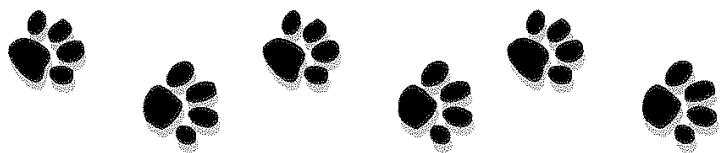
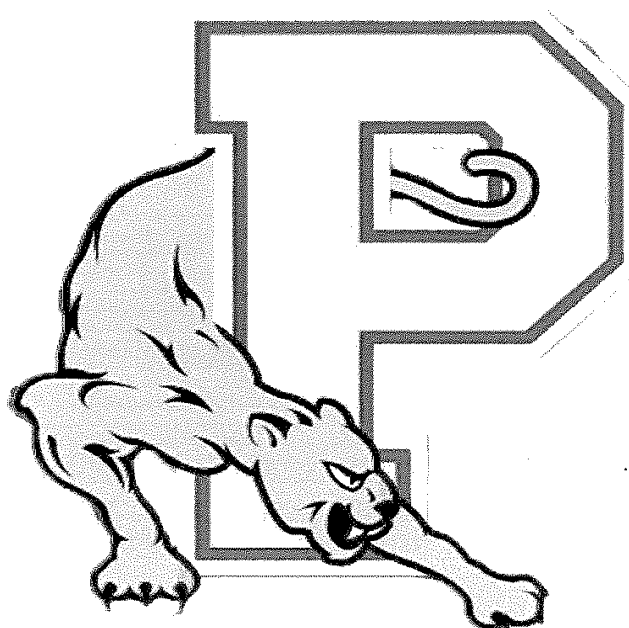


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Palmcroft Elementary School

Parent-Student Handbook



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Principal's Message

As the Principal at Palmcroft Elementary School, it is an honor to have the opportunity to continue to strengthen our outstanding community. It is my desire to work with you, your child, and the staff to continue to foster a strong sense of community and responsibility in order to increase student success.

Over the past year we persevered through the difficulties of the pandemic! We are excited to return to full in-person learning. We know our safety and health guidelines will still be in place and firm to keep us all safe as we get our students on track and supported every step of the way. Our Panther family is strong and proud to intentionally deliver the message that All Children are Capable of SUCCESS! Integrating our Kids at Hope Philosophy with our continuation of AVID Elementary School-wide, ALL Panthers will be college and career ready with 21st Century Skills!

We, the staff of Palmcroft Elementary School, are committed to provide effective instruction for each child at his or her appropriate instructional level.

We will strive to provide exciting and rewarding instruction that will enable your child to achieve their goals. Classroom instruction will align to the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards and will include a variety of programs, including:

- Benchmark Advance (K-5)
- Zearn/Eureka Math - Engage N (K-5), Math Seeds (K-3)
- MobyMax (K-5)
- Mystery Science (K-5)

Our focus will allow attainment of 21st Century skills utilizing AVID strategies to successfully prepare our leaders of tomorrow! All Children are Capable of Success! We will continue to use technology, one to one iPads, to develop globally competitive skills and support their learning at their individual levels.

School will start at 8:45 am every morning and release at 2:15pm on Mondays and 3:45 pm on Tuesday thru Friday. Please ensure your child is at school on time and picked up on time.

The Palmcroft Website, www.palmcroft.yuma.org, is an excellent tool to keep students, parents, guardians, and staff informed. Please check it out frequently. I truly believe strong partnerships between parents and staff leads to academic success for all students. Therefore, I invite you to visit our school and actively participate in your child's education.

Enthusiastically,

Jennette Arviso

Jennette Arviso, Principal

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OUR BELIEFS

All Children are Capable of Success! No Exceptions!

- ☐ Everyone deserves a safe and secure environment.
- ☐ Learning is a lifelong process.
- ☐ With rights, come responsibilities.
- ☐ Every individual can learn unique to his/her individual strengths.
- ☐ Every individual deserves the opportunity to succeed and to be recognized.

At Palmcroft School, teachers and staff are committed to educating the whole child. We work cooperatively to create the best atmosphere possible for each child's physical, emotional, social and academic growth. The Palmcroft community endeavors, at all times, to support each child's lifelong commitment to educational and personal growth.

PARENTS AS EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS

Many parents believe they can only be involved if they come to school. This is only partly true; as we respect and appreciate the parents who help so much at home, too. Please come to conferences and continuously communicate with your child's teacher. Teachers have phones and you may leave a message so they can return your calls when they are not actively teaching. The principal will send home a newsletter at the beginning of each month to share upcoming activities and information. Please check with your child to make sure you review the newsletter. We place extra copies of the monthly newsletter in the school office and add information to the School's Website. Please sign-up and check **ClassDojo** regularly to receive updates during the school year. In these still changing times, we want to be sure you are constantly connected and in communication with our Panther Staff. Our Palmcroft Facebook Page also posts information regularly.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Check in with your teacher regularly through ClassDojo. Be sure you keep phone numbers/email addresses updated. Schoolwide and class information/updates will be posted to ClassDojo by Mrs. Hartley.
2. Get your child to school on time. Even a few minutes late means your child will miss valuable instruction. Have your child at school everyday unless he/she is really sick.
3. Support the school in requiring your child to observe all school rules and regulations and accept responsibility for any misbehavior on his/her part.
4. Send your child to school with proper attention having been given to personal cleanliness, neatness of dress and complying with the School Uniform Policy.
5. iPad Rules and Care must be followed. Please review iPad rules and expectations with your child. Also, have a designated location of all learning materials including backpack, books, binders, notebooks and other materials.
6. Maintain an active interest in your child's work. Make it possible for them to complete assigned homework by providing a quiet place, materials and proper conditions to study. Teach them to return work and take care of iPads, books and other materials.
7. Comply with the school's requests. This includes reading carefully all communications and signing and returning them as requested.
8. Cooperate with the school in attending conferences for your child.
9. Keep phone numbers and emergency contact numbers current.

