



# SIERRA NEWS

October, 2022

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Sierra Families,

Fall has arrived, but you wouldn't know it by these temperatures! I am looking forward to when the days are not so hot. I want to personally thank all of our community for helping the Sierra PTO raise \$34,000 from our week long Booster Fundraiser! We exceeded last's year total by \$3000. Our PTO has some exciting things in store for our wonderful school with the proceeds of your generosity. Stay tuned!

Be sure to look at the calendar, as there are several events planned for October. Fall Break begins, Movie Night and Parent/Teacher Conferences to name a few. I hope you all find time to enjoy friends and family this Fall Break and come back rested and ready to go for the 2nd quarter.

Sincerely,  
Brian Gibson,  
Principal

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## Upcoming Events

SEP 30: Teacher Day, NO SCHOOL  
OCT 3-7: FALL BREAK, NO SCHOOL  
OCT 10: Staff Development Day, NO SCHOOL  
OCT 11: Governing Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
OCT 12: Andy's Frozen Custard Restaurant Night  
OCT 19-26: Conference Window  
OCT 19 & 20: Early Release, 12:15pm  
OCT 21: Movie Night, 6:00pm  
OCT 25: Governing Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
OCT 26: Sonic Restaurant Night, 5:00pm-8:00pm

OCT 28: Lunch on the Lawn

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**Moment of Silence Notification:** As you may be aware, all Kyrene schools observe a moment of silence as part of our daily routine, along with citing The Pledge of Allegiance and in grades 4-6 reciting a passage from the Declaration of Independence. Under a new Arizona statute, schools must provide students with the opportunity to observe one to two minutes of silence each day, and teachers and

staff are not permitted to give students any direction on how to use this silent time. The statute reserves that right for parents/guardians and requires us to inform you of this right. Please take a moment to speak with your child about how best to use the daily one to two minutes of silence.

**Gifted Child Assessment 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 2022-23 on October 25, 2022. If you think your child may be gifted, please visit the website at [www.kyrene.org/gifted](http://www.kyrene.org/gifted) for information about gifted education, services, and testing in Kyrene.

**Food Services:** Here is the October [lunch menu](#). To set up an online account for payments, visit the Food Services [website](#). You will also find information on cost of lunch, the application for free/reduced meals, and how to view the balance on your student's account.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held during the conference window of October 19-26. Please be on the lookout for an email or letter from your child's teacher to schedule. Please also note that *Thursday, October 20 is an extra early release day at 12:15pm* due to evening conferences.

**Lost and Found:** The Sierra Lost and Found is full of sweaters, jackets, water bottles and eye glasses. The Lost and Found is located in the Health Office. Please encourage your child to look for anything they have lost. At the end of the 2nd quarter all unclaimed items will be donated to the Kyrene Family Resource Center. Parents are always welcome to stop by and check for lost items as well.

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**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*

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