



A+ School of Excellence™

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School Hours: 7:15-2:35pm
Wednesday Release: 12:35pm
Preschool Hours: 8:20-11:20am
12:20-3:20pm

Sierra Weekly News Principals Front Page News

The calendar says that it is fall but the weather does not seem to be cooperating. I am hoping that by the time fall break gets here, we will see some cooler weather.

We are almost nine weeks into the school year and the construction on Liberty Lane continues. I wanted to provide some feedback about our drop off procedures. Mr. Shelberg and I are on duty almost every day helping to provide support for a smooth "drive through". You can help us by making sure your child is ready to exit the car when the line comes to a stop. If you are having some struggles please pull in to park or drive all the way beyond the drop off area to help us keep traffic moving. When you are on 12th Street, stay in line. The road is meant for one lane each way. We have had a couple of close calls. **Do NOT make U-turns or drive on the other side of the road in the crosswalk school zone.** This is illegal as well as unsafe for students, families and community members. When we are all working together, the morning drop off goes very quickly.

We want to wish you a safe and fun fall break. We hope you can get out and enjoy the outdoors along with family and friends.

Fondly,
Lisa Connor

Fall Break schedule: Friday, October 5 no school for students extending through Monday, October 15.

Elementary Special Area Schedule Adjustment: School resumes on Tuesday, October 17 and students will follow the Monday special area schedule. Remind your children of the change so they can bring back Library books and wear appropriate shoes for PE.

Extra Early Release Day for Parent Teacher Conferences. October 25 and 26 are designated Parent Teacher conference dates and students release time is at 12:35pm. Integrated Preschool P.M. class on 10/25 will be cancelled for Parent Teacher conferences (Community Ed preschool will operate). The afternoon preschool class will resume on Friday, October 26.

Honoring Veterans at our Veteran's Day Program: Sierra staff and students will be honoring veterans at a flag raising on Friday, November 9th, from 8:15-8:45 on the backfield. Parents are invited and students are encouraged to invite any veteran whom they know to join us! Active Duty/Retired veterans are encouraged to come in uniform or dress in any

Calendar of Events:

10/3-Sierra Student Council meeting 7:20AM
Make-up pictures 8-10AM
10/4- Green Team 7-7:40AM
10/4-Papa John's Restaurant Night
10/5-15 No school Fall Break
10/16-School Resumes. Special areas follow Monday schedule(Library books & PE shoes)
10/17-Sierra Student Council 7:20AM
10/22- Report cards go home.
10/24 & 25 Parent Teacher Conferences
10/24- Modern Market Restaurant Night
10/25- Green Team 7-7:40AM
10/25-additional early release 12:35PM
10/26 Fall Festival 5:30-8PM
10/31- Sierra Student Council 7:20AM

Mark your calendar for upcoming events:

11/3-St Vincent De Paul Hearts & Hands 9-12
11/7-Kindergarten classes Batty Bedtime
11/9-Honoring Veterans with a Flag Raising
11/12 No School
11/15-21 Scholastic Book Fair
11/16-Be An Artist in Sierra MPR 5:30PM
11/21- Turkey Trot
11/22 & 23 – No School

attire representing their branch of the military. Students and parents are encouraged to dress in red, white and blue! All adults please check in at the gate along 12th Street and bring a photo ID.



Sierra PTO Events and Information.

Sierra PTO Restaurant Nights: October 4th - Papa Johns - all day with flyer. 20% of proceeds will go back to Sierra. Classroom with the most flyers turned in will win a pizza party.

October 24th - Modern Market - 5-8pm with 50% of sales going back to Sierra (only with mention of Sierra).

Sierra PTO Fall Festival will take place after fall break. Sierra Strikers Mallet Club will perform before the gates open at 5:15pm. The event takes place on the Sierra playground, field and Multi-Purpose room on Friday, October 26th from 5:30-8pm. Mark your calendar as your family will have a fun night with a costume contest, and the return of the Pumpkin Walk, bouncers, games, the ever-popular cakewalk, and food vendors. Pre-order wristbands for \$15 by Oct 24 (at the gate \$20) which includes unlimited games & rides. **Become a sponsor** of the Sierra PTO Fall Festival and market your business or company in a big way! Your sponsorship will help us make this FAMILY event a huge success. [click here to download a flyer](#)
Contact Kim Graber at buckeyroseaz@yahoo.com or 623-466-4317.

Pumpkin Walk Returning to the Fall Festival. Sierra Student Council will be working with the Sierra PTO to help bring the Pumpkin Walk back to the Fall Festival this year! Have student bring their pumpkin to school on Friday, September 26. Student Council will be at parent drop-off to help transport into the school. You may decorate or carve a pumpkin but a battery-operated tea light must be included, along with student name and classroom.

St. Vincent de Paul Hearts and Hands Community Service Event. November 3 from 9am-12pm. We will be doing service projects that will directly impact the homeless community in Phoenix. There will be projects specifically for children to work on. More details will be sent out, as we get closer to the event.

Sierra yearbook orders are now available online. The early-bird price of the full color, hard cover book is \$22.00 until 12/22/2018. The price will increase to \$25.00 when purchased 12/22 – 3/15. After 3/15, yearbooks will increase to \$30 cash/check only open to purchase the last week of school subject to availability. Love Lines \$5 open now until 2/14/2019. To place your order for yearbook or love lines go to <https://commpe.pictavo.com/> enter school ID#78245 to be directed to the Sierra Elementary online store.

Sierra is Excited to be an SRP School of Energy! As a part of this program, we have established a Green Team. The purpose of the Green Team is to educate students on energy, energy behaviors on campus and ways to help conserve. Students who are a part of the Green Team get the opportunity to experience hands-on activities to learn about ways to become environmentally responsible.

Gifted Child Find Notice. All public school districts have an ongoing "Child Find" obligation. Kyrene makes gifted testing available for students at school sites three times per year by application. Applications are due for the second round of testing for 2018-19 on October 15, 2018. (Applications for the third round are due on April 15.) If you think your child may be gifted, please visit the website at www.kyrene.org/gifted for information about gifted education, services, and testing in Kyrene. More information about the Child Find process can be found at www.kyrene.org/ESS.

Sierra Health Office notice. School health offices will stock Acetaminophen and dispense **only** with parent/guardian permission for complaint of headache (absence of head injury) or temperature 101°F and above.

National School Lunch Program. Visit www.kyrene.org/foodservices, and complete an application at Lunchapplication.com. Create an account at K12paymentcenter.com to view your child's meal account, set low balance notifications for free, make credit card payments for \$1.95 convenience fee, transfer money between your children's accounts, and set restrictions to meal accounts. Please contact Linda Stewart with any questions 480-541-1350.