MOVE ON WHEN READING EXPECTATIONS

Arizona is among 32 states that have passed laws that identify and retain students if they are unable to read by the end of third grade. Research shows that third-graders' ability to read is a clear link to future academic and career success. Third graders who can read at grade level are more likely to graduate from high school and enroll in college. A student shall not be promoted from the 3rd grade if the student obtains a Reading score on AZMerit that falls within the bottom 3% of all students tested across the state. While there are exemptions to this law, parents of children not meeting benchmark goals in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades will be notified if their child is not making progress towards the benchmark goals. If students are identified as not progressing towards the goal, the teacher will develop intervention and remedial strategies for the student and parents will be notified in regard to the concern.

PARENT-TEACHER-ORGANIZATION

P.T.O. meets once a month at 4:30pm in the School Cafeteria or Google Meet. Please watch for notices and newsletters for exact time and dates this year. The objectives of the P.T.O. are to provide school-wide support in all the activities of school and to raise funds to assist in various activities and academic programs.

VISITORS ON CAMPUS/PARENTS AS VOLUNTEERS

Please **DO NOT GO DIRECTLY TO THE CLASSROOMS**. Visitors must sign in at the office and pick up passes in the office. Due to the health and safety protocols we will not be allowing any visitors on campus unless it is an emergency or you have made prior arrangements. This is for the safety of all of our children and staff. Please do not bring other students who do not attend Palmcroft to visit our school. This is a liability.

Volunteering is greatly appreciated and we love having the help but due to health and safety protocols **we cannot have parent volunteers at this time.** If you feel the need to volunteer please schedule that with the teacher so correct protocol can be followed. Once we return to our traditional schedule clear of any Health and Safety restrictions, we will gladly welcome volunteers. Your participation as a Volunteer supports our instructional program and school goals.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The following are responsibilities which students are expected to accept.

Quality of Work: Each student should complete his/her work using his/her best effort. Incomplete work or work that does not show effort is unacceptable. Students are responsible to make up work when absent.

School Rules: Each student is expected to follow the school and classroom rules and make this a safe and productive place for everyone. Rules must be followed to and from home and on the bus.

Care of School and Personal Property: It is a privilege and obligation to take care of property, buildings, furnishings, iPads/Computers, and books. Fines will be assessed for damage.

Relations to Others: Each student should respect the rights and personal space of others. We want everyone to be safe and enjoy school. Follow the school rules and respect your classmates and friends.

Personal Standards: Each student should demonstrate his/her very best effort and follow the Good Citizenship Rules:

- ☐ Be respectful of other students and their rights.
- ☐ Objects of any kind are not to be thrown.
- ☐ Using vulgar or profane language is not allowed.
- ☐ Hurting others/fighting is not acceptable.
- ☐ Endangering self or others with improper play activities will not be tolerated.
- ☐ Saying mean words and teasing is not allowed.
- ☐ Bullying is not acceptable at any time

DISCIPLINE

A student's behavior should conform to acceptable standards of conduct as established by the principal and teachers. Palmcroft rules fit within the guidelines set by the District. The Yuma District One Discipline Policies and Procedures will be on each child's iPad and our District Site - www.yuma.org, [Discipline Handbook](#) under the Parent tab. The Signature Form acknowledging this document must be signed and returned to school every year.

Basic rules are:

1. All playground equipment is to be used for its intended purpose.
2. Keep your hands to yourself; roughhousing and fighting is not allowed.
3. Do not bring dangerous, or illegal objects to school.
4. Show respect and be courteous to everyone.
5. Do not bring items to school that will disrupt the educational process.
6. Play only in designated areas and on designated play equipment.

Violation of classroom or school rules may result in loss of recess; parent contact, after school detention, in-school suspension, or out of school suspension. Consequences will be dependent of the nature of the incident and Yuma District One Discipline Policy.

THE SCHOOL DAY

SCHOOL HOURS - The academic school days begins at 8:50 AM

There is **no supervision** provided for children who arrive earlier than 8:20 AM or remain on campus after school unless participating in a supervised, school-sponsored activity. These procedures are designed for the safety and well being of your children.

Grades K, 1,2,3,4,5

Warning Bell 8:45 AM

Tardy Morning Bell 8:50 AM

Grades K,1,2,3,4,5

Dismissal 3:45 PM, Tuesday through Friday.
2:15 PM, Mondays

Students in Kindergarten will be released first to load buses, daycare vans, and be released for parent pickups. Please make sure your children are picked up after the dismissal bell.

EARLY RELEASE DAY ON MONDAY

Students will be released early each Monday. Staff will utilize each Monday afternoon for training/planning.

The early release day begins at 8:45 AM and all students will be dismissed at 2:15 PM.

PARKING LOT- We will continue the practice of closing the school parking lot beginning at 8:00 AM and again at the end of the day with it remaining closed at least 15 minutes after the end of the school day. The parking lot is not safe and secure for our students with the heavy loads of traffic.

STUDENTS BROUGHT AND PICKED UP BY PARENTS

Children should not be dropped off prior to 8:20 AM, unless you are checking them in to the Right At School located in Room 302. Drop Off/ Pick Up for Right at School will be in our Front Parking Lot, utilizing the East Gate and their Doorbell system.

Parents, guardians, and family members who come to campus to drop off and pick-up student should enter the campus at the crosswalk/crossing guard entrance on Palmcroft Drive near the 400 Building or on Park Lane on the south side of the playground. We are trying to make the parking lot safe and secure for our students.

