



October 1, 2020

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Sierra Families,

As we leave September and move into October it is hard to believe that the end of the First Quarter is already here. We started the year on-line and have now transitioned to both In-Person and Flex-Distance Learning. Who could have believed that just two weeks ago we would be welcoming Kinder, 1st and 2nd grade students back to campus for the first time this year followed by 3rd, 4th and 5th graders this past week? Thank you for showing such amazing support. We couldn't have done it without you!

It has been truly exciting to have students back on campus and in classrooms. Equally exciting has been our distribution of curriculum materials for those students continuing in Flex-Distance Learning for the second quarter. I feel truly fortunate to work at a school and district that is providing such quality instruction in both on-line and in-person settings.

As a reminder, our Fall Break starts on Friday, October 2nd and continues through October 12th. Staff and students will return on Tuesday, October 13th. On October 16th, PTO is hosting Virtual Bingo Night! This will surely be a fun event for all. The following week we begin our Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 21st and 22nd. Make sure to check out the Full Calendar for all the upcoming restaurant nights that allow our community to get together while also supporting Sierra.

I'm looking forward to "Knocking it out of the Park" with you next quarter. Have a wonderful Fall Break, Sierra!

Sincerely,  
Brian Gibson  
Principal

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**Upcoming Events**

OCT 2: Teacher Day - NO School for Students  
OCT 5-9: FALL BREAK - NO School  
OCT 12: NO School  
OCT 13: Governing Board Meeting  
OCT 16: Virtual Bingo Night  
OCT 21: Parent/Teacher Conferences  
OCT 22: Early Release at 12:30 for Parent/Teacher Conferences  
NOV 11: Veteran's Day - NO School  
NOV 26-27: Thanksgiving Break - NO School  
DEC 18: Teacher Day - NO School for Students  
DEC 21-JAN 1: WINTER BREAK - Schools Closed  
JAN 4: Classes Resume

[View Full Calendar](#)

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PARENT PICK-UP Thank you for helping us with our student pick-up process after school. Though it may take longer than it has in past years, we have come up with a plan to ensure we are practicing our social distancing and safety protocols. We have a tiered system for pick-up. Students who are taking the bus, walking/riding bikes or are meeting parents, going to Kids Club or the YMCA afterschool programs will be released at 1:35pm. All other students will be released when their name is called by Sierra staff at the drive-through line. To ensure a smooth wait in line, please have a paper with your child's name and teacher on it for staff to call out on the radio. Also, if you need extra time to buckle in your child, please pull ahead to the curve so that vehicles behind you can move along.

ATTENDANCE All absences, including partial day, must be reported to the attendance line, 480.541.5201. This includes In-Person learners as well as those in Flex Distance Learning. Email is not an acceptable way to report absences.

STUDENT CELL PHONES We understand that many children carry a cell phone with them for a variety of reasons. However, use of cell phones is prohibited on campus during school hours. Please remind your child to turn off their phone when they arrive to school.

PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS If your student has any school library books at home please send them in with your child. There are still many books checked out from last school year that Mrs. Kirkeeng, the Library Media Tech, would appreciate being returned.

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION Did you know that you there is an APP that allows you to track your child's school bus? Click [here](#) for route information, bus rules, and My Stop APP.

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## Parent Reminders

MEAL APPLICATIONS: Please submit a meal application for the 20-21 school year if you would qualify, so the meal status is in place when we return to the NSLP program in January. This applies no matter what kind of school or Learning Environment your child is attending this year. Apply here [www.lunchapplication.com](http://www.lunchapplication.com), or contact Linda Stewart at 480-541-1350 or [lstewa@kyrene.org](mailto:lstewa@kyrene.org) for questions. Paper meal applications can be turned in at any school office. Meals will be charged free, reduced or paid prices to the meal accounts. USDA has us in temporary free meal service status September- December of 2020, but meal applications need to be processed like in previous school years. Thanks for submitting your meal application.

OCTOBER MENU Click [here](#) to view the October breakfast and lunch menu.

STUDENT EMERGENCY, ADDRESS AND HEALTH INFORMATION: Each year, families are asked to review address, emergency and health information that are on file for your child(ren). After Fall Break, from October 13 through October 27, a menu item will be available in ParentVUE so that families are able to confirm, or update, emergency card information. We appreciate all families taking the time to complete this request. If you have questions and/or need assistance with accessing your account, please call the school office at 480.541.5200.

REPORT CARDS: Quarter 1 report cards will be available for parents to review in ParentVUE accounts beginning Monday, October 19.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION Please click [here](#) to view the Asbestos Notification Letter.



Information from our School Counselor:

Mrs. Davis has some valuable information to share. Please click [here](#) for some helpful tips for your child's well-being.

COVID 19 INFORMATION Please review the [Daily Home Health Screening Checklist](#) and [COVID 19 Attendance Protocol](#).

IMMUNIZATIONS Has your child had recent immunizations? Does your 5th grader need their meningococcal vaccine for 6th grade? Don't forget to provide a copy of updated immunizations to Miss Selena, [smaiefski@kyrene.org](mailto:smaiefski@kyrene.org) or fax to 480.541.5210.

HEARING AND VISIONS SCREENINGS The annual hearing and vision screenings will start after Fall Break.



## Contact Us

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