



Kyrene de la Sierra Elementary School

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11:30-2:30pm

Sierra Weekly News Principals Front Page News

We are excited to welcome families back and thrilled for the new families joining the Sierra community for the 2019-2020 school year! We hope that you had a relaxing summer with family and friends. If you haven't taken a few moments to look at the new district website, it has a lot of exciting changes. Speaking of websites have you checked out [Mr. Gibson's page](#) on the Sierra Website?

For the past couple of years, we have had a theme for the school year. This year we have a jungle theme. PTO is kicking off the year with their big fundraiser with the tag line of "Let's get Wild About Sierra", and have many great activities and things planned during the fundraiser around our jungle theme.

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.

We encourage all of our parents to be active members in the Sierra community. We encourage new parents to attend the "Welcome to Sierra" breakfast hosted by the Sierra PTO on August 1. Please see the information below for more details.

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

Fondly,
Brian Gibson



Calendar of Events:

July 29- **Meet the Teacher** open house 5:30-7pm Multi-Purpose Room

8/1-First Day of School 7:30am
New parents' welcome breakfast 7:45am. Must have ID sign in at the office.

8/12-8/30 Let's Get Wild About Sierra Direct Donation Fundraiser

8/13-PTO Back to School Bash at Peter Piper Pizza 4-8pm

8/14-Curriculum Night
8/15-Curriculum Night

8/20-volunteer workroom training 8am

8/27-PTO Yoasis night 5-8:30pm

8/30- Lunch on the lawn

Mark your calendar for upcoming events:

9/2-No School
9/6-Bingo Night 6-8pm
9/11-Site Council
9/13-PTO general meeting 9:30am
Watch D.O.G.S Pizza night 5:30pm
9/14-PTO Service Event
9/20-Student Pictures

School Calendar and hours for the 2019/20 school year. With the slight change in the school hours, please take a minute to review the hours for student drop off and pickup. Students may be on campus starting at 7:10am. Sierra calendar and bell schedule is available on the Sierra home page at www.Kyrene.org/SIE.

Meet The Teacher night will take place on Monday, July 29.

- 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 please bring these with you this evening, so you can help your child deliver them to their classroom.**
- Sierra PTO will be there offering you volunteer information along with selling vintage spirit wear, water bottles, lip balm holders, and hair bows (check/cash only). Limited quantities of new Sierra spirit wear will be available together with preorder forms for additional spirit wear items.
- 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 1. Parents may accompany their child onto the playground only on this special **First day of school** starting at 7:10am. Reminder to bring a picture ID if you will be attending the PTO new parent breakfast in the school at 7:45am. **Starting Friday**, 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 7:25am.

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. August 1st welcome to Sierra PTO Boo Hoo/Yahoo breakfast for new parents at 7:45am. 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.

A Sierra PTO Back to School Bash is taking place at Peter Piper Pizza on Tuesday, August 13 from 4-8pm.

Restaurant Night at Yoasis on Tuesday, August 27 from 5-8:30pm.

Join us for our first PTO General Meeting of the year Friday, September 13th at 9:30am. We will review our financial information as well as go over planned PTO events for the year.

Calling all dads to join us on Friday, September 13 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.

Sierra PTO publishes a student directory each year as a FREE service for our families. We use an online database to collect the information and then we send a printed copy home with each family in early fall. New this year all families will be able to access the Student directory online using Membership Toolkit to view information as needed.

Here's what you need to do:

- Go to <https://phoenixsierrapto.membershiptoolkit.com/>
- Click on the Register/Login button.
- If you already have an account with another organization that uses Membership Toolkit you can use the same email and password to login. You can then proceed to the numbered steps below.
- Select "Create Account" and fill in the name, email, and password information.
- Click "verify my email" and then check your email for link to complete the process. The link expires in 2 hours. If you do not receive the email, check your spam or junk folders.
- Once you have verified your email address, log back in and finish the registration process.
 1. Complete the **Parent/Family** and **Student Information**.
 2. Complete the **Directory/Publish Preferences**.

Once the Primary Account is set up, the **Primary user can "invite" other email addresses** to access his/her account. This allows the Secondary User to have their own login information, but still have access to the family account.

Kyrene School Lunch Program prices will remain the same this school year. 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.**

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](#))

Sierra Curriculum Night will be held in the teacher's classroom the flyer will be coming home in students' backpacks the first week of school. This is a parent only event, no day care is available at the school. Mark your calendar for this important parent only event. Sierra PTO will be available to answer questions in the hallway.

Wednesday, August 14

5:00-5:30PM - Integrated Preschool

5:30-6:06PM - Kindergarten

6:10-6:45PM – First Grade

6:50-7:25PM – Second Grade

6:00 – 6:30PM – Art, Library, Music, P.E.

Thursday, August 15

5:30 – 6:05PM – Third Grade

6:10 – 6:45PM – Fourth Grade

6:50 – 7:25 PM – Fifth Grade

Remind Text- due to size restrictions imposed by remind Sierra will not be using the remind text this school year. We will use the school messenger system which allows us to send out text messages the day of school events.