- **DO NOT DOUBLE PARK**
- **DO NOT PARK/STOP at NO PARKING AREAS**
- **DO NOT DROP OFF STUDENTS IN THE CROSSWALK AND BLOCK TRAFFIC**
- **DO NOT BLOCK A PRIVATE DRIVEWAY**
- **DO NOT WAIT IN YOUR CAR FOR A YOUNGER CHILD TO COME TO YOUR CAR.**

Kindergarten

Children are picked up in the cafeteria.

Grades First – Second

Children may enter the campus on Palmcroft Drive at the crosswalk or on Park Lane at the crosswalk. A crossing guard is located at both gates. After school, please wait at the picnic table area just Southeast of the Office/Cafeteria Building until the bell rings for your child's teacher to walk them to you. Because of our high volume of traffic, you will need to park in the **legal** parking areas on Palmcroft Drive or Park Lane or in the parking areas next to school.

Grades Third, Fourth, Fifth

These students may walk themselves to and from the pick-up area or their parent's vehicles.

NOTE: Signs posted on Palmcroft Drive indicate where you may legally park.

There are designated areas for daycare vehicles and buses, please do not park a vehicle in these areas. Do NOT park between school zone signs - this is ticketed areas.

Students should be picked up by parents or other authorized persons in a reasonable time frame at the end of the school day. If you are unable to pick up your child at the end of the day, you will need to contact Right at School (rightatschool.org), a daycare provider, or make arrangements for pick up after the regular school day.

Office closes at 4PM!

BICYCLES – No shoes with wheels should be worn to school.

Only **third, fourth and fifth graders** may ride their bikes to school. Bikes are to be locked and remain in the bike racks during the school day. Bikes must be walked on the school grounds. The school cannot be responsible for damaged, lost or stolen bicycles. City law requires bike riders to wear helmets.

WALKERS

Please be aware of the traffic. Stay on sidewalks and cross the street only at crosswalks. There are crossing guards at the crosswalks on Palmcroft Drive and Park Lane. Please do not walk through the parking lot. Stay on public sidewalks. Avoid going through alleys and residential property. Walkers must leave immediately after bell, as they must cross with the crossing guards.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

Students must not trespass on lawns or in any way interfere with the property of private citizens or businesses, including our two neighborhood churches.

BUS STUDENTS

Students riding the bus **MUST** go home on the bus unless the parent comes for the student and checks him/her out, or sends **WRITTEN PERMISSION** that they wish the child to go elsewhere. We cannot take a verbal change from a student.

Bus students are under the authority of the bus driver. Students are expected to behave on the bus and follow the same rules they have at school. **OFFENDERS WILL BE DENIED THE PRIVILEGE OF RIDING THE BUS.** The bus driver and/or transportation department will contact parent/guardians directly if there are any concerns regarding behavior on the bus.

If you have questions or concerns regarding behavior or late buses you are encouraged to call the Transportation Department.

The telephone number for Transportation is: 502-8840.

Please give the office at least 45 minutes notice if you plan to pick up your child rather than have him/her ride the bus. Once a child is on the bus, we cannot guarantee that the child can be removed from the bus.

ATTENDANCE

The parent or guardian is charged by law with responsibility for the student's consistent school attendance.

STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

The regular attendance of a school age child is required by state law. Regular school attendance is essential for success in school; therefore, absences shall be excused only for necessary and important reasons. Such reasons include illness, bereavement, or other family emergencies, and the observance of major religious holidays of the family's faith.

Failure to attend school may result in:

- ☐ The student being ineligible to receive credit because work done during regular class time is difficult or impossible to make up.
- ☐ The student receiving a lower grade.
- ☐ The student not being promoted to the next grade.
- ☐ Missing a field trip to make up homework

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE

Please telephone the school at 502-8000 or send a Doctor's note the next day explaining the absence. Dr. note is required for 3 or more consecutive days absent due to illness.

SCHOOL WORK WHEN ABSENT

When your child has been absent for at least 3 days from school, you may call the school office in the morning so the teacher can be notified and can have time to gather your child's work by the end of the day. Appropriate books will be sent home when necessary. Assignments can be picked up in the office at the end of the school day or sent home with another child, if requested.

END OF THE DAY RELEASE

We understand occasionally emergencies come up, if changes need to be made for the end of the day release the office needs at least 45 minutes in order to contact your child's teacher and/or child. Please plan before school for the end of the day release.

Arriving late to school has become a concern at Palmcroft. Leaving before the end of the school day has also been a challenge and affects our students' achievement and attendance.

The Arizona Department of Education has changed the manner in which they consider students in attendance. Students are considered absent for one-fourth, one-half, or a full day. The determination for absence is based upon the number of minutes in our school day and the number of minutes the student is absent from school. Normally students attend Palmcroft for 335 instructional minutes per day for students in Grades 1-5. This does not include lunch and recess. According to ADE policy, students will be marked absent as listed below dependent on the number of minutes the student is absent.

1-85 minutes late or left early = 1/4 day absent

86-168 minutes late or left early = 1/2 day absent

169 minutes late or left early = 1 full day absence

Please make sure students arrive on time and do not leave early except in rare or unusual circumstances.

TARDY

The warning bell rings at 8:45 AM. The tardy bell at 8:50 AM. Students arriving late **must** be signed in at the office and receive a pass before going to class.

