org) or on twitter at @palmerridgead). Please know that I will always delay a decision until the last possible moment. I know it is a pain and at times would seem obvious, but it appears every time an early decision is made, the weather somehow drastically improves! Tell your children to plan ahead and be prepared to play in cold, intemperate conditions. We have had seasons where we ran out of time to get all of the games in; so if there is any way we can play a game, we will. I look forward to seeing you all at some of our spring events. Remember, the foundation sells hot cocoa and coffee at the concessions stand!

Bear Down,

**Jimmy Porter**  
[jporter@lewispalmer.org](mailto:jporter@lewispalmer.org)



# Adopt 38 Program

## Do you want to show a teacher you care?

If you're looking for a way to help a favorite teacher in a very meaningful way, look no further. The Adopt D38 program was developed by a volunteer parent and designed for individuals and businesses to have an easy way to help a school, department or teacher of their choice. Research indicates that teachers spend about \$500 out of their own pockets each year for classroom supplies. This program is designed to help them with those expenses. **All donations directly impact students.**

There are three different adoption levels to choose from and the choice is **YOURS** as to where the money goes. A teacher can be adopted for \$165, a department for \$250 and the school is \$365. Each adoptee receives a certificate of adoption and is recognized in school newspapers, newsletters, website, sporting event announcement boards and other media.

***If you own or work for a company that would like to get involved in education, this is a perfect way to contribute and get the company name out there in front of the community – it's a lot of bang for your marketing buck!***



## Thank You "BEARY" Much!

Thank you to **Carol Nam** and ALL the parent volunteers for the wonderful luncheons, Valentine's Day desserts and all the beautiful decorations you provide the PRHS staff. We appreciate all you do for us!

Thank you to the **Natasha Peacock** and **Robin Carden** for their continued support in beautifying our campus. Look around our campus and enjoy all the painting in our hallways as well as outside our building.

Thank you to **Lourdes Sanders**, **Carol Nam** and **Marilee Marter** for coming in each week to help with copying and laminating. We appreciate YOU!

Thank you to all the **Substitutes** we've been fortunate enough to have in our building this school year. You ROCK!

Thank you to **The PRHS Foundation** for your great support of PRHS!

Thank you to the many **Volunteers** who give of their time all year long. You make PRHS special!

## Helpful School Information

### From the Registrar's Office

#### *Ordering Transcripts for College and Scholarships*

Seniors – you are in the home stretch! Graduation will be here before you know it. Make sure you are paying attention to your college and scholarship applications and are sending in all your required information. See me to order transcripts – I can send electronically through Naviance to colleges or print official paper copies for scholarships.

Transcripts are \$5.00 each and you can pay me (cash or check) in the front office.

#### Guidelines:

1. Transcripts will be sent to colleges electronically through Naviance. When you are ready to send your transcript to a college, login to Naviance and add your college to the Colleges I'm Applying To link on the left side. After adding your college, click on Request Transcript.
2. If you are using Common App for your college application, you will also need to complete the Common App matching process in Naviance.
3. Once you have put your college in Naviance, see Mrs. Motta to pay for each transcript you are sending.
4. Paper copies of transcripts for scholarships may also be ordered from Mrs. Motta.

Please be aware of your college/scholarship application deadlines and plan ahead – I do request **2 business days** to process transcript requests.

**Final Transcripts:** Each senior will get **ONE** free final transcript to their chosen college in June. (If you need more final transcripts, you may pay for more.) As part of Senior Checkout in May, seniors will complete a survey in Naviance and let us know which college to send their final transcript to. More information about this survey will be sent out closer to May.

If you have any questions, you may call me at 719-867-8602.

**Sherry Motta**  
Registrar

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## Junior Senior Prom 2016

Saturday, April 22, 2017

8:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

***Prom will be held at the Spruce Mountain Ranch.***



Ranch management would like to remind all students and their families that the Ranch will be open to them for the Prom event from 8-12 a.m. that day, but that people affiliated with Palmer Ridge will not be allowed at the venue before then in order to protect the privacy of other events being held at the Ranch that day.

The After Prom will follow Prom Night. Check our website in April for more information regarding After Prom.

So parents can plan vacations and family events accordingly for the upcoming school year, you will find our PRHS 2017-2018 Dates to Remember on our website. Please note that dates and times are subject to change. We will continue to keep the website updated during the summer for important messages for students and parents. **PLEASE NOTE:** Below are some important dates in early August. Be sure to mark your calendars!

