

Payson Community Kids

quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2023

For the Rim Country area, in addition to childcare being very expensive, there is a significant lack of childcare options available, and the four-day school-week leaves many many families in need of additional childcare.

As a way to help alleviate the strain on families in the Rim Country area, PCK is open for a limited number of children, on Fridays, for our Funday experiences.

Homework is a MUST many of the families in attendance do not have the means to enforce homework at home, PCK makes mandatory space for this, as well as working to ensure that children are improving their reading skills and comprehension with strong impact from Rim Country Literacy.

New Year, New Adventures

In the beginning of 2023 we officially formed the Northern Gila County Youth Advisory Council! The council is presently comprised of 9 middle-school kids and the goal of the council is to facilitate leadership skills amongst the kids. They are learning to identify social issues, and collaborating to find and implement solutions.



Days at PCK

On school days kids are directed to focus on homework from school or improve their reading skills. They also have the option of craft times, Bible Stories and enjoying outside play-time, where they learn appropriate interactions with others

Wednesdays find many of the children learning and working in STEM with John from the University of Arizona in their cooperative 4-H Program.

We had the opportunity during one of our Friday Funday's, to take the kids to Green Valley Park for some fun Sledding and snow-time.



Friday Funday Program

Where opportunity knocks and we answer! Some new adventures taking place at PCK in 2023!

We have had the opportunity to take children to Rosati's for "Pizza Maker Certification training!"

We Celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Day (Feb 17th) and adjusted as many snow days/remote learning days were called on account of the weather.



We are looking for more businesses willing to host "camps" that offer behind-the-scenes experiences for our Friday "Funday" crew. please reach out to Kat at: pckprograms@gmail.com

House Competition:

As part of our PCK program, we implemented a House Competition early in the school year. The children were all sorted into 4 teams or "Houses." Each House places emphasis on certain character traits to encourage the children to demonstrate these particular traits. Overall students will receive and lose points for the same activities, and if they are caught demonstrating the traits of their particular House, they will earn bonus points.

Loosing Points:

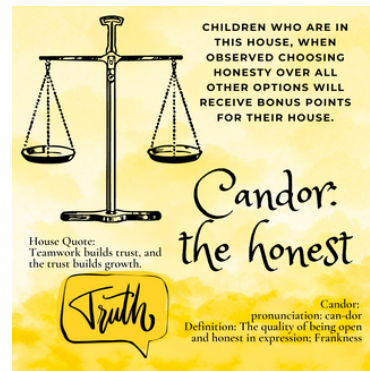
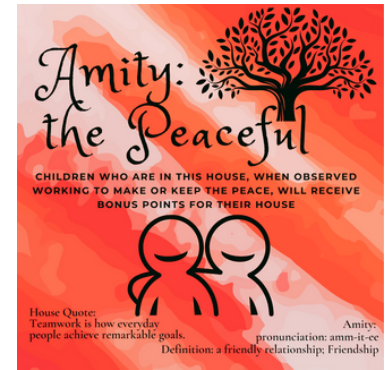
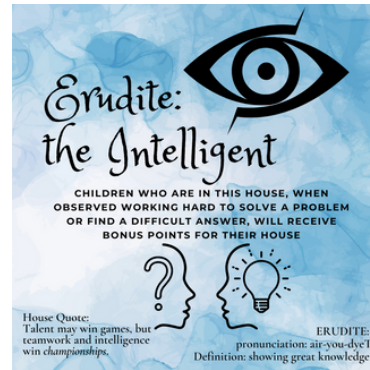
- Not wearing their Name Tag.
- Failing to Sign in/out
- Demonstrating disrespect to others
- Failing to clean up after themselves
- Playing in unauthorized areas
- If anyone in the House gets a suspension, the House will lose points

Gaining Points:

- Demonstrating Respect to others.
- Using their Manners (pleases and thank you's)
- Speaking in soft voices indoors, esp. dining area
- Improving grades
- Doing Homework for 20 minutes
- Demonstrating Characteristics specific to your house.