Being tardy is disruptive to the educational process. Students who are tardy should bring a note signed by the parent or the parent may explain in person, to the office, the reason for the tardy. Frequent or excessive tardies will lead to:

- ☐ The student not receiving recognition for perfect attendance.
- ☐ Letter and/or phone call to parent/guardian.
- ☐ Home visit.
- ☐ 3 tardies count as 1 absence in Truancy Laws

TRUANT

Truant means an unexcused absence for at least one class period during the day. Unexcused absences of five school days within a school year constitutes habitual truancy. Parents will be contacted either by phone or letter the first time. Continued violation will lead to discipline of the child and/or referral of the parent to a court of competent jurisdiction.
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Patterns of absences will also be addressed through phone calls or letters to parent/guardians. Continued problems will result in a JUVENILE REFERRAL. Out-of-school suspensions are considered unexcused absences.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

A student must be in attendance more than one-half a day before he/she can be counted present during the day. In addition, a student MAY NOT be tardy more than 3 times during a nine-week period to be considered in having Perfect Attendance for that nine-week period.

OUT OF ATTENDANCE AREA STUDENTS

The following conditions apply to the open-enrollment program:

- An application must be completed and submitted on or before May 1st.
- Enrollment is subject to the capacity limit established for the school and/or its grade levels.
- On or before June 1st, the parent or legal guardian will be notified in writing whether the application has been accepted, rejected, or placed on a waiting list.
- Transportation for the student will be the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.
- Students may not have high absenteeism nor frequent tardies/leave early.
- Providing false information on this form may result in the application being denied or admission being revoked.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE SCHOOL GROUNDS/ACTIVITY

Unless a child has written permission from his/her parent or guardian and is signed out from the office, he/she is not to leave the grounds while school is in session; this includes any intermission during the day or on any school sponsored activity.

SCHOOL PHONE

The school phone is for business purposes. Please be sure to plan for after school activities with parents at home before school, not during the school day.

CHANGE IN STUDENT INFORMATION

The school should be able to reach the child's parents quickly. PLEASE inform the school of any changes of telephone numbers or addresses, even if it is temporary. Please keep medical information current. We will use an automated phone message in making announcements and/or sharing information in the event of an emergency.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students are required to take proper care of all school buildings, books and equipment. Losing or destroying books, marking or defacing walls, restrooms, desks, floors and other acts of vandalism will mean the student and his/her parents are liable for either payment for the damage or replacement of property damaged and have consequences based on the Yuma District One Discipline Policies and Procedures.

PERSONAL PROPERTY, ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students should not bring toys, large sums of money or other valuables to school. THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS. This includes many types of electronic devices such as iPod, cell phones, and others that may distract or cause an interruption to the school environment. Cell phones should not be visible during the school day. If seen by a staff member during the day, it will be

confiscated, returned to the parent at the end of the day. After a second incident the phone will be confiscated again, held in office until the parent picks up the phone and is notified that the third infraction will result in a suspension from school and loss of privilege to have a phone or electronic device on campus.

CLOTHING: We recommend that your child's name be printed in coats, jackets, backpacks, lunch boxes, etc. Many of these items remain unclaimed throughout the year. At the end of each semester, we display lost and found items near the front office for parents to locate their children's lost articles.

PALMCROFT DRESS CODE AND UNIFORM POLICY

Palmcroft's uniform policy is located on page 17 of this handbook. Parents and students please review the policy, sign, and return. Our policy is within the guidelines of the Yuma School District One Policy.

FIELD TRIPS

All field trips must be planned to have a meaningful relationship to school and support the district curriculum. Students may be excluded from an educational field trip due to behavioral issues or lack of completing classroom academics. If this happens, teachers will communicate to parents that their child will not be attending and will be placed in an alternate classroom while his or her class is off campus. All field trips in which students leave the campus will require a written permission form from parent/guardian. Any/all charges(ie - Lost library books, iPad damages, lost/damaged cords/bricks/cases) must be paid or payment arrangements to attend field trips and/or extra curricular events.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES AND REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be required after the first nine weeks grading period. Your child's teacher will contact you to arrange for a conference. Our goal is 100% participation. After the 2nd nine-week grading period, conferences will be made at the request of either the parent or the teacher. After the third nine-week grading period we expect 100% participation in the parent-teacher conferences. To accommodate the parent teacher conferences in October and March we are scheduling classes to be dismissed at 1:00 PM on those school days. Listed below are dates for parent/teacher conferences or report card release dates.

1st Nine Weeks Grading Period:

October 5th, 2023 is the end of the first grading period. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held during the days of October 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th.

A 1:00 PM release schedule will be followed on these 4 days.

2nd Nine Weeks Grading Period:

December 15, 2023 is the end of the 2nd grading period; reports cards are scheduled to be released on Thursday, January 11, 2024.

3rd Nine Weeks Grading Period:

March 8, 2024 is the end of the 3rd grading period and early release days are scheduled for March 26th, 27th, and 28th for parent-teacher conferences.

A 1:00 PM release schedule will be followed on these 3 days.

4th Nine Weeks Grading Period:

Report Cards released on May 30, 2024- last day of classes

HOMEWORK

Homework is assigned to all students. Homework should reinforce the skills being taught in the classroom and promote independent reading and independent study skills. Generally, homework may take 30-45 minutes per day, dependent on grade level. If homework lasts for more than 2 hours per night or your child never has homework, please contact your child's teacher.

SCHOOL HEALTH AIDE/MEDICATIONS

A health aide is on duty during the school day. The aide handles emergency situations and illnesses that occur during the school day. Additionally, a registered school nurse will be made available as the nurse will visit Palmcroft on a regular basis as part of the Yuma District One school nurse plan. A student must have permission from the Health Office before leaving school because of illness.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

When it is necessary for the student to take medicine at school, the District will cooperate with the family physician and parents if the following requirements are met:

- ☐ There must be a **signed written order from the physician** (licensed in the United States) stating the name of the medicine, the dosage, and the time it is to be given.
- ☐ There must be written permission from the parent to allow the school or the student to administer the medicine. Appropriate forms are available from the Health Office.
- ☐ The medicine must come to the Health Office in the prescription container or, if it is over-the-counter medication, in the original container with all warnings and directions intact.
- ☐ Each administration of prescription drugs must be documented, making a record of the student having received the medication.
- ☐ Medicines will be kept in their original containers in a locked medicine cabinet.

