



May 2023

Message from the Principal

Dear Sierra Families and Students,

It is hard to believe that our school year is coming to a close. It has gone by so fast! As I reflect on this past year, I am amazed by our staff and students. Each of them have embraced our theme "Seas the Day" in their own way and have proven time and time again that Sierra school is the place to be. I will leave you with this [video](#) of our 30th Anniversary Celebration and Gallery Night and wish you a fantastic summer filled with rest, relaxation and fun. And don't forget that school starts on July 19, 2023.

Sincerely,
Brian Gibson
Principal

Upcoming Events

MAY 8: 3rd Grade Reading Olympics Celebration, 1:00pm-2:00pm
MAY 10: Bahama Bucks Restaurant Night, 12:00pm-10:00pm
MAY 10: Governing Board Meeting, 6:00pm
MAY 17: Full Day of School
MAY 17: Senior Promenade, 1:30pm-2:00pm
MAY 17: 5th Grade Celebration, 9:00am-10:30am
MAY 18: 5th Grade Promotion, 8:30am-9:30am
MAY 18: Last Day of School, Early Release 12:15pm
JUL 17: Meet the Teacher Night, 5:00pm-6:30pm
JUL 19: First Day of School, Full Day

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Share your plans for next school year!

It has been our pleasure to serve your children this year, and we hope to see you back next year. However, if your family is considering an enrollment change (either to another Kyrene school or out of district), we ask that you take a few moments to share your plans by contacting the school for a withdrawal, or by submitting a current student, change school request to another Kyrene school through our [ParentVUE registration portal](#). Please contact Mrs. Clithero with any questions at 480.541.5200.

Senior Promenade

All former Sierra students that are graduating from high school are invited to come to Sierra for the [Sierra Senior Promenade](#) on Wednesday, May 17. This is an exciting way for our former students to come back to their stomping grounds and share their plans for the future, see past teachers and visit with each other.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found is overflowing! Currently there are 100 jackets and sweaters, 35 water bottles and 10 pairs of eyeglasses that are unclaimed. Please stop by the office or remind your child to check for anything that they have lost. The Lost and Found will be placed in the hallway the last week of school to allow students easy access. All items not claimed by the last day of school will be donated to the Kyrene Family Resource Center on May 19.

Health Office

Please stop by the health office to pick up any medications you have for your child by the end of the school day on Thursday, May 18.

If your child has had an update to their immunizations please provide a copy to Miss Selena, in the health office. They can be brought in, emailed to smaiefski@kyrene.org or faxed by the doctor's office to 480.541.5210.



Information for 2023/24 School Year

Don't forget! The first day of school for the 2023-24 school year is July 19, 2023. State law now prohibits schools from keeping students enrolled who do not attend school during the first days of school. As you are planning your summer vacations, please be aware that if your child does not attend school during the first few days, it could impact their enrollment. The best way to ensure your child is continuously enrolled at our school is to make sure they are back at school beginning on July 19th. Even though the 19th is a Wednesday, it will be a full day of school. Please call the office with any questions, 480.541.5200.

Kyrene Integrated Preschool will not start on July 19th, but rather Thursday, July 20th since there is no class on Wednesdays in this program. There is still part time preschool available in our Integrated Preschool classrooms! Please call 480-541-1156 for details.

Sierra [Calendar](#) for 2023/2024

School [Supply List](#) for 2023/2024



Community Education Enrichment Classes

Summer Academy: Kyrene offers a variety of summer programs to meet your family's needs and interests. Please see the [Community Education](#) website for information on enrolling in Summer Academy and other summer programs that Kyrene School District has to offer.



Parent Reminders

ESS Parent Night with DDD and RSK.

Join us for an information session with representatives from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Raising Special Kids (RSK). They will provide an introduction to the supports and services their organizations provide to children with disabilities and their families and be available for questions after the presentation.

Wednesday, May 3, 5:30-7:00 pm

C.I. Waggoner Elementary School

Parents (and Staff) can register here: <https://raisingspecialkids.org/event/overview-and-q-a-with-ddd-and-rsk-2023-0503/>

Gifted Testing

The gifted testing application is now open. If you'd like your child to be tested in the beginning of next school year please see the [Gifted Testing](#) webpage for more information.

Kyrene Positive Parenting Series

The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful [Positive Parenting Series](#) this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

Food Services

Here is the May lunch [menu](#) and the website for [Food Services](#) for information on lunch payments. Did you know that families currently participating in the Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program, including at U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Eligibility Provision schools (CEP @ Ninos) may qualify for discounted internet pricing? Click on the following link to submit your application <https://www.fcc.gov/acp>.

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

National Blue Ribbon School

