



Kyrene de la Sierra Elementary School

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Sierra Weekly News

Here is the Announcement we received about becoming a Blue Ribbon school on Thursday, September 26, 2019:

U. S. Secretary of Education Announces 2019 National Blue Ribbon Schools

Congratulations! Kyrene de la Sierra Elementary School in Kyrene Elementary School District has been designated an Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School for 2019 by U. S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. Your school is one of 362 schools in the nation and one of five schools from Arizona to be recognized in 2019. Your school's official letter of designation from Secretary DeVos will be mailed to your school. We are looking forward to celebrating your school's success at the awards ceremony on Thursday, November 14th and Friday, November 15th.

Principals Front Page News

As we leave September and move into October it's hard to believe that the end of the First Quarter is here. And what a way to celebrate the end of the first quarter by becoming a Blue Ribbon school! As I reflect on my first nine weeks at Sierra I thought about so many amazing things that have happened. I have enjoyed meeting so many of our families during Meet the Teacher night and the first several weeks of school. I also had a wonderful time participating in a variety of school events including Bingo Night and the Watch D.O.G.S kick-off.

I still can't believe how supportive our family and community are and what a success our PTO's "Let's Get Wild About Sierra" was. Speaking of our fundraiser, I can't wait for October 18th when we will finally get to have Lunch on the Lawn. This is an opportunity for families to join us during lunch ([school lunch schedules](#)) and spend some time with their children to celebrate reaching our PTO Fundraiser goal.

As a reminder our Fall Break will start Friday, October 4th and continue through Monday, October 14th. **Don't forget that on October 14th we don't have school because our staff will be participating in Staff Development.** Our primary focus for Staff Development day will be on math and writing instruction. Once our students return we will be preparing for Parent/Teacher Conferences which will happen on Wednesday, October 23rd and Thursday, October 24th. Then on Friday, October 25th we will end the week with our Fall Festival. I know the PTO is busy planning this event and have some new additions for this year. Student Council will also be selling glow necklaces that night, so you don't want to miss it!

Calendar of Events:

10/2-Absent student pictures
10/3-End of 1st quarter
10/4-14 No school- Fall Break
10/15-School Resumes. Special areas follow Monday schedule (Library books & PE shoes)
10/16-Report cards go home
10/17-Batty Bedtime for Kindergarten 6-7p
10/18-Lunch on the Lawn
Restaurant day at Papa John's
10/23-Parent Teacher Conferences
In & Out Burger Restaurant night 4-8pm
10/24-Parent Teacher Conferences-additional early release 12:35p-No Integrated Preschool classes
10/25-Fall Festival 5:30-8p

Upcoming calendar events:

11/2-PTO Service event-St Vincent DePaul Hearts and Hands. 9-12pm
11/7-14 before school on playground JDRF fundraiser.
11/8-Veteran's Day flag raising and honoring service 8-8:30am on the playground
11/11-No School, Veteran's Day
11/13-PTO general meeting 6pm
11/20-Modern Market Restaurant night 5-8pm

We have some exciting events and opportunities coming up for our Sierra Community. Make sure to check our Calendar of Events and Upcoming Events Sections.

Fondly,
Brian Gibson



Fall Break schedule: Friday, October 4 through Monday, October 14-no school for students.

Elementary Special Area Schedule Adjustment. School resumes on Tuesday, October 15 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.

Report cards go home with students. Wednesday, October 16, look in your child's backpack for a report card of students in First through Fifth grades.

Extra Early Release Day for Parent Teacher Conferences. October 23 and 24 are designated Parent Teacher conference dates and students release time is at 12:30pm. Integrated Preschool classes on 10/24 will be cancelled for Parent Teacher conferences (Community Ed preschool will operate).

Sierra Celebrates our Veteran's. Please join us Friday, November 8 from 8-8:30am for the Veteran's Day celebration. Sierra family members who are veterans are encouraged to fill out one of the pages on our web site (link below). Then return it to the school so you can be celebrated on our veteran's banner.

[Recognizing our veteran's poster](#) due date for this information is Friday, November 1. 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.

Notice to Parents: NSLP Meal status rollover from 2018-19 ended on 9/12/2019. If your child has changed to paid status we need a new meal application at this time to establish meal status for the 2019-20 school year. Questions contact Linda Stewart 480-541-1350 or Lstewa@kyrene.org for information. Watch for emails from noreplies@mg.mealsplus.com - School Nutrition Department

Sierra PTO Events and Information:

Lunch on the Lawn Rescheduled! Due to very hot temperatures we postponed our fundraiser celebration with Lunch on the Lawn to October 18! Mark your calendar to join your students for lunch.

Sierra PTO Restaurant Nights: October 18 - Papa Johns from 9:30am-11pm with flyer. 20% of the proceeds will go back to Sierra. The class with the most flyers turned in will win a pizza party!

October 23 - In & Out Burger from 4-8pm with flyer a percentage of sales going back to Sierra.

11/21- Preschool & Kindergarten Showcase in the Sierra Multi-purpose room at 5:30pm.
11/21-27 Scholastic Book Fair during lunch recess.
11/27 Turkey Trot

Sierra PTO Fall Festival will take place after fall break. Friday, October 25 at the Sierra Fall Festival, the 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 from 5:30-8pm. Mark your calendar as your family will have a fun night with a costume contest, the pumpkin walk, bouncers, games, the ever-popular cakewalk. Food vendors AZ Popcycle, Chick-Fil-A, Water & Ice, and Bama BBQ will be available. Pre-order wristbands for \$15 by Oct 22 (\$20 at the gate) 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. For questions contact us at fallfest@sierrapto.org.

Pumpkin walk at Fall Festival. Sierra Student Council will be working with the Sierra PTO to continue the Pumpkin Walk at the Fall Festival this year! Have your student bring their pumpkin to school on Friday, October 25. Student Council will be at student drop-off to transport into the school. You may decorate or carve a pumpkin. Be sure to put a battery-operated tea light inside, along with student name and classroom on the pumpkin.

Sierra Student Council booth at Fall Festival. You may purchase a glow necklace for \$1. Thanks for supporting Sierra student council.

St. Vincent de Paul Hearts and Hands Community Service Event. November 2 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 new ID number with online orders. The early-bird price of the full color, hard cover book is \$22.00 online until 12/20/2019. The price will increase to \$25.00 when purchased online from 12/21/19 - 3/13/20. From 3/14-5/21 the price will increase to \$30. Online orders close 5/1/20. Yearbooks can be purchased in the office the last week of school (subject to availability) payable by cash or check made to Sierra PTO. Love Lines for \$5 open now until 2/14/2020. To place your order for yearbook or Love Lines go to <https://commpe.pictavo.com/> enter school ID#85937 to be directed to the Sierra Elementary online store.