WHEN CHILDREN ARE ILL -

- Please do not send "sick" children to school.
- Guidelines to be aware of:
 1. They have a fever and/or have been treated with Tylenol, Motrin or other medication used to reduce fever within the last 24 hours.
 2. If they have vomited last night or before school.
 3. If they have experienced hot/cold chills in the last 24 hours.
 4. If they are coughing excessively.
 5. If they have diarrhea.
 6. If they are pale, unusually tired, or lack energy.
- **Children need to be "Fever Free" for a full 24 hours before returning to school.** We ask that you comply with these guidelines because one contagious child can affect not only other students, but teachers as well. Our goal is to keep kids healthy at school. Children who are "sick" belong at home where they can rest and recover.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Every precaution is taken to ensure the safety of your child during normal school hours. Fire drills, earthquake drills, and lock down drills will take place so students can learn the proper procedures. If a lockdown is required by a law enforcement agency, parents will be notified via an automated phone call or text message. Parents should be aware of additional calls and messages when the lock down will end and if there are any special pick-up procedures in place. Parents should not attempt to pick-up a child during a lock down until a law enforcement agency has released the school from a lock down.

STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Students will be recognized for their efforts in academics, life skills, attendance, and additional activities during the school year. A student assembly will be held at the end of each grading period to recognize student accomplishments for achieving Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Reading Achievement Awards, and any other special awards. Periodically student's work or achievements will be posted in the cafeteria or other designated areas to display awards and efforts in the classroom.

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STUDENT BULLYING / HARASSMENT /INTIMIDATION

The Governing Board of the Yuma Elementary School District believes it is the right of every student to be educated in a positive, safe, caring, and respectful learning environment. The Governing Board further believes a school environment that is inclusive of these traits maximizes student achievement, fosters student personal growth, and helps a student build a sense of community that promotes positive participation as citizens in society. To assist in achieving a school environment based on the beliefs of the Governing Board, bullying, harassment, or intimidation in any form will not be tolerated.

Bullying: Bullying may occur when a student or group of students engages in any form of behavior that includes such acts as intimidation and/or harassment that

- A. has the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm or damage to property,
- B. is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that the action, behavior, or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive environment in the form of physical or emotional harm,
- C. occurs when there is a real or perceived imbalance of power or strength, or
- D. may constitute a violation of law.

Bullying of a student or group of students can be manifested through written, verbal, physical, or emotional means and may occur in a variety of forms including, but not limited to

- A. verbal, written/printed or graphic exposure to derogatory comments, extortion, exploitation, name calling, or rumor spreading either directly through another person or group or through cyberbullying,
- B. exposure to social exclusion or ostracism,
- C. physical contact including but not limited to pushing, hitting, kicking, shoving, or spitting, and
- D. damage to or theft of personal property.

Cyberbullying: Cyberbullying is, but not limited to, any act of bullying committed by use of electronic technology or electronic communication devices, including telephonic devices, social networking and other Internet communications, on school computers, networks, forums and mailing lists, or other District-owned property, and by means of an individual's personal electronic media and equipment.

Harassment: Harassment is intentional behavior by a student or group of students that is disturbing or threatening to another student or group of students. Intentional behaviors that characterize harassment include, but are not limited to, stalking, hazing, social exclusion, name calling, unwanted physical contact and unwelcome verbal or written comments, photographs and graphics. Harassment may be related, but not limited to, race, religious orientation, sexual orientation, cultural background, economic status, size or personal appearance. Harassing behaviors can be direct or indirect and by use of social media.

Intimidation: Intimidation is intentional behavior by a student or group of students that places another student or group of students in fear of harm of person or property. Intimidation can be manifested emotionally or physically, either directly or indirectly, and by use of social media. Students are prohibited from bullying, harassment, or intimidation on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, at school-sponsored events and activities, and through the use of electronic technology or electronic communication equipment on school computers, networks, forums, or mailing lists.

Disciplinary action may result for bullying, harassment, or intimidation which occurs outside of the school and the school day when such acts result in a substantial physical, mental, or emotional negative effect on the victim, while on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, or at school-sponsored events and activities, or when such act(s) interfere with the authority of

the school system to maintain order. All suspected violations of law will be reported to local law enforcement.

Students who believe they are experiencing being bullied, harassed, or intimidated or suspect another student is bullied, harassed, or intimidated should report their concern to any staff member of the School District. School personnel are to maintain appropriate confidentiality of the reported information.

Reprisal by any student directed toward a student or employee related to the reporting of a case or a suspected case of bullying, harassment, or intimidation shall not be tolerated, and the individual(s) will be subject to the disciplines set out in applicable District policies and administrative regulations. Students found to be bullying, harassing, or intimidating others will be disciplined up to and including suspension or expulsion from school.

Knowingly submitting a false report under Policy JICK or this exhibit shall subject the student to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion. Where disciplinary action is necessary pursuant to any part of Policy JICK or this exhibit, relevant District policies shall be followed. Law enforcement authorities shall be notified any time District officials have a reasonable belief that an incidence of bullying, harassment, or intimidation is a violation of the law.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH – CAFETERIA REGULATIONS

Our cafeteria provides well-balanced meals every day. Students are encouraged to participate in school breakfast and lunch. School lunches and breakfast are free. Additional milk is available for \$.50. We now use an electronic Personal Identification Number system in the cafeteria. Each student is assigned a PIN number and he or she enters the number prior to eating a school lunch. Cafeteria is not open for breakfast or lunch to parents or family members at this time. We will only serve our Palmcroft students until Health and Safety guidelines allow for external guests.