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR, PLEASE READ Parents and Students

August 7, 2017	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Senior Schedule Changes/ONLY seniors
August 8, 2017	8:00-10:00 a.m. (12 <sup>th</sup> grade) 10:00-12:00 p.m. (11 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Processing Day Processing Day
August 9, 2017	9:00-11:00 a.m. (10 <sup>th</sup> grade) 1:00-2:00 p.m. (9 <sup>th</sup> grade-Last names A-L)	Processing Day Processing Day
	2:00-3:00 p.m. (9 <sup>th</sup> grade-Last names M-Z)	Processing Day
<b><i>(Attention Freshmen: As part of your check-in process you will have vision and hearing screening. If you wear glasses or contacts, please wear or bring them at this time.)</i></b>		
August 10, 2017	8:00-10:00 a.m.	District Convocation
August 10-15, 2017		All Teachers Work Days
August 11, 2017	8:00-4:00 p.m.	LINK Leader & A-Team Crew Training
August 14, 2017		First Day of Practice for fall sports (Golf begins 8/7/17)
August 14, 2017	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Make-Up Processing Day/Staff Photos
August 14, 2017	2:00-3:00 p.m.(Grades 10-12) <i>All new students report to foyer of school at 2 p.m. LINK will give tours.</i>	New Student Orientation
August 14, 2017	6:30-7:30 p.m.	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting
August 15, 2017	8:00-12:00 p.m.	LINK Freshmen Orientation
August 16, 2017		First day of school/First Semester Begins

### From the Gifted Ed Department

For all juniors: Please complete and turn your ALP report into the front office in order to continue to receive Gifted Ed programming services. Ms. Wirsig and Ms. Breazzano will be scheduling individual consultations to review your progress and post graduate plans. The college admissions process starts up early next fall and we want you to be well prepared.

### National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Congratulations to **Jimmy Gammell, Jasper Howald, Daniel Klahn** and **Erin Tirpak** are finalists in the 2017 Competition for National Merit Scholarship program. Way to go!



## CSMA Capitol Hill Press Conference Winners

On February 27th, yearbook student **Claire Graziano** and newspaper students **Evan Ochsner**, **Alexis Olmstead**, and **Anna Schnellbach** were in Denver for the annual Colorado Student Media Association's Capitol Hill Press Conference. In addition to the formal event, they also visited with Rep. Paul Lundeen in the House Chamber and toured the Denver Post as guests of one of the Post's editors.

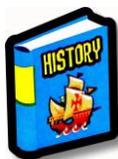
This year, 79 students from 18 schools were in attendance at the press conference, which culminates with reporting contests. **Evan**, **Alexis**, and **Anna** won 1st place in the News-Feature competition, while **Claire** took 1st in the Photojournalism category. Congratulations to our journalism students!



## Journalism Students Compete

Congratulations to our journalism students for their awards from the Colorado Student Media Association's Capitol Hill Press Conference event! **Claire Graziano** won 1st place in the photojournalism category, while **Evan Ochsner**, **Alexis Olmstead**, and **Anna Schnellbach** took 1st in the New-Feature writing contest. See and read their winning entries at [www.colostudentmedia.com](http://www.colostudentmedia.com).

## PRHS Rocks History Day Competition



On Saturday Mar 4, 157 PRHS students competed in 86 events at the regional History Day competition at Colorado College. PRHS did the best ever by walking away with five first places, three second places and 4 third places out of the 24 places overall and they will compete at Colorado History Day in early May in Denver. Additionally **Ethan Rokke** received a special award, and **Morgan Edstrom** received the Pioneer Museum \$3000 college scholarship. Congratulations to all students who competed and to their teachers including **Mr. Klopfenstein**, **Mr. Williams**, and **Mr. Molé**. The winners included:

**FIRST PLACE:** **Ethan Rokke**, senior-- Individual Website; **Elise Renwick**, junior—Individual Paper; **Shelby Wood** and **Grace Gulig**, freshmen—Group Exhibit ; **Madelyn Latendre** and **Natalie Unger** freshmen in Group Website ; and **Shannon Snediker**, **Olivia Gilmer**, and **Emalie Houk**, seniors—Group Performance

