



Kyrene de la Sierra Elementary School

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Sierra February News Principals News

We have an exciting month ahead of us with many events and exciting things to celebrate. I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather as spring is getting closer, which is hard to believe as you see weather across the Midwest and East Coast. Also, the Super Bowl is almost here. Even though my favorite team (Arizona Cardinals) won't be playing, I'm looking forward to the game. Regardless if you are watching at home or attending a Super Bowl party I hope you enjoy the game. Enjoy some great food without over eating, watch the commercials and halftime show.

Exciting News: We are excited to share that Ila Supiot and Eoin Culloty received a certificate highlighting their academic progress during the first half of the year! Our superintendent, Dr. Vesely, was here to present these special awards. Way to go!!

Two Important Safety Reminders:

1. After school please make sure if you are parking and walking to pick-up your child under the shade structure, that you use the crosswalk that has a duty person at it. Don't walk through the car pick-up line. It is a hectic time and we want to make sure all parents and students are safe.
2. Posted NO Dogs on Campus- As the weather is warming up, I know it's tempting to bring your dog (who must be on a leash) with you to pick-up your child after school. We are asking that you please refrain from doing this because we may have some students and/or community members who have a fear of dogs. It is also a very chaotic time and could be very stressful for your animal with all the people, noise, and things happening. Instead we ask that if you would like to bring your animal please use the parent pick-up line and keep dog in the car, that way you are in control of your dog the entire time.

Just a couple of more important reminders:

Spring student pictures with Fifth grade group picture on Feb 6.

Calendar of Events:

2/4 Zzeek's Pizza 11am -11pm
Green Team
2/6 Spring student pictures, 5th grade group picture
Student Council
2/7 First grade field trip
Daddy Daughter Dance 6-8pm in MPR
2/8 Sierra parking lot used for God's Garden Transportation Day parking
2/11 Chef Grant Moss creating with a few Sierra Students
2/13 Small cakes PTO restaurant day 10am to 8pm
2/14 Kindergarten Dad's & donuts 8-8:45am
2/17 no school
2/18 special areas follow Monday schedule. Green Team
3rd grade field trip to Shamrock Farm
2/20 Fifth Grade Hall of Fame 5:30-6:30pm in hallways
Student Council
2/22 Regional Spelling Bee 9:30am Kyrene School District
2/26 Parent Teacher conferences
2/27 Parent Teacher conferences
Early release day 12:30pm
2/28 Book Walk during lunch recess. Kick off Read-A-Thon

Mark your calendar for upcoming events:

3/2 Rainbow Day
3/3 Crazy Hair & Sock Day
Three Screens presentation
Green Team
3/4 Book Character Day
3/5 Twin Day
Sierra PTO hosts author visit Conrad Stord in the Library.
Student Council
3/6 Sports Day
Second and Fourth Grade field trips.

Our annual Daddy Daughter Candyland Sweetheart Dance on Feb 7
Fifth Grade Hall of Fame will be on display in the hallways on Feb 20 from 5:30-6:30pm
Finally, best of luck to our Dylan Dominguez who will be representing Sierra at the Regional Spelling Bee on Feb 22.

Fondly,

Brian Gibson

Student Safety Concerns. Students should always exit the car (passenger side) onto the sidewalk and not into the lane of traffic. We are seeing a steady increase in the number of families crossing on 12 street and not using the crosswalk. *Arizona legislation Section 28-793 prohibits pedestrians from “jaywalking,” or crossing the roadway where there is not a marked crosswalk or intersection.* Our priority is to keep students safe and this raises the potential for something unfortunate to happen. Please talk to your students about these safety concerns.

Spring Student Pictures on Thursday, February 6. School Pics will be at Sierra taking student pictures. No money needed on picture day. Proofs will be sent home approximately 2 weeks after picture day. School Pics proof program allows you to view several proofs of your child before you purchase! All proofs need to be returned to the classroom teacher by the due date listed. For information, and to view the current background, visit www.schoolpicsonline.com. Any further questions call School Pics at 480-664-1820.

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences with an additional early release day. February 26 & February 27 are designated Parent Teacher conference dates and student release time is at 12:30pm both days.



