



# SIERRA NEWS

November 2022

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Sierra families,

We had a very busy October! We enjoyed Fall Break, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Movie Night and Lunch on the Lawn, to name a few events. I enjoyed seeing so many of you come to Sierra to have your in-person Parent/Teacher conferences. Some elected for a phone or Zoom conference. Regardless of how you connected with your student's teacher, we were so glad to share the progress of your children. Movie Night was a big hit with more than 500 people! And it was a beautiful evening to enjoy friends and family. The weather is definitely cooling down and it's nice to be able to enjoy our Arizona sunshine while outdoors.

This month we have our Veteran's Day Celebration, Turkey Trot, Scholastic Book Fair and our annual Pajama Drive! There is so much to look forward to. So continue to "Seas the Day" and Inspire, Respect, Reach and Achieve.

Sincerely,  
Brian Gibson  
Principal

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## Upcoming Events

NOV 3: Zzeeks Restaurant Night  
NOV 10: Veteran's Day Celebration  
NOV 11: Veteran's Day, NO SCHOOL  
NOV 14-18: JDRF Fundraiser  
NOV 17-23: Scholastic Book Fair  
NOV 22: Governing Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
NOV 23: Turkey Trot  
NOV 24-25: Thanksgiving Holiday, NO SCHOOL

[View Full Calendar](#)



**Food Services:** Here is the November lunch [menu](#). On November 15, Sierra students will be served the cafeteria's annual [Thanksgiving Meal](#). To view balances on lunch accounts or to pay for lunches, please see the Food Services [website](#).

**Parent Pick-up and Drop-Off:** There has been a marked improvement in our drop-off and pick-up procedures. Thank you! Please remember that Sierra Staff members are there to ensure the safety of your students. A reminder for morning drop-off: please pull forward. This keeps the flow of traffic moving. A reminder for afternoon pick-up: please keep the area near the ramada clear. This area is for staff and students only. We have also noticed that some students getting in to vehicles that are in the pick-up line on 12th St. If you intend for your student to be a "walker", please park in the parking lot, on 12th Street by the lake, or in the neighborhood. Safety of your students is our priority.

**Tax Credit:** The deadline for tax credit contributions each year is *April 15* of the following year. See the Kyrene School District tax credit [website](#) or click on this [QR code](#) for more information.

**Thanksgiving /Winter Wonderland:** Kyrene Federal Programs and Outreach and the Kyrene Foundation are coordinating support for our annual holiday events. Both Turkey and Trimming and Winter Wonderland will be drive-through events at Sun Valley Community Church again this year. To support Kyrene families in need Kyrene Foundation is collecting monetary funds or gift cards. Please consider donating even a small amount. We will forward all money or gift cards to the Kyrene Foundation. (No gifts or items can be accepted).

**Lost and Found:** Our Lost and Found has exploded! With the weather being cool in the mornings and mild in the afternoons, students are shedding their jackets and sweatshirts and leaving them on the playground. Please remind your children to look for missing items. Parents/guardians are welcome to stop by the office any time to take a look. All items not claimed by Winter Break will be donated to the Kyrene Family Resource Center.



## Parent Reminders

### **Positive Parenting Event: Be in the Know: Chemicals of Concern**

Kyrene School District will host a community event to educate families about current drug threats, with an emphasis on fentanyl and vaping. You will learn facts, trends, signs of use, and resources for prevention and intervention. This event is part of Kyrene's Positive Parenting series and will be held Thursday, Nov. 3, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Kyrene District Office, 8700 S. Kyrene Rd. [Register Today](#). For the full experience and the opportunity to ask questions, we strongly recommend attending this event in person. However, due to the high interest in this topic, Kyrene will also livestream the presentation to the Kyrene Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to view the livestream.

In addition, here are some links from a previous presentation during a Positive Parenting event regarding Bullying and Safe Social Media Use. For more information on bullying, please visit <https://notmykid.org/resources/bullying/>. This page includes information on signs/symptoms of bullying and a parent guide. For prevention tools for safe social media use visit <https://www.notmykid.org/is>. This includes information on apps parents should know about, parent/child technology agreements, creating a family prevention and intervention plan, and other resources on parental monitoring software. For any specific questions, email directly to [info@notmykid.org](mailto:info@notmykid.org).

**Veteran's Day Celebration:** Calling all Veterans! Please join us as we celebrate our Veterans at Sierra on Thursday, November 10. If you are a veteran or know of one, we invite you to be celebrated during our annual [Veteran's Day Celebration](#). A reception for our honored guests will be from 7:40-8:00am with our program lasting from 8:00-8:30am. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Mrs. Clithero in the school office at [kclithero@kyrene.org](mailto:kclithero@kyrene.org).

**Turkey Trot:** We are getting ready for our annual Turkey Trot! So mark your calendars, this year's event will be on Wednesday, November 23rd. Information coming soon on Trot Times.

**Pajama Drive:** Our annual Pajama Drive will be starting on Wednesday, November 23rd and going through Monday, December 5th. In years past we have been able to provide Kyrene Resource Center with 100's of pairs of pajamas for Kyrene students in need. Let's keep up the good work Sierra Suns and show our kindness by helping needy families! We will celebrate our accomplishment with a school-wide Pajama Day on Wednesday, December 7.



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at the  
*top of the class.***

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**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*

