



October 2023

Message from the Principal

Dear Sierra families,

What a whirlwind of a 1st quarter it's been! We've had heat advisories, indoor recess, Curriculum Night, Bingo Night, Principal Lunch (see the pic with 4th graders below) family dinner nights and the Booster fundraiser Fun Run! Not to mention all the amazing teaching and learning going on. Sierra Suns certainly know how to "Seas the Day". I'm sure everyone is looking forward to our Fall Break. Enjoy your time off and come back rested and ready to tackle the 2nd quarter. There are many events planned, so be sure to check the calendar! There are more restaurant nights, Parent/Teacher conferences, Lunch on the Lawn, Movie Night, Veteran's Day assembly, Turkey Trot, Scholastic Bookfair and more coming up! Have a safe Fall Break and see you on Wednesday, October 11.

Sincerely,
Brian Gibson,
Principal

Upcoming Events

SEP 25-OCT 6: Fall Break, NO SCHOOL
OCT 9-10: Teacher Planning and Staff Development, NO SCHOOL
OCT 10: Governing Board Meeting, 6:00pm
OCT 11: School Resumes, Early Release 12:15pm
OCT 13: Fall Picture Make-Up Day
OCT 18-20: Parent/Teacher Conferences, Early Release 12:15PM
OCT 24: Governing Board Meeting, 6:00pm
OCT 27: Movie Night, Super Mario

OCT 27: Lunch on the Lawn

NOV 10: Veteran's Day Observed, NO SCHOOL

NOV 21: Turkey Trot

NOV 22-24: Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL

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Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher conferences will be held during the week of October 16 - October 20. Please look for communication from your child's teacher regarding scheduling. There are 3 early release dates this week. Wednesday, October 18, Thursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20 are all early releases at 12:15pm. After school classes will not be held on Thursday or Friday. However, Kids Club and the YMCA Afterschool Care will receive children as normal.

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 2023-2024 on October 20, 2023. If you think your child may be gifted, please visit the [Academic Equity & Excellence](#) website 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.

Ongoing Concerns at Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up: The safety of our students, staff and community is a priority. Please allow time to drop off and pick up your student. As a reminder, students are not allowed on campus prior to 7:00am. Staff will be on duty at that time. It has been noticed that there are a growing number students arriving to the playground gates as early as 6:50am. They are being left unattended by their parents/guardians and this is a safety concern. With the mornings becoming more pleasant, the students want to get to the playground and be the first to the ball cart or swings. Please do not leave your child until the playground gates have opened.

Of equal concern, are the parking and traffic problems occurring. There are posted signs regarding preschool parking, handicapped parking and no parking zones. It has been seen on too many occasions that the preschool and handicapped parking spaces are being taken by those not requiring them. Please be respectful of those who need those spots. It is disappointing when a parent or staff member comes to school and the designated spot for them is taken by someone who has not followed the rules.

Please refrain from parking in all no parking zones. Of particular concern, are parents/guardians parking on Liberty Lane near the crosswalk. These vehicles are prohibiting a clear view for our crossing guard to walk families safely across. We also continue to see vehicles turning in to the crosswalk while the crossing guard has her stop sign up. **Again, the safety of our staff, students and families is a priority and we ask that our Sierra Community join us in respecting all parking and traffic rules.**

Communication: If interested in receiving text message communications please sign up by texting "Y" or "yes" to 67587. You can find more information how families can stay informed by visiting the [Communications and Engagement](#) website.



Fall Break - 9/25 - 10/6/23

No school and the office will be closed

Teacher Work Day - 10/9 and 10/10/23

No school

School resumes on 10/11/23

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

[Fall Break Options](#)

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