The competitions run throughout each Quarter. At the end of the quarter, the winning House receives a special party, celebrating their achievements!

*Our volunteers are instrumental in making this possible, we couldn't do this without you!



To address the rising concerns from parents, because of Active Threat Situations in other areas of the country, PCK is grateful for the added support for security and safety from Bud and Damon of the Payson Honor Guard, as well as Mr Flowers and Mr. Ferris. Additionally, PCK greatly appreciated Officer Rush taking the time to bring our staff through Active Threat Situation training in February.

We have been so excited and appreciative to be able to be a safe location for children to have a meal before heading home for the day. However, anyone in the cafeteria during mealtimes can attest to the incredible volumes the children can reach. The acoustics, are simply, not ideal for the quantity of children. Our profound and deepest gratitude to the Soroptimist Of Zane Grey Country for donating and hanging sound-reducing colorful frames in our cafeteria!



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"We can donate time, or we can donate money, all of us can usually do one, some of us can even do both."
—unknown

We are so grateful to be able to continue receiving support from, and programming provided by The ASU Cooperative Extension 4-H Stem Program, The AZYP, Rim Country Literacy, and now the Northern Arizona Youth Advisory Council.

Gila County
YOUTH
Advisory Councils

AZYP
Arizona Youth Partnership

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4-H STEM
Cooperative Extension

Summer is Coming!

We are eagerly preparing for our Summer Programs and have exciting plans coming up for our Fun Fridays and for our Summer Program!

Our major need for PCK for our Summer Program is **cases of Bottled Water**

Additional items we would be very very grateful to have ASAP for current plans and for our summer program:

- Kool-Aid
- Popsicles/Otter-Pops
- Bird Food/Seed
- Sugar
- Humming Bird Feeder
- 5 Trowels for Gardening
- Yard Games
- Water Balloons
- Hungry Hungry Hippos (Yard Game)

Please check our Amazon Registry throughout the year for our current needs! To find our registry:

Amazon.com -> Registry -> Find a Registry or Gift List -> (type in) PCK Gift List -> (drop-down) PCK Needs Registry

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Dinner!

Every day at PCK, meals are made possible for the kids by individuals, restaurants and organizations in the community, through grants, and also through private donations. For many PCK children, they would go hungry without this program.

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| • Kendra's Country Bakery | • Mazatzal hotel & Casino |
| • Payson Senior Center | • Debra Ball & Kara Rossini |
| • Aliberto's | • Pizza Factory of Payson |
| • St. Pauls Episcopal Church | • Soroptimist of Zane Grey Country |
| • United Methodist Church | • Rosati's of Payson |
| • Corinne Morgan | • Expedition Church |
| • Mount Cross Lutheran church | • Kiwanis Club of Zane Grey Country |
| • Sheryl Walker | |
| • The Oxbow | |
| • Karla Townsend | |
| • Susan Labonte | |
| • Delicious! Cafe | |

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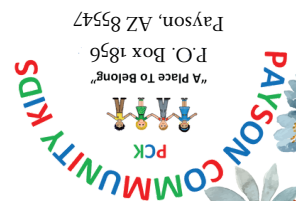


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You can fold it up, envelope-style by following the folding instructions on the other side of this page, make sure to seal the ends (you can use tape, glue, or even staple the ends closed!). You may then enclose your check, payable to Payson Community Kids, to make a tax creditable donation to PCK! PCK is a Qualified Charitable Organization and payments received by April 18th, 2023 are creditable towards your 2022 Arizona State taxes!

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We are currently in need of outdoor/yard games, like hula hoops, and jump-ropes, as well as a lockable outdoor storage cabinet for these games.

We are beginning to prepare for our summer program as well, which brings other consumable expenses. The cost of operating programs like PCK is significant, and every little bit helps.

Donate through PayPal by scanning the code with your smartphone

