

Public Academy for Performing Arts

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Dear PAPA Community:

I'd like to start with a huge "Thank You!" to the students who helped with our Open House last night! The students led tours, performed, provided assistance, and answered lots of questions from prospective students and their parents. It was evident to everyone that our students are knowledgeable and proud of PAPA. Thanks also to Carol Torrez and Valerie Scott of the PTSO who helped with snacks and were available to share information. We had a wonderful turnout and look forward to completing the lottery process and working with the newest members of the PAPA community!

Included with this letter is a copy of the School Grading Report PAPA received for the 2010-2011 school year. PAPA was among 191 schools out of 831 that received a "B" rating. 73 schools earned an A. 89 earned an F. There were 266 C's and 208 D's. The report was based on the 11th grade data only. Though we are please with the grade, we definitely have room for improvement toward an "A" rating. The report will be discussed further at the next PTSO meeting on February 13th at 5:30p.m. in the art room. Please plan to attend if you would like further information and/or have any questions. Please note - We recently learned that the state is requiring us to administer the NM Standards-Based Assessment to the 10th grade this year. The scores will be used to measure growth for future school grading reports. Therefore, during the testing window the week of March 26, 2012, only the 9th and 12th grades will not test.

Believe it or not, it is already time to think about registration for next year! It is very important that you return the pink form that was sent home with report cards, so we know if your child plans to return to PAPA next year. We use this information to estimate openings for new students. As part of the registration process this year, we surveyed students about the overall effectiveness of current classes, the school climate, and parent involvement. This provides us with useful, student perspectives to use in future planning. If you would like to make school improvement suggestions for next year, please don't hesitate to e-mail the administration by the end of January. All suggestions will be presented to the School Advisory Council and staff for consideration.

PAPApalooza is right around the corner! We encourage all students to sign up this week and audition next week for this fun variety show! PAPApalooza will be at the Wool Warehouse on February 15, 2012 at 7:00p.m.

Thank you for your continued support of PAPA!

Sincerely,

Doreen A. Winn

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