



February 3, 2021

Message from the Principal

Happy February Sierra Suns,

It's hard to believe that February is already here! It's time for the Waste Management Open and the Super Bowl, too. Although the Arizona Cardinals won't be playing in the Super Bowl I'm still looking forward to watching the teams that are. I definitely think it will be an exciting game! I plan to watch from home and I can't wait for some good food, the Super Bowl Commercials and the half-time show.

On February 1st we kicked off this year's Kids Heart Challenge for the year with an awesome virtual assembly. This year, we are working with Secret Agent KHC and he's looking for new Heart Hero Recruits to join him in the mission to defeat heart disease. We are encouraging 100% of our students to take the online pledge to MOVE MORE, BE KIND, or CHOOSE WATER. We have a goal of raising \$10,000 this year. If that happens, the entire school will watch me get slimed! As we work towards this goal, Mr. Huntley and Ms. Trent have also agreed to be slimed when goals have been met on our way to \$10,000. Come on Sierra Suns, let's continue to "Knock it out of the Park" to be heart healthy and watch me get slimed!

Sincerely,
Brian Gibson, Principal
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Upcoming Events

FEB 1-12: Kids Heart Challenge

FEB 4: Papa John's FDN

FEB 9: Governing Board Meeting 7:00 pm
FEB 11: Virtual Kindergarten Showcase 5:30pm
FEB 12: Smallcakes Cupcakery FDN
FEB 12: Early Release 12:30pm
FEB 15: President's Day NO SCHOOL
FEB 19: Date Night Duo
FEB 23: Governing Board Meeting 7:00pm
FEB 24: Pita Jungle FDN
FEB 24-25: Early Release for Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30pm
Feb 26: Early Release 12:30PM
MAR 2: Zzeeks Pizza FDN
MAR 5: Early Release 12:30pm
MAR 8-12: SPRING BREAK
MAR 15: Teacher Day/NO SCHOOL

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This week is **National School Counseling Week** We'd like to recognize our school counselor, Mrs. Jessie Davis. We are thankful to her as she supports our students in their social/emotional health. She is able to provide short term, individual and group counseling. In addition, she offers resources for students and families. She can be reached at jkdavis@kyrene.org or 480.541.5312 for further information. Thank you, Mrs. Davis! We appreciate you!

New Student Registration New student registration is underway for 2021/2022 school year! Do you know a family that has moved to our boundary? Do you have an incoming kindergartner? Registration began on January 12 for all new students. Please visit this [link](#) for information on how to register your new student. You may also call the office to help answer any and all of your registration questions. 480.541.5200.

Virtual Kindergarten Showcase Next Thursday, February 11 is our annual Kindergarten Showcase. This year this will be a virtual event. Though it will be different, rest assured that you will still be able to experience an informational and exciting evening. The teachers will be online along with Mr. Gibson to answer your questions about all things Kindergarten! Please use this [form](#) to RSVP for the event. Registration for Kindergarten is not required to attend. We look forward to seeing you!

5th Graders Families of our 5th graders be sure to check you email frequently for information coming your way. There will be multiple communications from your teachers, middle school, PTO and Sierra about events, forms and due dates. We are excited to help you gauge your way to a new chapter in the life of your 5th graders as they move from elementary to middle school!



Parent Reminders

Report Cards Reports are now available for viewing in ParentVUE. To locate your students report card, log in to your [ParentVUE](#) account. Under the Home column look for the A+ sign. If you need assistance with your ParentVUE account please call the office, 480.541.5200

Kids Heart Challenge Our Kids Heart Challenge is in full swing! The event runs through February 12. You can find more information [here](#). Let's get to \$10,000 to see Mr. Gibson, Mr. Huntley and Ms. Trent get slimed!

Early Release As students continue online learning, Kyrene schools are mindful of the extended screen time for children. District leaders received positive feedback from families about the flexible learning hour days offered prior to winter break. Kyrene School District will be reintroducing early release dates into the calendar for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. Students are encouraged to use early release dates for independent study, homework catch up, social-emotional activities and self-reflection. A series of release days began on Friday, January 15. The full schedule of dates and hours is [available online](#). The early release schedule includes parent-teacher conference days in February. On early release days, onsite services at schools will end early as well. Kyrene afterschool programs will continue to be offered on early release days with an earlier start time at no additional cost to families. Kyrene hopes the early release dates will meet the needs of families seeking to reduce screen time, help students catch up and keep up with grade-level expectations, and give teachers the necessary planning time to support the unique needs of all students in this tumultuous year.

Thank you for your support as Kyrene continues to seek ways to meet the challenges presented by the ongoing pandemic until students can safely return to in-person learning.

Parent/Teacher Conferences Spring conferences will be held the week of February 22. There will be 3 early release days this week. February 24, 25 & 26 school day release times are at 12:30pm. Teachers will be communicating with parents regarding conference times very soon. All conferences will be held via Zoom.



February is Love the Bus (LTB) Month! We love our bus drivers! Did you know that we have 6 bus drivers at Sierra? Though you may not see them right now as we are in on-line learning, they are still working hard for Kyrene School District. Some are driving their buses while some are helping out at schools with the on-site supervision services. As a matter of fact, our own Miss Robin (Grey bus) is helping us at Sierra! We'd like to give a shout out to all of our drivers: Miss Jennifer (Maroon bus), Miss Stacey (Purple bus), Mr. Tracy (Violet bus), Mr. Dan and Miss Cheri (Special Needs bus) and Miss Michelle (Preschool bus). Thanks for all you do!



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