



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

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### Upcoming Events:

- January 27 - District Spelling Bee
  - January 21 - PTO Cookie Gram Sale Starts
  - January 25 - Zzeeks Pizza
  - January 31 - Kid's Heart Challenge
  - February 1 - Showcase Night
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## Kids Health Challenge

On January 31, students will attend a virtual school assembly to kick off our annual Kids Heart Challenge Service Project. All donations will be made online this year, and will be due by February 21st. You can access directions for collecting online donations by clicking [here](#) or by visiting the [Cerritos homepage](#). Kids Heart Challenge is a national education and fundraising event sponsored by the American Heart Association to help kids learn the value of community service, help other children with special hearts, and learn how to develop heart-healthy habits while being physically active. This fundraising event is not to raise money for Cerritos, rather this is a community service project that encourages our students to use their leadership skills outside the community service project that encourages our students to use their leadership skills outside the walls of Cerritos. Mrs. Martin's dedication to this program has helped raise more than \$90,000 for the American Heart Association. Our goal this school year is to raise \$20,000! Thank you for supporting your child during this service project.

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## COX Outage

COX Business will be performing scheduled network maintenance on Friday, January 28. Cerritos may experience a network disruption. This could cause our phone and email to be done. All work is scheduled to be completed by 9 A.M.

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## Leadership at Home

We have included some strategies for practicing the [7 Habits](#) with your child at home. Along with these strategies, we are going to provide weekly 7 habits homework that can be done as a family. The weekly homework will be posted in the newsletter, on Facebook and Instagram. You can submit your assignment by commenting with a picture, a post, or video. Another way to submit the assignment is to email it to [Kelly Horner](#). Students will be entered into a weekly drawing to win some Cerritos swag. There will also be a monthly drawing for a family inspired gift card to celebrate using the 7 Habits at home.

# WEEK 2 OF 7 HABITS

## CHOOSE YOUR ASSIGNMENT

### **Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind**

Set a family goal for the week. Make a plan for achieving this short-term goal.



OR

### **Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw**

Go outside. Take a walk, visit a park, or play a game.

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## Opportunity to Join the Cerritos Team

Do you have a few days a week you can help at the school? Cerritos is looking for someone to help fill a lunch duty position 2-3 days per week. We are in need of a person to help from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We can also use help on Wednesdays if anyone is available. This would be a paid position and you would need to apply for the position, submit references and be fingerprinted, but we can help you with all of those steps. If you are interested in helping out and working with a great group of kids, please contact Mrs. Gingell at [agingell@kyrene.org](mailto:agingell@kyrene.org). We are hoping to fill these openings as soon as we come back from winter break.

- **2021-2022 Cerritos Yearbook Online Orders Are Now Open.** Yearbooks will only be available online. The price is \$25. You can purchase a yearbook at [Pictavo](#). The project number is 702127 or you can search by school name. The last day to purchase yearbooks will be **May 6, 2022**.
  - **Attention 5th Grade Parents.** 5th Grade Love Notes are available to purchase during the yearbook ordering process. 5th grade parents can buy this as an additional option for \$10. While ordering online, in addition to purchasing a yearbook, please click on “recognition ad” to purchase your “love note.” The deadline for 5th grade love notes is March 23, 2022, therefore 5th Grade Parents who wish to buy a “love note” will need to complete your online yearbook order by March 23, 2022. This date cannot be extended.
  - **Photos Wanted!** The Yearbook Committee needs photos of your student’s school experience. Great photos to send in would be students dressed up for Spirit Days, enjoying Family Dinner Nights, Turkey Trot, or Lunch on the Lawn. Please email to: [historian@cerritospto.org](mailto:historian@cerritospto.org) or upload directly at [buytheyearbook.com](http://buytheyearbook.com)
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## Running Club

Our running club is starting up again! Students will continue their progress from earlier. We are looking for volunteers to help monitor the students' progress. Also, we are looking for a volunteer or 2 to tally the laps and organize the feet to be distributed. Please use the [running club sign up genius](#) to volunteer. While we are happy at the enthusiasm to volunteer at school, please be respectful to all and allow the opportunity to all our parents.

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## Cookie Gram Sale

Send a sweet treat to a special someone (friends, students, teachers, staff) on February 14th! Cookie Grams are available for purchase. The deadline for ordering is February 1st. Information is available on the PTO website: <https://cerritospto.org/cookie-grams/> and on linktree: <https://linktr.ee/CerritosPTO>



## Cerritos Showcase Night

We welcome you to come and explore the Cerritos campus on February 1, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. 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. Please join us for our upcoming Showcase Night to learn more about what makes Cerritos so special. You will meet our principal, Mrs. Gingell, and our assistant principal, Mr. O'Donnell, tour our school and learn about Kyrene's curriculum. Any families interested in enrolling their child for the 2022-23 school year are welcome to attend. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to the main office at 480-541-2200 or you may email [Kelly Horner](mailto:Kelly.Horner@cerritospto.org).

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## Tax Credit

Families, make a tax credit contribution today! Inspiring, educational field trips. Programs that teach good citizenship, manners, and work ethic. Experiences that demonstrate future career possibilities. You can be a champion for education through tax credit contributions. A tax credit contribution will allow you to reduce the amount of taxes you owe the State. Arizona statute allows individuals/couples to claim up to \$200/\$400 for a dollar-to-dollar tax credit. Take charge and have a say in how your tax dollars are put to work. By making a tax credit contribution to Kyrene Schools, you are telling the State of Arizona how you want your money spent. Visit [Kyrene Tax Credit](#) to begin the donation process. If you would like to apply tax credit to your 2021 taxes, the deadline to contribute is April 15, 2022.



## 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](#). 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. The test result must be sent to Ms. Sickman at [wsickman@kyrene.org](mailto:wsickman@kyrene.org).

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](http://www.kyrene.org/covidtesting)  
MORE INFO: [WWW.KYRENE.ORG/SAFESTRONG](http://WWW.KYRENE.ORG/SAFESTRONG)



Our next Family Dinner Night will be on Tuesday, January 25th at Zzeeks Pizza & Wings from 10:30am-11pm. It is located at 4825 E Warner Rd. (480) 940-5555. 15% of sales will be donated to Cerritos PTO.

All of the Brick Fundraiser orders are in and we are currently working with the district office to schedule a time to get those installed.

Thank you for your patience regarding Spiritwear. This year we ran into a number of issues with the supply chain and we are very sorry that it has taken so long to fulfill orders. Most orders have been fulfilled and remaining should be fulfilled in the next few weeks. If anything in your order looks incorrect, please reach out and again thank you for your patience. Please send questions to [president@cerritospto.org](mailto:president@cerritospto.org) and to [vicepresident@cerritospto.org](mailto:vicepresident@cerritospto.org) so we can make sure your inquiry is taken care of.

We are in the planning stage for our Family Dance. The date is set for April 1st. If you would like to help coordinate the dance, please contact the PTO Vice President at [vicepresident@cerritospto.org](mailto:vicepresident@cerritospto.org).

Join us on Wednesday, February 2, 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>



## Our Mission

Leaders of today inspiring leaders of tomorrow.



## Quicklinks

- [School Website](#)
- [Cerritos PTO](#)
- [Lunch Menu](#)
- [Calendar](#)

## 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)