LUNCHES FROM HOME and/or a FAST FOOD CHAIN

Students may bring sack lunches from home or parents may occasionally bring their child a lunch from a fast-food chain. In order to promote healthy eating habits for students on campus, carbonated beverages may not be sent in a sack lunch or brought in with fast food. You may send water, juice, or milk. A student may purchase milk or juice in the cafeteria for \$.50 during meal times. Please do not send gum, candy, or chips with your child, as these items are also not permitted, as we continue to foster a healthy eating environment. On behalf of our student's health, we thank you.

DISTRICT SOFT DRINK/SNACK POLICY:

Students may not bring soft drinks to school. Water is only allowed throughout our campus. Unhealthy snacks are not allowed (ie. - Hot Cheetos, Takis, Candies, etc.)

CAFETERIA GUESTS

Due to our continuously fluctuating situation and compliance with all Health and Safety Guidelines, parents will not be permitted to join their child for breakfast or lunch. Sorry for this inconvenience.

As guidelines and restrictions are lifted, we gladly will allow parents of students to eat with their child in the cafeteria. Adult meals will still be \$4.00 for lunch and \$2.50 for breakfast. The cash register is only open at the beginning of each lunch period. Students may sit with their parents at the designated table. Parents are not allowed to eat from a student's plate. **Students may invite ONE friend to sit with him/her, but must eat his/her own meal.**

CAFETERIA RULES

1. Students will enter the cafeteria quietly and help keep the line moving.
2. Students will adhere to procedures for entering PIN.
3. Students with sack lunches will be able to sit at a table immediately and not have to wait.
4. Students will use good manners in line and at the table.
5. Conversation will be in quiet voices.
6. Students will remain seated.
7. Students will raise their hand if they need assistance.
8. Students will remain quiet for the last 5 minutes to finish eating and/or let food digest.
9. Students will clean up any messes they have created and dispose of their trays neatly.
10. Food and utensils may not be removed from the cafeteria.

**The mission of Palmcroft School is to produce 21st Century Leaders
by empowering ALL students to become good digital citizens who make responsible,
respectful and safe decisions to be college and career ready!**

PALMCROFT SCHOOL LIFE SKILLS

Staff at Palmcroft will teach and reinforce the Character Strong Skills that are designated monthly. The purpose of this program is to create an atmosphere of kindness and respect. We know that better citizens make better students! Each month one student will be selected from each classroom to be recognized as Citizen of the Month because they have demonstrated a specific life skill daily during the month it was designated. The student will receive a certificate and be recognized near the end of the month. Parents are invited to attend this recognition. One student each month will be selected to represent Palmcroft at our District Governing Board Meeting.

Life Skills by month that are introduced and taught:

Month	Life Skill
August	Kindness
September	Respect
October	Responsibility
November	Gratitude
December	Empathy
January	Perseverance
February	Honesty
March	Cooperation
April	Courage
May	Creativity

At the end of the school year, one student from each classroom is recognized as demonstrating life skills every day all year long. The student will receive the Principal's Award presented at the year-end assembly the last week of school.

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)

Panthers ARE Responsible, Respectful, and Safe!

The Palmcroft School continues to use PBIS each school year. Establishing expectations for Positive Behavior are a major foundation of PBIS. The Palmcroft School has adopted 3 major expectations for students to remember at all times during the school day. Those expectations are: Being Responsible, Being Respectful, and Being Safe. While these are major expectations, exact behaviors expected in the classroom, playground, restroom, cafeteria, and breezeway will be more defined and shared with students on a regular basis. Teachers will discuss daily PBIS expectations. Signs and banners are placed around the campus to serve as reminders for students of the expectations and specific behaviors. We will continue to recognize students for demonstrating positive behavior. Recognition will come in various forms such as verbal praise, tickets to earn rewards, opportunities to help peers or younger students. The recognition may occur in the classroom; at an assembly, or during monthly lunch recognition.

A class of the month is recognized for Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5. The classes that best demonstrate the month's character trait expectations outside of the regular classroom, which includes, but not limited to the cafeteria, the playground, the library, breezeway, and in all Special Area Classes.

Staff for the 2023-24 School Year

Kindergarten Staff

Laura Gauna
Melissa Haile
Brandie Luna
Jessica Warhurst

First Grade Staff

Katie Escamilla
Yolanda McCaughey
Melissa Reese

2nd Grade

Shannon Graham
Jennifer Hartley
Thomas Hefner

3rd Grade

Monica Hughes-Gill
Hannah Martinez
Kathy McGinnis

4th Grade

Guadalupe Arredondo
Nellie Guerrero
Karen Perez

5th Grade

Patrick Minnick
Luz Wiley
Cheryl Wright

Special Area Staff

Christian Norwood, Counselor
Andrea Sinks, Art
Katie Lasch, Reading Interventionist
Amy Thompson, Psychologist
Leta Ferrell, ESS
Veronica Brooks, ESS

Margo Morrison, PE
Clara Navarro, Music
Christina Miranda, ESS (Tue. & Thurs)

Kim Isely, ESS
Sara Unruh, Speech Language Pathologist

Office, Administration, Discovery Club, Health Office

Carolina Martinez, Office Clerk
Jennette Arviso, Principal
Nikki Griffin, Home Liaison

Tammy Babb, Office Secretary
Mary Stewart, Health Assistant
Tylee Magana, Right at School Manager

