



## Le Pera Elementary School

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"Home of the Rebels"

### Parent Notification Letter

Sept. 5, 2014

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

Based on Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) scores and other academic achievement and growth indicators, Le Pera has received a state accountability grade of "D" and/or a federal accountability designation of "Focus."

#### ***State Accountability***

The A-F Letter Grade is designed to hold schools accountable in a fair and systematic fashion. Each school is equally evaluated both on AIMS performance and how much students grow academically from one year to the next. Other factors such as AIMS improvement, dropout rate, graduation rate and English language learner proficiency rates are taken into consideration, when applicable.

"D" schools demonstrate a below average level of performance. For example, "D" schools earn fewer points than a school that has 50 percent of students passing AIMS and has typically lower academic growth than most schools.

"F" schools are those that receive a "D" letter grade for three consecutive years. The Arizona Department of Education monitors the school for three years following the "F" letter grade and requires that "F" schools participate in a school improvement program.

#### ***Federal Accountability***

A *Priority School* designation under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is based on student performance data that placed our school among the five percent of lowest performing schools in the state.

A *Focus School* designation under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is based on student performance data that placed our school among the ten percent of schools making the largest contribution to the state's achievement gap.

Being named a Priority, Focus, "D" or "F" School allows our school to receive more resources and support to improve student achievement.

#### ***School Choice***

Le Pera Elementary School and Parker Unified School District are committed to ensuring that all children achieve proficiency, but, because Le Pera currently receives federal Title I funds, you have the option to transfer your student to another school in our district that is not identified as either Focus or Priority.

If you so choose, Parker Unified School District will provide your student bus transportation from Le Pera Elementary School to the following choice of schools:

Blake Elementary School  
Wallace Elementary School  
Wallace Junior High School

Transfer forms are available at Le Pera Elementary School as well as the district office. Please contact Assistant Superintendent Brad Sale at (928) 669-9244 ext. 1400 should you need assistance in selecting a school.

Please note that families who previously used Public School Choice Transportation but are no longer eligible for transportation because their home school is not identified as Priority or Focus may choose to remain at the Choice school, however, no transportation will be provided by the district.

### ***School Improvement Plan***

Before you decide to transfer your student, please consider the following efforts that we are making to improve the academic success of our students:

- Increasing learning time for students
- Implementing a reteach and enrichment block of time each school day.
- Collecting and analyzing formative assessment data on a weekly basis.
- System to identify and recognize positive behavior.

Parker Unified School District also provides the following in support of improved student achievement:

- Partnering with Beyond Textbooks in order to fully implement AZ College & Career Ready Standards.
- Instructional coach at Le Pera at least 20 hours per week.
- Continues staff development.

We encourage all parents/ guardians to get involved in our efforts to address our academic challenges. Parents/guardians can become involved by participating in the development of the Continuous Improvement Plan. Please contact Principal Brian Wedemeyer at (928) 662-4306 if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on our school improvement efforts.

Educationally yours,

Brian Wedemeyer  
Principal