



Kyrene de los Cerritos - Leadership Academy  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**Upcoming Events:**

- December 6-10 - Spirit Week
- December 7 - Lunch on the Lawn
- December 8 - School Spelling Bee
- December 14 - Gift of Time
- December 17 - January 2 - Winter Break

**Spirit Week**

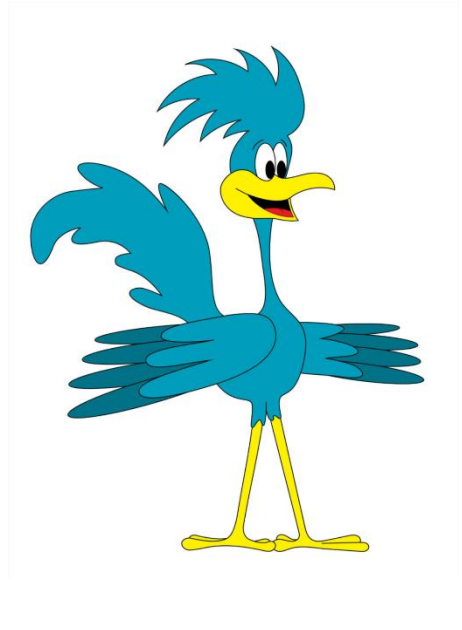
Spirit week is next week, December 6 - 10. Monday will be PJ day, no slippers please. Tuesday will be character day. Wednesday will be hat day. Thursday will be twin day. Friday will be school spirit day.



**Hat Day**



# Twin Day



## Lunch on the Lawn

The first lunch on the lawn for this year will be on Tuesday, December 7. Lunch on the lawn is a great time to come and have lunch with your student outside in the courtyard. Please see the chart with grade and lunch time.

If you can volunteer to help with visitor check-ins, please click on the [Lunch on the Lawn SUG](#).

Kindergarten	10:15 - 10:35
2nd grade	10:35- 10:55
1st Grade	10:55 - 11:15
3rd grade	11:15 - 11:35
4th Grade	11:35 - 11:55
5th grade	11:55 - 12:15

## Tax Credit

This giving season, please consider making a tax credit donation to a Kyrene school. Arizona tax payers can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit when they contribute to extracurricular activities in public schools. Tax credit donations help students attend activities like athletics; art and music programs; character education; and field trips...anything that requires enrolled students to pay a fee to participate. When you make a tax credit donation, you can reduce the amount of taxes you owe to the State of Arizona. The amount you contribute (up to \$200 for single taxpayers or \$400 for married couples filing jointly) will be the amount you may claim as a state tax credit. Begin the donation process by visiting the Kyrene tax credit donation [webpage](#).



## Turkey Trot Slideshow

Please enjoy the [Turkey Trot Slideshow](#). Thank you all for coming. We are grateful for our fabulous Cerritos family.

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## More than a Meal

Did you know that families who fill out Kyrene's free and reduced meal application can qualify for a whole lot more than a free lunch? Eligible families can also receive discounts on everything from athletic programs to home internet service. Your application may also help our school secure federal funding for critical learning supports, such as math and literacy coaches, instructional assistants, and kindergarten prep programs. If you have not already applied for free or reduced meals this school year, please [apply online](#) by **December 31**. The application takes just minutes, and it could make a world of difference for you, your children, and our entire school.

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## Free Vaccine Event

Kyrene School District is partnering with Albertsons/Safeway to hold a free COVID-19 Vaccine Event for ages 5+ on December 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will be held on the Kyrene de las Manitas campus at 1201 W. Courtney Ln., Tempe AZ 85284. For more information or to schedule your appointment online, visit [kyrene.org/vaccineevent](https://kyrene.org/vaccineevent).