Para Professionals

Tiffany Comstock, Library
Alexis Ortega, ELG
Ahalam Hussein, ELG
Kathy Bertussi, ESS
Katelynn Stewart, ESS
Isabel Anderson, ESS
Jasmin Mariscal, ESS
Maria Kelly, ESS

Ashley Diaz, ESS
Tyler Balsley, ESS
Daisy Renteria, ELG
Natalie Coronado, ESS

Arilyn Valencia, ESS
Arlin Nunez, ESS

Cafeteria, Custodial, Crossing Guards

Aide Perez, Cafeteria Manager
Lupita Angulo, Baker
Maria(Ester) Lopez, Cafeteria
Eddie Sandoval, Custodian
Ivone Cade, Custodian
Adriana Osuna, Crossing Guard
Alma Figueroa, Crossing Guard

Nellie Nunez, Cafeteria
Patricia Anaya, Cafeteria
Ana Aldrete Rocha, Custodian
Jeff Wise, Crossing Guard
Lizette Moon, Crossing Guard

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The following Palmcroft uniform policy has been created in connection with Yuma School District One's dress code policy.

1. **Uniform top is a polo shirt in approved colors only (white, royal blue, yellow) and Palmcroft spirit shirt. Shirts may not be altered (No cutting, tying, fringes anywhere)**
2. **Uniform bottoms are pants, short, skirt, jumper, or capris in approved colors only (black, khaki, blue denim-jean). No prints on any bottoms.**
3. **Any type of winter coat, jacket, or sweater is approved.**
4. **Distracting body art, jewelry, hairstyles, bandanas are not permitted. Artificial nails and make-up are not permitted.**
5. **Bottoms must not be shorter than fingertips and must stay on the waistline without the use of a belt. Tears/cuts in pants must be below fingertips.**
6. **Under garments must be covered at all times.**
7. **No flip-flops. Sandals must have a back strap.**
8. **Logos* and pictures are not permitted on clothing.**
9. **School approved logo is accepted (panther w/ P)**

* Any designer logo or symbol appearing on polo (other than the approved Panther w/P) must be smaller than 2"x2". The school logo is located on the front cover of this handbook. Friday is Palmcroft Spirit Day! Students may wear the Palmcroft Spirit shirts any day of the week and are highly *encouraged* to wear their Palmcroft spirit shirt on Friday. PTO sells Spirit Shirts at the school for \$10(cotton), \$15(dry-max).

If a student is in violation of the uniform policy and dress code, the teacher will speak privately to that student and contact the parents with a note and/or phone call to find an immediate remedy for the violation. If a remedy cannot be found, the student will wear a shirt and or pants (if available) from the office. If violations continue to occur, the principal will be contacted and appropriate action taken.

This is the policy that will be followed for the 2023-24 school year.

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Please sign and return this section indicating that you have received and read the Palmcroft Uniform Policy and Dress Code.

(Date)

(Room)

(Parent's Signature)

(Student Signature)

(Teacher's Signature)

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to another exciting school year! As part of our school program your child will have the opportunity to spend time in the library at **Palmcroft**. They will be reading and checking out books **EVERY WEEK**. Books will be checked out to students for up to two weeks at a time (not including weekends and holiday breaks).

Please help your child handle their book carefully. Put books safely in your child's backpack so they can be easily found and returned to the library. When returning library books, be sure they are returned in the same condition as they were checked out so they may be enjoyed by other students.

When a student does not return a library book on its due date, then no more books will be checked out to the student until the overdue books are returned, renewed, or paid for if the book is lost. If a book is damaged beyond repair or lost, it must be paid for in full. However, they will be able to enjoy books in the library during their library time until they return their book.

We want the library to be a positive part of your child's education. We hope this will be a great school year for your child, and that the enjoyment of reading and learning in the library will be part of it. If you have any questions please contact your child's paralibrarian or the district librarian, Amanda Coltman at acoltman@yuma.org.

Please sign and return this slip as soon as possible.

I give permission for my child to bring home a library book; I understand that if the books are lost or damaged we will pay for the books to be replaced.

Student's Name

Teacher

Parent's Signature

Date

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**PALMCROFT SCHOOL
SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT**

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF:
SCHOOL:**

- To provide an environment conducive to learning.
- To be open and accepting of our community in order to promote a sense of mutual respect and responsibility for all children.
- To teach children to be responsible adults through academic study, physical activity, emotional security, social awareness, and moral responsibility.
- Communication between school and parent will be continuous throughout the year through the use of teacher reports to parents via class DOJO, the Palmcroft Press: school activities held in the evening and during the day such as open house, Title 1 Meetings, parent-teacher conferences, PTO monthly meetings social media, Blackboard, ParentVue, and quarterly presentations to all members of the Palmcroft Community.

PARENTS:

- Support their child's education by talking daily with their child about their day at school by checking their agenda/binder and maintaining regular communication with the school and teacher. Attendance is imperative; please call if absent and be to school on time.
- Provide the school with accurate information concerning the child's health care, social, behavioral and emotional needs, as well as current address and contact numbers.
- Please remember Palmcroft has a uniform policy in place. If assistance is needed please contact the school.

STUDENTS:

- Respect the rights of all persons involved in the educational process and to exercise the highest degree of self-discipline in observing and adhering to school rules and regulations.
- Take maximum advantage of the educational opportunities available and seek to achieve a meaningful education.
- Complete all course assignments to the best of their ability using the agenda and to complete make-up work after an absence.
- Follow all school uniform rules.

Parents may contact the Arizona Parent Education Resource Center (APERX) for training, education, and support to parents and those who work with parents, school districts, and schools. Address and information for contact:

Arizona Parent Education Resource Center

661 E. Galveston Street

Chandler, AZ 85225

Phone: 480- 812-6580

Web site: <http://aperc.asu.edu>

Parent Involvement Policy

The parents of children at the Palmcroft School believe they are involved in their children's education.