Sierra PTO Events and Information

Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance. Mark your calendar for Friday, February 7. PTO is sponsoring a very sweet celebration of the candy land spring dance. Sierra girls may be escorted by Father, Grandfather, Uncle or any other adult. Dinner, dancing photo booth, raffle and more! RSVP by February 3rd. \$20 per couple and \$8 for additional Sierra daughter.

Sierra PTO Restaurant Nights:

Zzeeks Pizza Restaurant Night on Tuesday, February 4 from 11am to 11pm.

20% of purchase going back to Sierra PTO.

Smallcakes Restaurant Night on Thursday, February 13 from 10am to 8pm. 33% of your purchase will go back to Sierra PTO with the mention of Sierra.

Yearbook Love Line deadline is approaching. Now is the time to order your 2019-20 Sierra yearbook. Click on this link to order <https://commpe.pictavo.com/> enter school ID #85937. Beginning Dec. 21, 2019 through Mar. 13, 2020 the cost will be \$25.00. Final increase after Mar. 13, 2020 will be \$30.00. **Love Lines are due by 2/14/2020** <http://sierrpto.org/yearbook-love-line-submission/>.

3/9-16 Spring Break - no school
3/17 School resumes
Green Team
Community Ed registration opens
3/19 Student Council
Foundation Opportunity drawing
3/20 Report Cards go home
3/23 School tours -RSVP
3/24 Honey Baked Ham restaurant day
11am - 6pm
Staff lunch
3/25 Kindergarten Orientation 5:30-6:30pm RSVP
3/26 Fourth Grade field trip
Fifth Grade Concert 6pm in MPR
3/27 Kindergarten and Fifth Grade field trips
3/31 Green Team

2020 Read-A-Thon kick off February 28. It is time to celebrate literacy and Dr. Seuss' Birthday with a fun week filled with reading. Schedule of events for the week of March 2 to March 6:

Monday, March 2 Rainbow Day (Preschool, Kindergarten wear Red, First Grade wear Orange, Second Grade wear Yellow, Third Grade wear Green, Fourth grade wear Blue, Fifth grade wear Purple.

Tuesday, March 3 Crazy Hair & Sock Day

Wednesday, March 4 Dress as favorite book character or author

Thursday, March 5 Twin Day

Friday, March 6 Sports Day with logs and donation packets due this day.

Kyrene School District Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Dylan Dominguez. 25 spellers competed. The bee went fourteen rounds with an impressive six round spell-off between Dylan Dominguez, 5th grade from Sierra, and Hadley Moore, 5th grade from Estrella. Hadley was eliminated on the word "haggis" and Dylan went on to correctly spell "luminaria" and then the championship word "arthritis" to claim the title of Kyrene School District Spelling Bee Champion.

Both Hadley and Dylan will represent our district at the Maricopa County Region I Spelling Bee on February 22nd. The bee is being held at the Kyrene District Office and will begin at 9:30am.

Gifted Child Find Notice. All public school districts have an ongoing "Child Find" obligation. This means that the Kyrene School District will identify, locate and evaluate all children within their geographic boundaries who are in need of special education and related service. Kyrene makes gifted testing available for students at school sites three times per year by application. Applications are due for the third round of testing for 2019-20 on February 3, 2020. 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

Opportunity Drawing Tickets Available select Sierra or teacher! \$10 buys you an opportunity to win

3-day/2-night hotel stay in Anaheim. Package includes 1-Day Disneyland Resort Tickets for 2 adults and 2 children. (\$1,000 value)

- Tickets are eligible for additional Opportunity Drawing prizes.
- 2nd Prize - 1 School House Rock Summer Camp session (\$500 value)
- 3rd Prize - Golf for 4 at Arizona Grand (\$250 value)
- 4th Prize - Dinner for 2 at the Phoenician's J&G Steakhouse (\$150 value)
- 5th Prize - 2 Arizona Diamondbacks Baseball Tickets
- Drawing will be held Thursday, March 19 at Kyrene de las Manitas Elementary School

For each ticket sold, \$5 will go directly to the Kyrene school PTO by selecting Sierra or a teacher. The other \$5 supports the work of the nonprofit Kyrene Foundation. Tickets available at <http://www.kyrenefoundation.org/event/opportunity-2020/>

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School Hours: 7:30-2:30pm

Wednesday Release: 12:30pm

Preschool Hours: 7:30-10:30am morning session, 11:30-2:30pm afternoon session