



Kyrene de la Sierra Elementary School

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2019 National Blue Ribbon School



Sierra Weekly News Principals Front Page News

It was so great to see so many parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences as well as our amazing fall festival. As you can see by our calendar, November is going to be a busy Month. We hope you are able to join us for one or many of the upcoming events taking place at Sierra. Speaking of upcoming events, I'm very excited about honoring our Veteran's with a school wide flag raising ceremony on November 8th at 8am. We also invite you to attend our Sierra PTO Evening meeting on November 20th at 6pm. At that meeting I will be sharing information related to our school letter grade and our 2019 National Blue Ribbon designation. We will have just returned from the Awards Ceremony which we are attending in Washington D.C.

This year we will kick off the 28th Annual Turkey Trot on Nov. 27. Sierra Student Council is sponsoring a donation drive of a new stuffed animal or a new blanket. The drive begins on November 25 -27. December 2-6 they will continue with the 5th annual Pajama Drive. Donation collection will end with a school wide P.J. Day on December 6. All items collected will go to the Winter Wonderland event for Kyrene families in need.

It is also National Diabetes Awareness Month. The families will collect donations that will go directly to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). JDRF paper sneakers will be on sale for \$1 starting November 7 through November 14 before school. The two classes (one from K-2; one from 3-5) with the most donations will win an ice cream party. On that last day, November 14, we will have a Type 1 Diabetes Spirit Day and ask that everyone wear blue to school.

We hope you will join us in giving back in the way that makes the most sense to you and your family.

Fondly,

Brian Gibson

Calendar of Events:

11/2 St Vincent De Paul Hearts & Hands 9-12
11/7-14 JDRF fundraiser before school on playground 7:10-7:30a
11/8 Honoring Veterans with a Flag Raising 8am
11/11 No School
11/14 Spirit Day JDRF wear blue
11/20 PTO meeting in the Library 6-7pm
11/20 Modern Market PTO restaurant night 5-8pm
11/21 Showcase for Kindergarten and preschool 5:30pm in MPR
11/21-27 Scholastic Book Fair. See schedule.
11/25 School tour for new families. Reservation needed.
11/25-27 donation drive stuffed animal/blanket.
11/27 Turkey Trot. See schedule
11/28 & 29 No School
11/30 Sierra Strikers at Festival of Lights 12:00pm

Mark your calendar for upcoming events:

12/1-17 Honey Baked Ham PTO fundraiser, order for the holiday.
12/3 Sierra 2019 National Blue Ribbon school assembly at 8a. Wear blue or Sierra spirit wear
12/2-6 Pajama Drive for Winter Wonderland

Honoring Veteran's at our Veteran's Day Program. Sierra staff and students will be honoring veterans at a flag raising on Friday, November 8. Veteran's are invited to arrive before the program at 7:40am for social time and snack. Parents are invited, and students are encouraged to remind any veteran whom they know to join us! Active Duty/Retired veterans are encouraged to come in uniform or dress in any 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 in order to attend.

Twenty-Eighth Annual Sierra Turkey Trot on Wednesday, November 27. See schedule below for the grade level Turkey Trot and lunchtime. Student Council will be collecting new stuffed animals or blankets for Winter Wonderland. Bin located at the gate. The Fifth Annual Pajama Drive will take place Dec 2-6. Turkey Trot T-shirt ordering deadline is November 6, [click here for flyer.](#)

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>RUN</u>	<u>RECESS</u>	<u>LUNCH</u>	<u>RETURN TO CLASS</u>
Kindergarten	8:30 (return to class)	10:55-11:15 in classroom	10:35	10:55
First Grade	10:45(return to class)	11:15	11:35	11:55
Second Grade	10:05	10:35	10:55	11:15
Third Grade	9:00 (return to class)	10:50	11:10	11:30
Fourth Grade	9:35	11:30	11:50	12:10
Fifth Grade	11:15	11:50	12:10	12:30



Sierra PTO Events and Information.

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. Follow this link to the [Sierra PTO web page](#) for further information.

JDRF fundraiser before school November 7-14. Together with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, we are fundraising to help find a cure for this disease, and for people like Reagan and Anna. Students may bring \$1 before school to the playground and purchase a paper sneaker which we will fill the Sierra hallway with. The two classes (one from K-2, one from 3-5) who raise the most money will earn an ice cream party provided by Reagan's Renegades and Anna's Bananas!

Join Sierra PTO for an evening meeting November 20 at 6pm. Mr. Gibson will talk about our 2019 National Blue Ribbon award.

12/6 Pajama Day -Wear a pair, donate a pair.
 12/6 Ahwatukee Community Holiday Concert- Sierra Singers perform 6:30pm
 12/9 Spelling Bee 8:15am
 12/9 School Tour at 1pm for new families. Reservation needed
 12/9 Holiday Choir-Sing along in the Multi-Purpose room at 6pm.
 12/9-14 Sierra PTO offers the Holiday Shoppe for student shopping during lunch recess only.
 12/18 Site Council meeting 2pm
 12/19 Honey Baked Ham orders pick up 2:30pm.
 12/20-1/5 Winter Break
 1/6 School Resumes

Scholastic Book Fair during lunch recess. Shopping will take place during lunch recess and after school until 3pm with each class having a specific day to shop. See schedule below.

Grade	Thurs., Nov. 21	Fri., Nov. 22	Mon., Nov. 25	Tues., Nov. 26	Wed., Nov 27
Kindergarten 10:15 - 10:35	closed	Hill	Milbourn	Trent	open to Kindergarten
First Grade 11:15-10:35	closed	Hall	Myers	Yamada	open to First grade
Second Grade 10:35 - 10:55	closed	Boyd	Corbett	Prather	open to Third grade
Third Grade 10:50-11:10	Baker	Grana	Jacobs	Ohman	open to Second grade
Fourth Grade 11:30-11:50	Closed	Crouch	Foster	Guerrero	open to Fourth grade
Fifth Grade 11:50-12:10	Segura	Imrie	O'Connell	Middleton	open to Fifth Grade
After school shop with parent	2:30 - 3:00	2:30 - 3:00	2:30 - 3:00	2:30 - 3:00	CLOSED

Sierra PTO Restaurant Night: Modern Market on Nov. 20 from 5-8pm. Visit and 50% of sales will go back to Sierra PTO. Dine-in or take out included, must show flyer or mention Sierra.

Explore Kindergarten and Preschool with Sierra Teachers and Principal. This will take place on Thursday November 21 at 5:30pm in the Multi-Purpose room. Please invite friends & neighbors to attend. Sierra's teachers will provide information on getting ready for Kindergarten and preschool. We will be holding an additional Kindergarten Orientation in the spring. Registration for new students opens on January 13. This is an online application available through Parent Vue.

New this year! Report Cards are available in ParentVUE for Grades 1-8! Families are encouraged to log into their accounts, select the "Report Card" tab, and review first quarter progress. (PS and KG students only receive reports cards at the end of each semester.)

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 School Hours: 7:30-2:30pm
 Wednesday Release: 12:30pm
 Preschool Hours: 7:30-10:30am
 11:30-2:30pm