**SECOND PLACE:** **Diana Araje**, **Sam Jackson**, and **Anna Rokke**, seniors—Group Documentary; **Liz Phipps** and **Sydney Chytka** , juniors in Group Exhibit; and **Kristen Ruggiero** and **Claire Graziano**, seniors—Group Performance;

**THIRD PLACE:** **Regina Park**, freshman—Individual Exhibit; **Holly Knutsen** and **Zoe Knutsen** Senior and freshmen in Group Exhibit; **Noah Bron**, freshman—Individual Paper ; and **Jacob Otis**, **Matthew Scarsbrook**, and **Trent Hanney**, freshmen in Group Documentary

Congratulations to all these students for their fantastic showings.



## Science Olympiad Rocks!

On Saturday, March 4, approximately 45 PRHS students comprising 3 teams competed in the Science Olympiad Regional Competition at CSU Pueblo. Two of the three teams made it to State which will be held in April and one of those teams came in third overall! This is the best we have ever done here at Palmer Ridge. A special shout out and congratulations to the following students who took home medals for their individual events:

**Gavin Hornung**, **Jonathan Neptune**, **Collin Silva**, **Joshua Nakka**, **Ben Capek**, **Jack Douglas**, **Erin Tirpak**, **Diana Araje**, **Madelyn Letendre**

## Speech and Debate News!

Congratulations to **Joseph Adams** who qualified to go to state in National Extemporaneous Speaking by participating in the Regional Speech and Debate Tournament at Cheyenne Mountain HS in February. Way to go Joseph!

## Band Great News!



Earlier in March, 99 bands competed at 6 regional sites (including the Southern Regional at Palmer Ridge). The top 32 were selected to advance to the State Concert Band Festival in April, to be held at CSU.

The PRHS Wind Ensemble is among the 32 groups to advance. The PRHS Symphonic Winds received their best score ever. However, the Symphonic Winds just missed state by 1 point and finished at the 33rd position. Great job BEARS!

## DECA Results

Dear Bears,

Earlier this March, 68 PRHS DECA students competed against thousands of DECA members from across the state of Colorado demonstrating their marketing knowledge, creativity and impressive presentation skills. I am proud of our students' determination and professionalism. Please congratulate the following students who have advanced to compete at the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Anaheim, CA in April:

<u>Place</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Event</u>
2nd	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Chytka</i>	Buying and Merchandising Operations Research
2nd	<i>Jenna</i>	<i>Lewis</i>	Buying and Merchandising Operations Research
2nd	<i>Madison</i>	<i>Miller</i>	Buying and Merchandising Operations Research
2nd	<i>Luke</i>	<i>Mattea</i>	Food Marketing
3rd	<i>Jasmine</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	Public Relations Campaign
5th	<i>Alvin</i>	<i>Angeles</i>	Business Services Operations Research
5th	<i>Trevin</i>	<i>Terlizzi</i>	Business Services Operations Research
5th	<i>Megan</i>	<i>Ward</i>	Business Services Operations Research



In addition, please congratulate the following students recognized as State finalists in their events. Finalists placed in the top 12 in their event and are alternates for ICDC:

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Event</u>
<i>Ciara</i>	<i>Bobak</i>	Advertising Campaign
<i>Olivia</i>	<i>Gilmer</i>	Advertising Campaign
<i>Sam</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	Community Service
<i>Brandon</i>	<i>Pappas</i>	Creative Marketing
<i>Brooke</i>	<i>Barreire</i>	Creative Marketing
<i>McKenzie</i>	<i>Siskind</i>	Creative Marketing
<i>Samantha</i>	<i>Studstill</i>	Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan
<i>Abigail</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan
<i>Kaitlyn</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	Financial Consulting Event
<i>Morgan</i>	<i>Griffith</i>	Hospitality and Tourism Operations Research
<i>Meagan</i>	<i>Pattillo</i>	Hospitality and Tourism Operations Research
<i>Regan</i>	<i>Mukpik</i>	Human Resources Management
<i>Madison</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	Public Relations
<i>Taylor</i>	<i>McCoy</i>	Public Relations
<i>Jasmine</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	Sports and Entertainment Marketing
<i>Ellie</i>	<i>Matesi</i>	Sports and Entertainment Operations Research
<i>Jenna</i>	<i>McGann</i>	Sports and Entertainment Operations Research
<i>Ashlee</i>	<i>Ries</i>	Sports and Entertainment Operations Research
<i>Kelsea</i>	<i>Douglas</i>	Sports and Entertainment Promotion Plan
<i>Mackenzie</i>	<i>Montieth</i>	Sports and Entertainment Promotion Plan
<i>Brooke</i>	<i>Barreire</i>	Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making
<i>McKenzie</i>	<i>Siskind</i>	Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making

Thank you to *Gwen Wells*, *Jimmy Porter*, and *Marcela Lopez* for their amazing help during the event! Congratulations *Courtney Bushnell* and PRHS BEARS!

