



Kyrene de los Cerritos - Leadership Academy

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Dear Cerritos Families,

Happy New Year to you all! The start of a new year is always time for reflection and goal setting. Our students have been working on setting new goals for the new year and thinking about the action plan that is needed to implement their goals. 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.

As we move into second semester, we are looking forward to some fun events and activities for our Roadrunners. We will be introducing the "Who lives in our backyard?" STEM project in late January. We received a K-12 small project grant from Arizona Game and Fish to purchase two game cameras that will be installed on the back fence for us to track the animal life that is near our school and occasionally enters our campus. We will problem solve ways to safely discourage animal life from entering our campus. We will share photos and information about our project in the coming months. We are planning to bring back Running Club in late January and will have a PTO Movie Night in February. Look for ways you can volunteer to help with these special events in future newsletters.

We hope that everyone had a wonderful winter break and we look forward to a fun filled second semester.

Warmly,
Amy Gingell



Upcoming Events:

January 11 - Family Dinner Night at Can't Stop Smokin' BBQ
January 14 - 100th Day of School
January 27 - District Spelling Bee
January 21 - PTO Cookie Gram Sale Starts

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 We are hoping to fill these openings as soon as we come back from winter break.

Gifted Testing Notice

All public school districts have an ongoing “Child Find” obligation. This means that the Kyrene School District will identify, locate and evaluate all children within their geographic boundaries who are in need of special education and related services. Kyrene makes gifted testing available for students at school sites three times per year by application. Applications are due for the next round of testing for 2021-22 on January 17, 2022. If you think your child may be gifted, please visit the website at www.kyrene.org/gifted for information about gifted education, services, and testing in Kyrene.

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](#).



Yearbook

- **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 \$8. 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

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.

Altadena Showcase Night

For our 5th grade parents. Altadena will have their showcase night on Thursday, January 13, 2022 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. This is a great opportunity to tour the campus and learn more about offerings for next year.

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.

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.

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
MORE INFO: WWW.KYRENE.ORG/SAFESTRONG



We sincerely apologize but Spirit Wear orders have been delayed due to supply chain issues and back-order delays. We will keep you updated but at this time we do not have a firm date on when it will be available.

Please come out to our next Family Dinner Night on Tuesday, January 11, at Can't Stop Smokin' BBQ.

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>

Have a great weekend!



Our Mission

Leaders of today inspiring leaders of tomorrow.



Quicklinks

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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)

