



Welcome from Principal James Verrill

Welcome to our school website. Kyrene de la Sierra Elementary School is located in the Ahwatukee Foothills, Phoenix, Arizona. The Foothills is a community filled with supportive and caring families and community members committed to supporting education.

Our school was constructed in 1991 and named Kyrene de la Sierra or “Kyrene of the Mountains,” for its beautiful location and views at the base of South Mountain. Sierra, as many folks refer to us, serves students in K-5 with an average enrollment of 650 students. We have an extremely talented and dedicated teaching staff and the support of generous community.

While at Sierra, our students receive a challenging education in an environment which recognizes the individual differences and needs of each child. Our administration, teachers, instructional assistants, specialists and support staff work to forge strong partnerships with our families.

Music, art, physical education and technology are considered to be part of the essential core learning experiences. The music program provides a rich mixture of choral and instrumental opportunities. The art program provides strong experiences in the visual arts and student art is proudly displayed throughout our school. Students grow mentally and physically through participation in the physical education program. Our students use the Internet and related technologies to learn about their world. Our entire school is infused with technology, with every classroom equipped with seven computers and two labs for whole group instruction. The Sierra library is a center for inspiration, exploration and creation with over thousands of titles and extensive resources.

Beyond the classroom and standard programs, our students have many other opportunities to enhance their learning and growth. They participate in: student council, whole school assemblies, music performances, urban survival education, tech helpers, social education, drug prevention, and field trips, to only name a few. Our school works closely with the Kyrene enrichment programs, YMCA and Phoenix Parks and Recreation throughout the year to provide a wide variety of childcare, sports and educational enrichment programs during the summer and after school.

The extensive support of the PTO and the volunteer force help to make Kyrene de la Sierra a truly wonderful place to work and learn.

Please feel free to contact me at jverrill@kyrene.org if you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour. We certainly hope you choose Sierra for your child's education.