Kyrene de la Sierra



July 2025

Message from the Principal

Dear Sierra families,

Are you ready for the 25/26 school year? We are! And we can't wait to see you all back on campus next week at Meet the Teacher night! Be sure to join us Monday, July 21st from 5:00pm-6:30pm where you can see your child's classroom, meet the teacher, walk around the Sierra campus and mingle with friends. Our amazing PTO will be in the Multi-purpose Room (MPR) showcasing all the wonderful things they do to support Sierra, information on volunteering, and offer the opportunity to purchase school Spiritwear. If you have school supplies you are more than welcome to bring them to Meet the Teacher night to drop off in your child's classroom. The first day of school is Wednesday, July 23rd and is a FULL DAY of school. See you all next week!

Sincerely,
Brian Gibson
Principal

Upcoming Events

JUL 21: Meet the Teacher Night, 5:00pm-6:30pm
JUL 23: First Day of School, FULL DAY, 7:30am-2:15pm
JUL 23: Boohoos and Yahoos New Parent Breakfast, 7:30am-8:00am
AUG 1: KTR Family Night
AUG 7: WATCHDog Kickoff
AUG 15: Early Release, 12:15pm
AUG 15: NO Integrated Preschool
AUG 18: NO SCHOOL, Staff Development Day

View Full Calendar



Welcome to the new school year

Here is all the information you need to start school on July 23!

SIERRA SCHOOL HOURS:
Kinder - 5th Grade: Before school supervision begins: 7:00am (students are not allowed on campus prior to 7:00am)
***1st Day of School**: All parents/guardians are welcome to join their child on the playground before school. This is the only day that this will be allowed. All other days we will have Student Ambassadors and staff members greeting our newest Sierra Suns and any other student that needs to find their way on the playground.
1st bell rings: 7:25am - Playground gates close and students must enter through the office after this time.
Tardy bell rings: 7:30am - School has started and students arriving after this time will be issued a tardy pass.
M, T, TH & F dismissal: 2:15pm
Early Release on Wednesdays and a few other non-Wednesdays throughout the year: 12:15pm
Integrated Preschool Hours:
AM Program: 7:25am-10:25am
PM Program: 11:15am-2:15pm
Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri - No Preschool on Wednesdays or extra non-Wednesday early release days.

Sierra Office Hours are 7:00am-3:30 pm M, T, TH and F. 7:00am-1:30pm on Wednesdays.

Meet the Teacher Night is Monday, July 21st from 5:00pm-6:30pm. This is an open house format and all families are welcome. If you are unable to make it to Meet the Teacher night please call the office to let us know, 480.541.5200. Teacher assignments will be posted in your ParentVUE account for all continuing students on the afternoon of July 21st. New families

will be provided their teacher assignment by staff members during Meet the Teacher Night as ParentVUE accounts are not active until the first day of school.
Our **Sierra PTO** will be in the MPR selling Sierra Spirit wear and offering information on how you can be a part of the many activities they put on throughout the year.
School supplies may be brought in during this time for convenience.
Preschool School Supply List
Kindergarten-5th Grade School Supply List

Boo Hoos and Yahoos New Parent Breakfast: All NEW parents are invited to join us on the first day of school for a get together with our PTO from 7:30-8:00am. Coffee and donuts will be available as well as pleasant conversations! This is a great way to meet new people! This is an adult only event as children will be in their classrooms. If you'd like to join us, please check in through the front office. ID's are required.

Medications and Immunizations: If your child requires medication to be left at school please contact the health assistant, Selena Maiefski, to fill out all required documentation prior to the start of school. If your student received updated immunizations during the summer please provide those to Miss Selena, as well. She can be reached at smaiefski@kyrene.org or 480.541.5220.

Important: Sign up for Text Messages
In the event of an emergency, text messages are the fastest and most effective way to communicate information to families. You must opt in to receive text communications! Text "Y" or "yes" to 67587 to begin receiving text messages from our school and district.

Parking: Due to the ongoing improvement projects at Sierra, parking is extremely limited. Please be mindful of the equipment in the fenced off portion in the east parking lot. It is anticipated that the project will last several more months. On event days like Meet the Teacher and the First Day of School, Sierra will be extremely busy and we ask for patience and consideration when visiting our campus. As a reminder, the Liberty Lane parking lot is ONLY for staff and school buses.

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures: Please take the time to review our Drop Off and Pick Up procedures. These procedures are in place to keep our students safe during these busy times. The first few weeks of school are typically busier as families and students get used to the coming and going. And be mindful of the equipment in the east parking lot.



School Lunch: Please see the Food Service website for information on creating a student lunch account, making a payment, check lunch balances, meal application, lunch menu and snack options. Here is the July lunch menu for convenience. Note: Sierra does not serve breakfast.

Bus Stop Reminder: Safe transportation is a priority in Kyrene, especially for our youngest bus riders, who may still be getting used to riding a bus. Kindergarten and first grade students must have a parent/guardian present at the bus stop at the end of the day. If a parent/guardian is not present, students will be returned to school. Exceptions will be granted if families specifically request that a student be dropped off unattended or with a sibling. Again, this applies only to kindergarten and first grade bus riders.
Please see the Transportation website for information on bus routes, bus rules and the Stopfinder app to get real time information on the location of your student's school bus.

Gifted Testing: Kyrene makes gifted testing available to students at their school site three times per year on designated dates. Students may only test once each school year and up to three times total in grades K through 8. Please see the Gifted Education website for more information on Gifted Education and to fill out an application for Gifted Testing. The first window of testing is nearing a close. The application for students in grades 3, 4 or 5 closes this Friday, July 18.

Attendance Matters! Kyrene School District is committed to working with families to improve student attendance and academic success. Our school will send email notices when a student misses four or more days of school, whether excused or unexcused. Additional notices are sent when a student reaches 8 and 13 absences. If a student exceeds 18 absences, a more formal letter will be sent, but it is our goal to partner with families before that happens. Kyrene has an Attendance Resources webpage with information on how to maintain good attendance habits, including our "Too Sick for School" guide to help determine when to keep children home.

Community Education: Interested in After School enrichment programs or need after school child care? See Kyrene's Community Education website for information on all the classes that are offered, fees and dates.

Contact Us

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School Hours: 7:30 am - 2:15 pm
Early Dismissal Wed: 12:15 pm

Office Hours: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm
Wednesday: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

