



SIERRA NEWS

February 2023

Message from the Principal

Dear Sierra families,

A belated Happy New Year to you all! We are in full swing in the 3rd quarter already and have enjoyed many events since our return in January. We recently celebrated the 100th day of school with our kindergartners dressing up like they were 100 years old. The PTO's Bowl n' Bond event last week was a huge success and it was great to see so many families enjoying a fun night out. On Monday we kicked off the Kid's Heart Challenge and next week we are having our Super Bowl Food Drive to benefit families in need through the Kyrene Family Resource Center. Coming up are Spring picture day, the Date Night Dance night and Read-a-Thon week. We are also partnering again this year with the Arizona Diamondbacks for their Attendance Matters Program. All students with perfect attendance for the month of February will receive a certificate for a ticket to a Diamondbacks baseball game. "Seas the Day" Sierra Suns and earn that certificate!

Sincerely,
Brian Gibson
Principal

Upcoming Events

FEB 1: Kindergarten/Preschool Showcase 5:30pm
FEB 2: Feed My Starving Children PTO Event 4:30pm-6:15pm
FEB 6-10: Super Bowl Food Drive
FEB 7: Spinato's PTO Family Dinner Night
FEB 10: Spring Picture Day
FEB 10: PTO General Meeting 10:30am
FEB 14: Governing Board Meeting 7:00am
FEB 17: Date Night Dance 6:00pm
FEB 20: President's Day, NO SCHOOL

FEB 23: Pita Jungle PTO Family Dinner Night
FEB 23: 5th Grade Hall of Fame
FEB 27-MAR 3 Read-a-Thon Week

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23/24 REGISTRATION: Registration began on January 17 for all new students. If you have an incoming kindergartner you may register your student through your [ParentVUE](#) account. Current students staying at Sierra will automatically be enrolled for next year. All 5th graders are enrolled in Altadena. If your student will not attend Sierra or Altadena next year, please notify the office as soon as possible, 480.541.5200. Join us for our Kindergarten/Preschool Showcase tonight at 5:30pm. Please see the Sierra [website](#) to RSVP.

IMMUNIZATIONS: Has your student had updated immunizations this year? Please provide any updates to Miss Selena in the health office. They can be faxed from your doctor to 480.541.5210 or emailed to smaiefski@kyrene.org.

SUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE: Every year Sierra supports the Kyrene Family Resource Center with a food drive. This year's food drive will be from February 6 - February 10. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for grade level donations suggestions. Thank you very much for helping Kyrene families in need!

FOOD SERVICES: Smart snacks are now available for student purchase at any site, prices start at \$.50 and average \$1.00. All options are smart snack approved. Please feel free to add funds to your students account using [InTouch](#). You can also place restrictions and limits as you see necessary by contacting Food Services. Please reach out to Food Services for any questions or concerns 480-541-1660. The February lunch menu is available [here](#).

TAX CREDITS: It's a Win-Win!

Our learning is enhanced thanks to you! Tax credit donations provide countless opportunities for students to discover new passions. Your tax credit donations can help preserve robust arts and music programs, increase field trip opportunities, fund guest speakers, and so much more!

All of these programs help Kyrene de la Sierra develop well-rounded students, who in turn, build strong communities. Arizona statute allows individuals/couples to donate \$200/\$400 for a dollar-to-dollar tax credit. The deadline for tax credit donations is April 18, 2023. You can donate online through our [Payment Portal](#). Thank you for your continued support!

STUDENT ABSENCES: All student absences must be reported to the attendance line or school office. The attendance line is a 24 hour message line, 480.541.5201. If your student will be significantly late to school please call the office, 480.541.5200, or walk your student in to school. Students not reported absent will incur an unexcused absence/truancy.

PICTURE TAKING: Please remember that taking pictures of students when you are visiting or volunteering on campus is prohibited unless prior arrangements have been made.

Contact Us

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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

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