



November 2, 2020

Message from the Principal

I wanted to start by thanking all our families for their attendance to Parent/Teacher conferences and discussing your child's progress with your teachers. This year has brought many new challenges and things are different, but I know that teachers really look forward to Parent/Teacher conferences and discussing all the progress and great things our Sierra students are doing.

As always, please make sure to look at the PTO calendar because even though we can't meet in person, our PTO has still got a bunch of events and restaurant nights planned as we head into November and December. Speaking of upcoming events, did you know it is National Diabetes Awareness Month? As we have done each year we will be raising money that will go directly to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Our Sierra PTO will be selling JDRF paper sneakers for purchase online November 9th-13th, which supports Anna's Bananas JDRF One Walk Team while raising money for JDRF. The purchased sneakers will be displayed outside the school for all to see. In prior years we have collected cash donations before school. However, due to COVID-19, this year all donations will be online only. The two classes that raise the most money by November 13th (one from K-2 and one from 3-5) will win an ice cream sandwich party provided by Anna's Bananas.

To kick off the JDRF Fundraiser staff and students are encouraged to wear blue on Monday, November 9th in support of Type 1 Diabetes.

Let's continue to "Knock it out of the Park" this quarter Sierra Suns! I'm up for the challenge. Are you?

Fondly,
Brian Gibson
Principal

WHAT'S NEXT

In the words of Carolina Panthers head coach, Matt Rhule:

"The whole point is that we're not asking what's next. We're attacking what's next. We're just looking for the next challenge."

Upcoming Events

NOV 3: Zzeeks Pizza Restaurant Night
NOV 9-NOV 13: JDRF Virtual Fundraiser
NOV 9: Wear Blue to support JDRF
NOV 10: Panda Express Restaurant Night
NOV 11: Veteran's Day - NO School
NOV 13: Picture Day
NOV 18: Mod Pizza Restaurant Night
NOV 18-NOV 25: Virtual Book Fair
NOV 20: Make-up Picture Day
NOV 20-25: Spirit Days (more info to come)
NOV 26-27: Thanksgiving Break - NO School
DEC 1: On the Border Restaurant Night
DEC 11: Papa John's Restaurant Night
DEC 18: Teacher Day - NO School for Students
DEC 21-JAN 1: WINTER BREAK - Schools Closed
JAN 4: Classes Resume

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Important Information

HEALTH AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS UPDATE: Each school year all parents/guardians are required to update or verify their child's information. We ask that you complete this as soon as possible. Please log

in to your [ParentVUE](#) account, select *2020-2021 Health, Emergency and Contact Information* from the drop-down menu and complete the verification process. If any information has changed, you may update it here. If you have an address change please upload a current proof of residence. If you have any questions regarding this process or need help accessing your ParentVUE account please call the office staff at 480.541.5200.

FOOD SERVICES: Kyrene School District is pleased to announce that all students are eligible for free meals, regardless of income. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended a waiver, allowing Kyrene to offer free breakfast and lunch on school days to all children 18 and younger. Please see the [Food Services](#) website for more information.

TOUCHBASE ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEMS: Our online payments portal is more than a place to make payments - we trust you'll find it a key tool when managing your students' account!

As a parent/customer, you will be able to:

1. Purchase items online
2. Make tax credit donations online
3. Pay for fines and/or fees online
4. Pay fines, fees, or purchase items for all your students in one transaction
5. View/print/save your student/customer ledger
6. View/print/save your receipts

And much more!

Please see the attached [Touchbase Online Payment document](#) to set up your account.

STAY CONNECTED: Kyrene may send messages in the event of an emergency or for other critical communications, but families must sign up to receive text communications. Text "Y" or "yes" to 67587 to begin receiving text messages from both Sierra and Kyrene School District.



COVID 19 TESTING NOTICE: Due to the rising number of asymptomatic positive cases in our community, we want to clarify for all families: if an asymptomatic student is tested for COVID-19 for any reason, that student should remain home from school until results return negative. As a reminder, individuals without symptoms can still spread illness to others. If a student is symptomatic, please consult the

flowchart on the [Kyrene Safety Measures](#) web page for more specific guidance regarding testing and safe return to school.



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