



August 2022

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## Message from the Principal

Hello Sierra Suns!

We've had a remarkable start to our 2022/2023 school year! I enjoyed SEAIing you at Meet the Teacher Night last Tuesday. The hallways and classrooms were brimming with families. And the teachers and staff were happy to greet everyone back to school. I can't remember the last time it rained the first 2 days of school! We sure had some excitement at lunch recess on Thursday with the 4th and 5th graders. And then we had to begin Friday morning with our first Rainy Day of the year. Hopefully this week the weather will cooperate. There are several events planned for August with a few restaurant nights and our yearly Curriculum nights to look forward to. SEAS the opportunity and be sure to check out the calendar and contents of the newsletter to keep up to date.

Sincerely,  
Brian Gibson, Principal

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## Upcoming Events

AUG 3: Early Release, 12:15pm  
AUG 3: Chipotle Restaurant Night, 4-8pm  
AUG 10: Early Release, 12:15pm  
AUG 16: Curriculum Night for Preschool, 1st grade, 2nd grade & 3rd grade  
AUG 17: Early Release, 12:15pm  
AUG 17: Barro's Restaurant Night  
AUG 18: Curriculum Night for Special Areas, Kindergarten, 4th grade & 5th grade  
AUG 24: Early Release, 12:15pm  
AUG 26: Bingo Night  
AUG 31: Early Release, 12:15pm  
SEPT 5: Labor Day/NO SCHOOL  
SEPT 30: Teacher Day/NO SCHOOL

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**Reporting Absences:** *All student absences must be reported to the Attendance Line within the first 2 hours of the school day.* To report an absence please call 480.541.5201. This is a 24 hour/per day attendance line. If your student will be late to school please call the attendance line or call the office at 480.541.5200. Absences reported to the teacher are helpful, however to have an excused absence, it must be reported to the office or attendance line. If you child is not called out of school an unexcused absence or truancy will be applied.

**Covid 19 Information:** We are following public health guidelines for isolation and quarantine from the Maricopa County Department of Health. If you or your child has tested positive for Covid 19 or have been exposed, please visit this [website](#) or call the C.A.R.E.S Team at 602.506.6767. Here you will be able to determine whether or not your child can come to school and/or when they can return.

**Absent from After School Programs:** If your student will not be attending their after school program please make sure to notify the program, teacher and school office. The office is the first place that the after school program checks with if they are missing a student.

**Change The Way Your Student Goes Home:** If there is a change in the way your student will go home on the same day, please email the classroom teacher before 10:30am. If after 10:30am please call the office, 480.541.5200. Teachers may not see emails from parents later in the day.

**Lost and Found:** Please make sure all lunch boxes, water bottles, jackets, sweaters and sweatshirts are labeled with your child's name so they can be returned. Our Lost and Found overflows at the end of each quarter and items not claimed are donated to the Kyrene Family Resource Center.

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## Welcome to the new school year

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**Parent and Student Acknowledgment Forms - Due August 11:** On July 28 families and students were able to sign in to their Parent/StudentVUE accounts to review and acknowledge Kyrene's Family Handbook, Technology Agreements, Text Messaging Permissions, Survey Consent, and User Guides. At least one family member and all students must acknowledge their respective forms/handbook each year. Thank you for taking the time to review this information by August 11. If you are unable to access ParentVUE please contact the school office for assistance, 480.541.5200.

**Emergency Card Update:** Each year parents/guardians are required to confirm and update, if necessary, their child's emergency card. This includes address changes, updates to health information, email and/or phone number changes. Please login to your [ParentVUE](#) account, choose the "Health, Emergency and Address Update", review the information and make changes as necessary. If you have moved, please upload a current proof of residency. The office will contact you to sign the required State Residency Form to complete the update. Please contact the school office with any questions, 480.541.5200.

**Text Message Updates:** If you care to receive text messages from Sierra and Kyrene School District, please opt in by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 67587. See the Communications and Marketing [website](#) for more information regarding email and text message communication.

**Morning Drop-Off Procedures:** Please take time to review our current Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up [Procedures](#). Morning drop-off is different than last year. We no longer have some of the school doors open for early access. All students who arrive to school between 7:00am-7:25am must proceed to the playground to line-up with their class. All unattended children will be asked to go to the playground. When the bell rings at 7:25am, the playground gates close and students must enter through the office to go to class. Please do not drop off you student prior to 7:00am. School staff is not on duty until 7:00am.

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## Community Education Enrichment Classes

Kyrene School District offers After School programs and Preschool at Sierra. Please visit the [Community Education](#) webpage to see the current offerings and openings available at Sierra school.



**Kyrene kids are  
at the  
*top of the class.***

 **KyreneSchoolDistrict**  
**KYRENE.ORG/KYRENEKIDS**

A young girl with long brown hair is smiling and holding a book titled "Maker Lab" by Alisonian. The book cover features the text "18 SUPER COOL PROJECTS" and "Build, Invent, Create, Discover". The background is a light blue and white gradient.



## Fall Break - October 3-7

No school and the office will be closed

### Teacher Work Day - September 30

No school

### Staff Development Day - October 10

No School

### School resumes on October 11

Looking for a fun, exciting learning experience for your child during break? Community Education has options.

Fall Break Options

## Contact Us

**Kyrene de la Sierra**  
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Phoenix, AZ 85048

**Phone:** 480-541-5200  
**Fax:** 480-541-5210  
**Attendance:** 480-541-5201

**School Hours:** 7:30 am - 2:15 pm  
*Early Dismissal Wed: 12:15 pm*

**Office Hours:** 7:00 am - 3:30 pm  
*Wednesday: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm*

*National Blue Ribbon School*



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