### FBLA Good News!

Earlier this past February, there were 21 PR students who competed at the FBLA District Competition. The students, as always, represented our school with great professionalism and poise. The following are those that qualified for State or are an alternate. Please take a moment to congratulate those you know:

**Accounting** - 2nd Place - Erin Sullivan, 5<sup>th</sup> Place (Alternate) - **Carly Araje**  
**Business Communication** - 5<sup>th</sup> Place (Alternate) - **D'Nae Ferguson**  
**Intro. to Financial Math** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - **Erin Sullivan**  
**Personal Finance** - 5th Place (Alternate) - **Josh Howe**  
**Security & Investing** - 2nd Place - **Nick Hill**  
**Client Services** - 3rd Place - **Taylor Garner**  
**Entrepreneurship** - 3rd Place - **Amanda Sievert, Meagan Pattillo** and **Morgan Griffith**  
 4th Place (Alternates) - **Mallory Mikesell** and **Nathan Strickling**  
**Marketing** - 1st Place - **Noah McLain** and **Tyler Trego**  
**Sports & Entertainment** - 2nd Place - **Jasmine Sanders** and **Justin Ochsner**  
**Social Media** - 4th Place (Alternates) - **Taylor McCoy** and **Madison Jordan**



Special thanks to **Courtney Bushnell** for helping with the event! Great job **Gwen Wells** and BEARS



### Bear Necessity Theatre Company News

Back in December the drama club participated in the Colorado Thespian Conference. Part of this conference is the opportunity for students to perform for adjudication. Please congratulate the following students when you see them. Their superior performances caused them to be invited to perform their pieces at the International Thespian Conference held in Lincoln, Nebraska this summer.

Special mention should be made of **Lauren Bergeron** and **Steven Panoncillo**, who were recognized as two of the best Individual Events of the Conference; Lauren for her Theatre Marketing project and Steven for his Costume Design project.

**Stasia Gessert** (Duet Acting, Duet Musical Theatre), **Michael Stromer** (Duet Acting), **Sarah Bibighaus** (Duet Musical Theatre), **Madelyn Wible** (Solo Musical Theatre, Duet Acting), **Ashley Byrnes** (Duet Acting), **Lauren Bergeron** (Theatre Marketing), **Steven Panoncillo** (Costume Design) and **Jackson Hurford-Reynolds** (Solo Musical Theatre).

In early February, The Bear Necessity Theatre Company hosted nine other schools for the all-day Pikes Peak Region One-Act Competition. Our students in the one-act cast and crew, as well as my Advanced Theatre class, spent the day organizing and running the event: helping schools load and unload their sets to and from the stage in a timely manner, providing lights and sound support on our equipment, helping groups navigate our spaces, providing hospitality to our judges and guest directors, and generally ensuring that our guests are taken care of. They were very successful in this regard, based on the feedback from our judges and the other teachers that were here. Our students were friendly and professional.

In addition, we are pleased and proud to announce that Palmer Ridge place third in the field of ten with their performance of "Love is Awkward." Congratulations to the cast and crew who did an outstanding job: **Ashley J. Byrnes, Lillian Horn, Jackson Hurford-Reynolds, Steven Panoncillo, Michael Stromer, Madelyn Wible, Duke Mattie, Ciara Abeyta, Ciara Meadows, Paul Kubitschek, Tanner Harrold, Makynzie Olivier, Rebekah Adams, Zoe Knutsen, Hayley Tubbs** and **Kyah Voelker**.

### Artwork on Display

Congratulations to the following students were winners in an artwork contest. Their artwork is being displayed at various museums from Feb. 17th through March 24<sup>th</sup>.



