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Wednesday Release: 12:35pm
Preschool Hours: 8:20-11:20am
12:20-3:20pm

Sierra Weekly News Principals Front Page News

We are excited to welcome families back and thrilled for the new families joining the Sierra community! We hope that you had a relaxing summer with family and friends.

Our school's theme this year is "emoji" with the saying "Your smile can change the world". We will continue our work to inspire confidence, empower each other, respect diversity, reach for knowledge, and achieve academic excellence in our students. We know that meaningful learning and positive behavior will be everywhere on campus! We continue with our school wide positive behavior support system of the "3 B's" - Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful. These three expectations will be used in all areas of the school grounds.

There continues to be construction on Liberty Lane, and it will have an impact on our [drop off and pick up procedures](#) as we begin the school year. Please be sure to read all the information regarding NEW procedures as they are modified from previous years. We worked with Connect 202 Partners and our transportations/facilities departments to create procedures that we will use until further notice. We want to thank you in advance for your patience.

We encourage all of our parents to be active members in the Sierra community. We encourage parents to attend the "Welcome Back" breakfasts hosted by the Sierra PTO on August 2 and 3. Please see the information below for more details.

We look forward to another fabulous year of learning and growing 😊

Fondly,
Lisa Connor

[Calendar and Student Supply List for 2018/2019 school year.](#) Go to the [Sierra home page](#) to see the supply list and calendar for this school year.

Calendar of Events:

7/30 – Meet The Teacher Night open house from 5:30-7P
8/2- parents of K-2 Boo Hoo Social at 8A
8/3- parents of 3-5 Yahoo Social at 8A
8/8- 12:35P Early Release
8/10 – PTO Sierra spirit wear orders and monies due today
8/15 – Early Release at 12:35P
8/15 - Curriculum Night
8/16 – Curriculum night
8/17 – Sierra PTO Student directory update due today
8/21 – Workroom training 8:30A
8/22 – Early Release at 12:35P
8/22 – Sierra Restaurant Night at Peter Piper Pizza Night 4 – 8PM.
8/24 – Watch D.O.G. Pizza night for Dad's and students 5:30pm in the MPR.
8/29 – Early Release at 12:35P
8/31- Sierra history brick orders due today

Meet The Teacher night will take place on Monday, July 30.

- Teacher Assignments will be available for pick up in the Sierra Multi-Purpose Room. Teacher assignments will be under the last name of the student. Important information will be attached so please stop by and pick up this information. Doors will open at 5:30pm. The open house will close at 7PM.
- **Student Supplies you may bring these with you this evening so you can help your child deliver them to their classroom.**
- Sierra PTO table will be selling water bottles and hair bows (check/cash only). Sierra spirit wear will be available for preorders along with offering you volunteer information.
- Sierra Cafeteria will be available to put money on your student's lunch account.
- Kyrene bus drivers will have a table to check routes.
- Community Education will have information on after school care with Kyrene Kids Club.
- Enrichment opportunities for after school will be on display. Look in the hallways for Play-Well Teknologies, Chess Emporium, & Tumble Town for more information on these classes.
- Phoenix Phreeze Shaved ice truck will be on campus from 6- 7:30pm. You may purchase an ice-cold treat for your family as you are leaving this fun evening event. We are asking families to enjoy this treat outside the school. Sierra PTO was kind enough to arrange for them to be on campus.

We look forward to seeing you at this very exciting evening event.

First Day of School is Thursday, August 2. Parents may accompany their child onto the playground only on this special First day of school starting at 7:15am. Reminder to bring a picture ID if you will be attending the PTO parent event in the school at 8AM. Starting Friday, and for the rest of the school year, only students and duty teachers will be on the playground before school. The first week of school, we will have Fifth graders who will assist students at the gate and bus bay in order to help them find their classroom line before the first bell rings at 7:40am.

New attendance policy requires a parent/guardian only, to call the attendance line at 480-541-5201 within 2 hours of start of the school day. **We cannot excuse an absence that is reported via E-MAIL. Per Kyrene Family Handbook pg 20.**

Sierra PTO Events and Information. Boo Hoo Social for parents at 8AM. You **must bring a picture ID** in order to attend. Walk around to the front of the school, the office will check you in after students are in the school. Kindergarten- Second grade parents will be on Thursday, August 2. Third - Fifth grade parents will be on Friday, August 3.

