A.4 School Calendar and Weekly Schedule

PV Montessori School

2013-2014 School Year

Aug. 1 & 2	Teacher professional days
Aug. 5	First Day of School
Aug. 13	PTO Meeting
Sep. 2	Labor Day Holiday - No School
Sep. 11	PTO Meeting
Sep. 24	Curriculum Night
Oct. 7	Picture Day
Oct. 14 - 18	Fall Break - No School
Oct. 22	PTO Meeting
Oct. 24	International Day Celebration
Nov. 4 - 8	Parent Observations
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Holiday - No School
Nov. 12 - 15	Parent - Teacher Conferences
Nov. 21	PTO Meeting
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Celebration
Nov. 27 - 29	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
Dec. 20	Winter Celebration
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3	Winter Break - No School
Jan. 8	PTO Meeting
Jan. 20	MLK Day Holiday - No School
Jan. 23	Curriculum Night
Feb. 3	PTO Meeting
Feb. 17	Presidents Day Holiday - No School
Mar. 6	PTO Meeting
Mar. 14	Spring Fling Celebration
Mar. 17 - 21	Spring Break - No School
Apr. 8	PTO Meeting
Apr. 17	Easter Egg Hunt
Apr. 18	Good Friday Holiday - No School

Aug-13

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Apr. 28 - May 2	Parent Observations
May 5 - 9	Parent- Teacher Conferences
May. 21	PTO Meeting
May. 26	Memorial Day Holiday - No School
Jun. 9	PTO Meeting
Jun. 13	Summer Sizzler
Jun. 20	Kindergarten Graduation
Jun. 27	Last Day of School
Jun 30 - Aug 1	Summer Break - No School
Jul. 30 - Aug 1	Teacher professional days
Purple	Teacher professional days
Orange	PTO Meetings
Green	Holidays and Breaks - No School
Grey	Important Days for Parents
Blue	Celebrations - Families are Invited

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P.V. Montessori School will provide 206 days of instruction for all grade levels served (K-3). The first day of school in Year 1 (SY 2013-2014) will be August 5, 2013; the last day of school will be June 27, 2014. The proposed school calendar complies with A.R.S. §15-341.01, which requires (1) at least 180 days each school year, (2) All session days to fall within July 1- June 30 timeframe and (3) The calendar observes the four defined holidays (A.R.S. § 15-801(B)): July 4, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day & December 25.

Annual Instruction Time by Month, Grades Kindergarten - 8		
Month and Year	**Number of Regular Days**	**Total number of Instructional Days**
Aug-12	20	20
Sep-12	19	19
Oct-12	18	18
Nov-12	18	18
Dec-12	18	18
Jan-13	15	15
Feb-13	18	18
Mar-13	19	19
Apr-13	22	22
May-13	22	22
Jun-13	20	20
Total days	**206**	**206**
Total Instructional Hours	**1,133 Hours**	**1,133 Hours**

P.V. Montessori's calendar meets and exceeds the minimum instructional time requirements as defined in A.R.S. § 15-901 summarized below:

Grade	**State Required Minutes/Week**	**State Required Hours/Year**	**P.V. Montessori Hours/Year**
Kindergarten	N/A	356	1,133
1 – 3	N/A	712	1,133

The school day at P.V. Montessori starts at 8:10 am through 3:00pm.

	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Attendance	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10
Core Academics*	8:15 - 11:15	8:15 - 11:15	8:15 - 11:15	8:15 - 11:15	8:15 - 11:15
Lunch & Recess	11:30 - 12:30	11:30 - 12:30	11:30 - 12:30	11:30 - 12:30	11:30 - 12:30
Core Academics*	12:30 - 2:30	12:30 - 2:30	12:30 - 2:30	12:30 - 2:30	12:30 - 2:30
Special classes	Art 2:30 - 3:00	Spanish 2:30 - 3:00	Music 2:30 - 3:00	Spanish 2:30 - 3:00	Yoga 2:30 - 3:00
Total Daily Academic Time	**5.5 hours**	**5.5 hours**	**5.5 hours**	**5.5 hours**	**5.5 hours**

* Number of minutes of instruction in the narrative is not listed by content area, it is not taught by set segments in area. Core academics in Montessori are not taught as separate classes. Students work in set periods of time, and work in varying amounts of time in each

core subject. It is the teacher's role to keep track of student's progress in core subjects so that the student masters the core standards over the course of semester. Except for the special classes, the core academics (reading, writing, math, science and social studies) are taught during the designated times. Five hours each day are designated to core academics.

Weekly instructional Time, Kindergarten - 3rd Grade, 1650 minutes (27 hrs, 30 min)

Rationale for the weekly schedule

The weekly schedule supports the target population as it provides for extended learning time for core academics for increased academic achievement of all students.

The weekly schedule is designed to support a true Montessori program of instruction offered at P.V. Montessori School. The Montessori Method encourages fluid movement through the subject areas by each child individually and does not assign specific blocks of time throughout the day for specific core academics. Subjects are interwoven and are not isolated from each other - at any one time in a day all subjects—math, language, science, history, geography, art, music, etc.—are being studied, at all levels. The Montessori teachers have the important task to guide and record each student's work daily.

Professional development days

Professional development days as scheduled and presented in the School Calendar are aligned to the Professional Development Strategy of the Performance Management Plan.

- Teachers and aides will arrive two days prior to the opening of school for professional development, training, and room readiness.
- Teachers will stay two days after students leave in June to reflect and strategize ways to improve the classroom for next year.
- Each Wednesday, when school is in session, the teachers will stay an extra hour to allow time for teacher preparation, administrative meetings, and/or individual teacher parent meetings according to the needs of the students and the performance management plan.
- In addition, the Montessori trained and Montessori certified teachers at P.V. Montessori School are personally responsible for maintaining their continuing education hours through the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) and/or NAMTA.