

LA SIERRA NEWS

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Sierra Weekly News Principals Front Page News

Dear Families,

In an effort to uplift our community, our school is going to run a two week Gratitude Campaign through the [Look for the Good Project](#). This inspiring program will begin on January 16 and run for two weeks. All students and staff will participate and you are welcome to join in too!

Starting on Tuesday, orange "Gratitude Spots" will be placed in hallways throughout the school to remind students and staff to think about what they are thankful for. If you step on one, think about what you are thankful for and share it with your child. Each morning, students will be writing their gratitude on sticky notes to create a beautiful "Gratitude Wall" of notes, which will be displayed in the cafeteria. If you would like to add your own gratitude to the wall, there will be extra sticky notes in the main office.

In addition, you may find your child carrying an orange "Kindness Card" which says "You Matter" on it. Encourage them to tell you why they received the card and who they might give it to next. If your child has not received a card yet, encourage them to make their own Kindness Cards to give out at school. The more cards we circulate, the more we will remind students and staff to share their appreciation and kindness with each other!

To learn more about the science behind this program and how a humpback whale inspired thousands of kids to uplift their school communities with gratitude and kindness, please click on these links:

[SCIENCE BEHIND THE PROGRAM >>](#)

[THE HUMPBACK WHALE WHO INSPIRED IT ALL >>](#)

If you have any specific questions about how we are running the program in our school, please let me know.



Fondly,

Calendar

Monday, January 15

MLK –No School

Tuesday, January 16

Report Cards home today

Wednesday, January 17

EARLY RELEASE dismissal 12:35pm

Thursday, January 18

Kindergarten Orientation 6:30pm MPR

Friday, January 19

Be An Artist-Family Glow Painting 5:30-8pm

Monday, January 22

Tuesday, January 23

Wednesday, January 24

EARLY RELEASE dismissal 12:35pm

Restaurant Night – Chipotle 4-8pm

Thursday, January 25

Friday, January 26

Monday, January 29

Third Grade Field Trip to MIM

Tuesday, January 30

Wednesday, January 31

EARLY RELEASE dismissal 12:35pm

Site Council 3pm- Sierra Library

Thursday, February 1

Fourth Grade Assembly-Mountain Man

Sierra PTO bowling at Main Event 5:30pm. Mother and Son event.

Friday, February 2

Lisa Connor

Kindergarten Orientation for 2018/2019 school year is January 18 at 6:30pm. Tell family, friends, and neighbors about this fun family event. This evening is an opportunity for families of incoming kindergarten students to see the school, hear from the principal & teachers and visit a classroom. If you are unable to attend this evening event, we will hold another orientation on March 28 at 5:30pm. No need to attend both events, just choose the date that works best for your family.



Sierra PTO Events and Information.

January 19- Be An Artist in the Sierra MPR 5:30-7:30pm
January 24 -Restaurant Night with Chipotle from 4-8pm. Take flyer or mention Sierra PTO.
February 1- Mother and Son Bowling takes place from 5:30-7:30pm at Main Event. Flyer to come home with more information. Must sign up and purchase tickets in advance.
February 9- Father and Daughter Dance from 6-8 in the Sierra MPR. Flyer to come home with more information. Must sign up and purchase tickets in advance.

Sierra PTO fundraiser with Be An Artist. Family glow painting will be available at \$20 per canvas with additional canvases for \$18. This will take place in the Sierra Multi-Purpose room from 5:30-7:30pm. Parents and children can share a canvas. Register on line at <http://bit.ly/2CH40NZ>

Reminder: Yearbook price increase on January 31! After January 31, the price will increase from \$22 to \$30 [link for ordering a yearbook](#) . Business ads and Love Lines are due February 14th. If you need more information about submitting a business ad please contact Kimberly Tussing at yearbook@sierrapto.org.

Sierra Rubik's Cube Team Needs You! 2nd – 5th Graders please consider joining this afterschool enrichment program with Mrs. Segura, which meets twice a week on Monday & Thursday. Due to the holiday, this program will start Tuesday, January 16-February 23 with a tournament February 24. Register online at www.kyrene.org/CommunityEd. Fee of \$90, which includes a t-shirt.

Congratulations Sierra Spelling Bee participants. Sierra's Spelling Bee was held December 12 in the Library. We are proud to send Nara Julianne Damuag who was the first place winner to the District Spelling Bee on January 17. Best of luck Nara.



Mark Your Calendar

January 15- MLK No School

January 19- Be An Artist – Family Glow Painting 5:30-7:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Reserve space

January 24- Restaurant Night at Chipotle 4-8pm.

February 1- Strike Queens & King Pins Mother and son bowling night at Main Event from 5:30-7:30pm. Advance purchase necessary

February 9-Ties & Tiaras. Father and daughter dance in the Sierra MPR from 6-8pm. Advance purchase of tickets.

Soles 4 Souls Organization. Sierra Student Council and Sierra PTO are working in partnership to collect at least 200 pairs of shoes for this organization. The shoe drive will take place through January 31. Send in any new, used, or mismatched shoe will be accepted.

New Students & Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for the Kyrene School District began January 8, 2018. Apply online or pick up an application at your local school or the Kyrene District Office.

Open Enrollment applications are processed on a first-come first-served basis. District response occurs within 2 weeks of application date.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Students new to Kyrene, who are outside of District or School Boundaries. This includes siblings of existing students.
- Continuing Kyrene students, changing their school preference.

For more information on Open Enrollment in Kyrene, please call **480-541-1516** or visit our website at www.kyrene.org/oe

Kyrene Preschool Round up meetings to be held 1/31 & 2/21. Information on all Preschool Programs offered in the Kyrene School district offered in the Kyrene School District will be given as well as specific information regarding Curriculum, program guidelines, registration and enrollment process. RSVP is not required to attend meetings held at the Kyrene District office, 8700 S Kyrene Rd from 5:30-7pm.

Farewell to our very own John Buckle Sierra building manager. He will be moving on to a position with the Kyrene School District. Welcome to Alex Mori our new Sierra building manager.