A Sierra PTO Restaurant night is taking place at Peter Piper Pizza on Wednesday, August 22 from 4-8pm.

Calling all dads to join us on Friday, August 24 for the Watch D.O.G.S Pizza Night at 5:30PM. Located in the Sierra Multi – Purpose room. Dads of Great Students will have an opportunity to sign up and have a day volunteering at Sierra. The goal of this program is to have a positive role model at the school spending the day performing numerous duties.



Mark your calendar for upcoming PTO events:

9/3 – No School

9/7 – Bingo 6-8pm

9/26- Fundraiser Apex Serve event

9/28- Fall student pictures for all students

10/5-15 Fall Break

5/26- Fall Festival 5:30-7:30pm

Sierra PTO will be printing the Sierra Student Directory. A personalized link here <http://bit.ly/Vh8NiM> simply click on the secure link and review your family's data. You may choose to exclude certain information such as address or phone. Make any changes **including updating your child's teacher (click "edit" next to your child's name and choose a teacher from the dropdown box)**, initial and save to update. Please note that we are asking everyone to confirm his or her data online this year, and will **not** be sending home a paper form to enter your information for the Sierra Student Directory. **Policy requires that we ask you to opt in to the student directory each year. IF YOU WISH TO BE IN THE 2018-19 STUDENT DIRECTORY, YOU MUST OPT IN BY UNCHECKING THE BOX THAT SAYS "HIDE MY FAMILY."** If you do not uncheck this box, NONE of your information will appear in the Student Directory. *Ignore all mention of an online directory. Sierra PTO does not put out an online directory. Last day to participate is Friday, August 17.

The personalized pavers are back for sale. PTO offers an opportunity for you to be a part of Sierra's history. Flyers will be coming home in backpacks the first week of school. \$40 per paver with up to 3 lines of text. Forms must be returned to Sierra no later than August 31. Current pavers are located in the front courtyard of Sierra school office.

Kyrene School Lunch Program prices will remain the same but the online payment service has changed. To reduce the fees parents pay for meals, Kyrene is using a new online system for school meal accounts. Prior to the school year, please visit <https://www.k12paymentcenter.com> and set up your account. Note: Previous balances have been rolled over already. As always, checks made payable to Kyrene School District and cash are always accepted at the school sites. K12PaymentCenter may be used to view your child's balance and meal purchases without making payments. Visit the Kyrene Website www.kyrene.org/foodservices to access menus and for applications regarding free/reduced meal applications (must apply every year). **NOTICE** Students with no money on account or with a negative balance will be allowed to charge up to 2 meals. After 2 meals have been charged, an alternate meal will be provided.

Kyrene Student Handbook. Every year on the first day of school, your child comes home with lots of paperwork for you to sign. This year, you will not see the Kyrene Family Handbook. It is only being [offered online](#) so we wanted to give you a heads up and provide the link so you can review any of our school regulations and rules in advance. Please know that you will be asked to sign off verifying that you are aware of the fact that your child/children must abide by the disciplinary procedures and school guidelines for media center and technology.

Students and cellular devices at the school. Students must have cell phones turned off and secured in backpacks from bell to bell. Student electronic devices (i.e. Apple watch or Fit Bit) must be disconnected from service during the school day. Please assist us in keeping our learning environment free from distractions (refer to Kyrene Family Handbook pg. 24)

Sierra Curriculum Night will be held in the teacher's classroom unless noted on the flyer coming home in students backpacks. This is a parent only event, no day care is available at the school. Mark your calendar for this important parent only event.

Wednesday, August 15

5:30-6:05PM - Fifth Grade

6:10-6:45PM - Third Grade in the MPR

6:50-7:25PM - Fourth Grade in Sierra Library

6:30-7:00pm – Special Area Teachers

Thursday, August 16

5:30 – 6:05PM – Second Grade

6:10 – 6:45PM - Kindergarten

6:50 – 7:25 PM – First Grade

6:30 –7:00pm – Special Area Teachers