**Hayley Tubbs** & **Camryn Palmer** photos will be displayed at The Museum of Contemporary Art. The Denver Art Museum will exhibit portfolios, ceramics, and jewelry by **Hayley Tubbs**. History of Colorado Center will display work by **Camilla Dooley**.

**IMPORTANT: ATTENTION Parents!****Student Messages/Drop-off Items**

Students are receiving messages from parents/guardians while school is in session. In consideration of teachers, students, and staff, we are requesting that parents make arrangements with their students for after-school plans before they leave for school. **Please note that when a note is delivered, it not only interrupts your student's learning time but also everyone else's in the class.** Students are expected to be prepared for school on a daily basis. No student to student messages will be taken! Please be aware that when a message or lunch is left for a student, it does not guarantee the student will receive his/her message. Another great way to communicate with your student is by text messaging him/her as students are able to check messages during lunch provided that they are not in the academic wing of the school. There is a courtesy phone located in the front office for student to use for emergencies. The student must request permission from front office personnel prior to using the courtesy phone.

If your student knows something is being dropped off, it is your **student's responsibility** to check with Campus Security and pick up the item(s). Messages will not be sent to students for dropped off items. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Student's Reporting to Nurse's Office**

If a student is ill, the student must report to class and get a pass from the teacher to visit the nurse's office. The nurse/health clerk will then have the student call home if they're not well enough to stay in school for the day.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE INFORMATION**

This year attendance is done by student's last name. If you have students in multiple grades who are absent on the same day, your student has the same attendance secretary. Please see below to contact the appropriate attendance secretary:

<i>Student's Last name A-F</i>		
Sandra Wall	Secretary	867-8166
<i>Student's Last name G-O</i>		
Patty Matteo	Secretary	867-8242
<i>Student's Last name P-Z</i>		
Cindy Feil	Secretary	867-8165

**Attendance Check-In Procedures**

Students returning to the building or arriving during the school day are required to check-in with Campus Security before proceeding to the grade level secretary for a pass to class.

**Attendance Check-Out Procedures**

When students need to check out during the school day, parents must call or send a note to the appropriate secretary before the time the student is to leave. The student is responsible for picking the pass up from the secretary before the dismissal time. Students then show the pass to the teacher for dismissal and give it to Campus Security when exiting the building.

**PLEASE NOTE: Parents need to write a note for early dismissal for appointments during the school day. Students must take that note to the appropriate attendance secretary the morning of their appointment and the secretary will give them a pass to be excused for their appointment. This will ensure that your students will be ready for you when you arrive to pick them up.**

**Illness of Students:** Students who are absent because of illness will be marked "excused" only upon notification by a parent/guardian to the grade level secretary (see above for grade level office to call). Calls can be made 24 hours a day by using the voice mail system. Parents/guardians have two days (48 hours) after an absence to clear or excuse an absence. If contact with the school is not made within two days after the absence, it may remain unexcused. A student who has excessive absences in a class or classes may be required by an administrator to provide documentation to excuse any further absence. Please refer to the PRHS Student Handbook.

Parents may request homework for students who will be absent two (2) or more days by calling the appropriate grade level telephone line.

## UPCOMING SCHOOL/DISTRICT MEETINGS

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### PRHS FOUNDATION MEETING

The Palmer Ridge Foundation would like to invite all interested parents to their monthly meetings. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the PRHS Sunset Multi-Purpose room. The scheduled dates for the 2016-17 school year are as follows:

April 12, 2017  
May 10, 2017



### PRHS PARENT AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The PRHS Advisory Council will hold their monthly meetings in the PRHS Activities Den room A1212, unless otherwise specified, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Parents/guardians and community members are encouraged to attend. All interested parents and/or community members are invited to attend. Meetings are as scheduled for the 2014-15 school year.

January 23, 2017  
March 20, 2017  
April 24, 2017

### DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COUNCIL MEETING

The District Accountability Council (DAC) usually meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please check the district website for upcoming meeting dates.

### Palmer Ridge Fight Song

Palmer Ridge Bears, Palmer Ridge Bears  
Excellence in all.  
Academics, Sports, and Arts  
Let us hear you call! (Rah! Rah! Rah!)  
Palmer Ridge Bears, Palmer Ridge Bears  
Proudly shout our name  
"P-R-H-S GO BEARS!" (*shouted, not sung*)  
Let's win today!