- In an annual survey parents report they believe teachers and staff at Palmcroft provide specific information on how to help their children.
- Many parents and community members serve as volunteers at Palmcroft. This includes participation in the PTO and the Site/AVID team.
- Parents can be your child's CLASSROOM ACE. Ask your child's teacher how you can become the ACE!!
- Parents attend and participate in the Annual Title I Meeting held each September.
- Parents would like to see continued attempts to communicate with family members.
- Parents wish to have access to the school library and media center.
- Parents have an opportunity to participate in PTO Meetings, Parent-Teacher Conferences and Family Activity Nights to interact with administration and staff and discuss school topics.
- Staff members will provide translation at evening meetings and parent-teacher conferences as needed.
- Palmcroft works closely with the District One Migrant Department and with the MCAS School Liaison to seek additional support for parents and children in additional programs that may benefit the family or child.
- Parents should attend open house and grade level orientation meetings at the beginning of the school year. By encouraging open communication among parents and community through the use of an open house, grade level orientations and teacher-to-parent dialogue objectives will be addressed toward student achievement for the benefit of planning and implementing these objectives commencing the first two weeks of school and twice a year.
- Parents receive the Palmcroft Press that highlights current activities, goals, achievements and school policy.
- The Parent Compact will be included in the parent-student handbook for all parents to review and sign. Teachers, parents and community members will conduct recommendations, suggestions, and review, on an annual basis.
- Parents may access school information and announcements through the school website, www.palmcroft.yuma.org, class DOJO, social media, and Blackboard.

Highlighted information from throughout the Handbook - please initial each statement below:

_____ School will start at 8:45 am every morning and release at 2:15pm on Mondays and 3:45 pm on Tuesday thru Friday. Please ensure your child is at school on time and picked up on time.

_____ Please get your child to school on time. Even a few minutes late means your child will miss valuable instruction.

_____ Students must be picked up at 3:45 or arrangements must be made by the parent/guardian. Office closes at 4PM.

_____ Office needs at least 45 minutes to change any end of the day dismissal plans, especially if they are a bus rider.

_____ Patterns of absences/tardies will also be addressed through phone calls or letters to parents/guardians. Continued problems will result in a JUVENILE REFERRAL.

_____ Check in with your teacher regularly through ClassDojo. The school should be able to reach the child's parents quickly. Please be sure you keep phone numbers/email addresses and physical addresses updated(even if it is temporary).

_____ Keep emergency contact numbers current.

_____ Comply with the school's requests. This includes reading carefully all communications and signing and returning them as requested.

_____ All charges(ie. lost library books, damaged/lost iPad or chargers) must be paid or payment agreement completed before attending field trips/special school activities.

Please read the rules and regulations that are printed in the Palmcroft Student Handbook and review them with your child. It is important that this form is signed and returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible. This confirms that you and your child have read and understand the rules and regulations of Palmcroft School.

_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Student	_____ Date
_____ Teacher	_____ Room Number

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PALMCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Contact Us

Palmcroft Elementary School Address:

901 Palmcroft Drive

Yuma, Arizona 85364

Phone: 928-502-8000

Fax: 928-502-8048

Website: www.Palmcroft.yuma.org

Jennette Arviso, Principal (jarviso1@yuma.org)

Hours

Office hours: 8:15 AM – 4:00 PM.

Report an absence

Call 928-502-8000 or send in a written note the next day

School Schedule

8:20 AM Gates open - Breakfast Served

8:45 AM Classes begin Monday through Friday

3:45 PM Dismissal Time on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

2:15 PM Dismissal Time on Mondays – early release day for staff development

Cafeteria Hours and Operations

School lunches(students) are \$1.50 and breakfast is free for our students.

Breakfast for all students 8:20 AM – 8:45 AM

Lunch Schedule:

Kinder/1st Grade Lunch 11:30 -11:50 PM

2nd/3rd Grade Lunch 12:00 - 12:20 PM

4th/5th Grade Lunch 12:30 -12:50 PM

Students are currently Free for breakfast and lunch. We might be requesting all families to complete a new lunch application for this school year.

Adult meals are \$4.00 for Lunch and \$2.50 for Breakfast. Extra Milk is \$.25.

Bus Students

Transportation Office Phone: 928-502-8840

Yuma School District One - 928-502-4300

James Sheldahl, Superintendent

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**Yuma School
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Student Calendar 2023 – 2024

450 W. Sixth Street
Yuma, Arizona 85364-2973
Phone: 928.502.4300 Fax: 928.502.4442

July 17, 2023	Middle School Offices Open
July 24, 2023	Elementary School Offices Open
August 7, 2023	First Day of School
September 4, 2023	Labor Day
October 6, 2023 - October 9, 2023	Fall Break/Columbus Day
November 10, 2023	Veteran's Day
November 20-24, 2023	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
December 18, 2023 – January 5, 2024	Winter Break
January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King Day
February 16, 2024	Non School Day for Students
February 19, 2024	President's Day
March 29, 2024	Good Friday
April 1, 2024-April 5, 2024	Spring Break
May 27, 2024	Memorial Day
May 30, 2024	Last Day of School
June 6, 2024	Elementary School Offices Close
June 13, 2024	Middle School Offices Close

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Daily School Schedule

**School Schedule: (Elem) Tuesday - Friday 8:50am-3:45pm. (MS) 8:40am-3:44pm
Early Out Monday's (Elem) 8:50-2:15pm, (MS)- 8:40-am-2:14pm**

Price School: Monday - Friday: 8am - 3 :00pm - Early Out Monday's 8am-1pm

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