



November 2023

Message from the Principal

Dear Sierra families,

I hope that you are as happy as I am that our weather has finally cooled down! No more heat advisories or ice vests. Whew! We did have some exciting things happen during October, however. There were Parent/Teacher conferences, Lunch on the Lawn, Movie Night, Restaurant Nights and Fall Parties. Our Student Council had a "Sock-tober" sock drive and our spectacular community donated 439 pairs of socks that are on their way to the Kyrene Family Resource Center. Way to "Seas the Day" Sierra!

Events this month include our annual Veteran's Day program, Turkey Trot and Pajama Drive. The Scholastic Bookfair will also be going on. I look forward to seeing you as you enjoy these programs with us. Be sure to check the calendar for all of the upcoming events dates.

Sincerely,
Brian Gibson
Principal

Upcoming Events

NOV 9: Veteran's Day Celebration, 8:00am
NOV 10: Veteran's Day Observed, NO SCHOOL
NOV 16-21: Scholastic Bookfair
NOV 21: Turkey Trot
NOV 22-24: Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL
NOV 28: Governing Board Meeting, 6:00pm
NOV 30: PTO Community Connection Meeting, 6:00pm

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Veteran's Day Celebration, Thursday, November 9

Please join us for our annual [Veteran's Day](#) Celebration! Veteran's are our heroes! We want to acknowledge these special men and women and their connection to Sierra. If you have a veteran you'd like to recognize, please return the attached [form](#) by Friday, November 3rd. Your child will be bringing home a hard copy, but feel free to make more to recognize as many Veteran's as you would like. We hope this inspires a great conversation with your child and a chance to bring out some photos! Sierra's PTO will proudly display them for all to see during the Celebration. If you are a veteran or have a family member that is a veteran, we'd love for you to join us at a pre-Celebration breakfast sponsored by the Sierra PTO. RSVP's are required. Please contact Mrs. Clithero at kclithero@kyrene.org or 480.541.5200 to RSVP. And we ask that everyone, staff, students and visitors wear red, white and blue!

Turkey Trot

Sierra's 32nd Annual Turkey Trot is around the corner! This year's event will be on Tuesday, November 21st. The trot is held in the morning and visitors may stay for lunch with their student. Be on the look out for further information as the event nears.

Scholastic Bookfair

The fall Bookfair will take place from November 16-21. The shopping schedule will be sent home soon.

Pajama Drive

Sierra Student Council is sponsoring our [Annual Pajama Drive](#). We will be collecting new pajamas for all ages to be donated to the Kyrene Family Resource Center. The drive begins on Turkey Trot day and runs through December 5th. We will have a school-wide pajama day to celebrate on December 5th!

Kindergarten and Preschool Showcase

Do you have an incoming preschooler or kindergartner? Do you know a family that is interested in enrolling for kindergarten in 23/24? Please join us for our [Kindergarten and Preschool Showcase](#) on January 16, 2023.



PARENTS

5th Grade Families

This week your child will be bringing home information about the middle school course selection process. Each 5th grader received a letter that identifies recommendations for their core courses for 6th grade as well as an elective course selection form for Altadena Middle School. Additional copies can be accessed online at <https://www.kyrene.org/curriculum>.

Parents/Guardians are requested to review this information with your child and sign the form, acknowledging your approval of the courses selected. Students are required to return the form to their teacher prior to November 6. During the week of November 6, our students are scheduled to use these forms to enter their preferences online with their classroom teacher.

Families who are considering a different middle school **must apply** for registration at that school through the online portal when next year's registration window opens on January 9, 2024. While students may select a different middle school's course selection form, they are not guaranteed placement at that school. Families must apply and be approved for open enrollment to attend a non-resident school.

Kyrene Website Redesign Survey

Due to a recent change in website vendors, all Kyrene School District websites will be undergoing a redesign in 2024. The District is seeking community feedback regarding the design and functionality of our current school and district websites to ensure the new design reflects what is most important to our stakeholders. Please fill out [this short survey](#) by **November 15**. Thank you in advance for your feedback and participation.

Food Services

Here is the November lunch [menu](#). Reminder, Sierra does not serve breakfast. Please see the Food Services [website](#) for information on lunch payments and balances.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found is overflowing! Please encourage your child to come up to the health office, where the Lost and Found stored. Parents are always welcome to peruse the Lost and Found also. All items left at the end of the 2nd quarter will be donated to the Kyrene Family Resource Center.



Community Education Enrichment Classes

Community Ed Enrollment Changes

Planning for the 2024-25 school year is already underway, and we want to make you aware of changes to enrollment for Community Education. Beginning this year, all Community Education programming (including Kids Club, After Hours, and Community and Signature Preschool) will open registration on the same day that general enrollment begins: **January 9!**

Another change this year will ensure all Kyrene families have an equal opportunity to register for before and after school programming, which can fill up quickly. **In fairness to families who have been waitlisted in past years, there will be no pre-registration option for currently enrolled students this year.** Registration for Kids Club and After Hours for the 2024-25 school year will open for all students on **January 9 at 6:30 a.m.** in the [Community Ed registration portal](#).

Families enrolling students in Community or Signature Preschool programs will also register through the Community Ed registration portal on January 9. If you are registering a child for Integrated Preschool or looking to change Kyrene schools, that can be done through the Kyrene general enrollment portal. Please note that Summer 2024 program registration will open March 4, 2024.

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School Hours: 7:30 am - 2:15 pm
Early Dismissal Wed: 12:15 pm

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Wednesday: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

National Blue Ribbon School