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## Cerritos Showcase Night

Kyrene School District has been providing excellence in education for more than 130 years. Our schools are known for high academic achievement, experienced educators and a strong community. Attend our upcoming Showcase Nights to learn more about Kyrene's curriculum and choice opportunities. Any families interested in enrolling their child for the 2022-23 school year are welcome to attend any of Showcase Nights listed below. Come and explore Cerritos on February 1, 2022.

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## Leaders of the Month

We want to celebrate our leaders of the month for November and December. Way to go roadrunners for showing your cares and showing exemplary leadership.

November leaders are Gavin M., Alayna K., Malaina E., Kate D., Miss Snow, Victoria G., Austin B., Brooklyn L., Mrs. Skousen, and Logan H.

December leaders are Grayson T., Isabella R., Lucas R., Luke S., Lukas A., and Mr. Baumann.



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## Opportunity to Join the Cerritos Team



We are looking to fill an open position at Cerritos. Join our team and enjoy time working with our amazing students and our energetic staff. We are looking to fill the following position:

**Lunch Duty** (10 hours per week) Supervise students during lunch in the cafeteria and outside during lunch recess.

[Lunch Duty](#)

## Be a Guest Teacher



Substitutes are an important part of the Kyrene team. If you are available, even just two or three days a week, you can make a difference for our students by becoming a substitute. The process is easy, just visit [ESS.com/Kyrene](https://ESS.com/Kyrene). Substitutes are one of the many keys to Kyrene's success!



### Health Services is here to help!

If your child has a health condition, please notify our Health Office at Cerritos. Ms. Sickman can be reached at 480-541-2220 or emailed at [wsickman@kyrene.org](mailto:wsickman@kyrene.org).

If you need to call your student out, the attendance line is 480-541-2201.

If your student has a known exposure and are testing, please keep your student home until you can provide a test result.

If you are experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19, you must meet the three criteria to return to school/work.

If you test positive for COVID-19, you must stay home from school/work for at least the full 10 days.

### COVID-19 CHECK

**FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS\***  
**SYMPTOMS IMPROVING**  
**NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST**

\*without the use of fever-reducing medication

You must meet ALL THREE of the above conditions or stay home from school/work for 10 days after the onset of symptoms.

COVID-19 Testing Locations: [www.kyrene.org/covidtesting](https://www.kyrene.org/covidtesting)  
 MORE INFO: [WWW.KYRENE.ORG/SAFESTRONG](https://WWW.KYRENE.ORG/SAFESTRONG)



The Honey Baked Ham fundraiser has begun and will run until December 10th! You will be able to pick-up your order December 16th in the Cerritos teacher parking lot. Here is the order link and code: <https://epp.honeybaked.com/2519>. Employer Code **EVRP7D**.

Can you offer your “Gift of Time” to our Cerritos Teachers and Staff? As a gift for our teachers and staff, we need parents to volunteer their time to come into the school and wrap our teachers/staff own family holiday gifts for them! Here is the link to sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4bada928a57-gift5>

If you do not have extra time to volunteer, we will be taking donations for Gift of Time. Donations of wrapping paper, gift boxes, gift bags, bows, tape, ribbon and gift tabs can be dropped off in the office.

Join us on Wednesday, January 5th, at 3pm via Zoom! All are welcome to join and learn about PTO upcoming events and activities! Use this zoom link to join: <https://zoom.us/j/2666062320>. Meeting ID: 266 606 2320

Please use the following QR code for the latest information about the PTO including links to special events and how to get involved! Just focus the camera of your smartphone on the QR code or you can also use this link <https://linktr.ee/CerritosPTO>  
Have a great weekend!



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## Our Mission

Leaders of today inspiring leaders of tomorrow.

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## Quicklinks

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## Contact Us

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A+ School of Excellence

**School Hours:** 7:25 am - 2:15 pm (M, Tu, Th, F)  
7:25 am - 12:15 pm (W)

**Office Hours:** 7:00 am - 3:30 (M, Tu, Th, F)  
7:00 am - 1:30 pm (W)

