

OCTOBER 2025

PANTHER PRINTS

HERRERA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

IMPORTANT DATES

October 2- Goodies with Grandparents (7:15-7:45 am)

October 6-13- NO SCHOOL (Fall Break)

October 15- Full Day Wednesday; Peter Piper Pizza Fundraiser (5:30-7:00 pm)

October 17- Herrera Dance Performance at the Arizona State Fair (5:30 pm)

October 18- All State Choir Festival; Arizona Heritage Foundation Reception

October 23-24- Parent/ Teacher Conferences

October 29- Student of the Month (9:00 am); Trunk or Treat (4:00-6:00 pm)

October 31- Costume Parade (9:00-10:00 am)



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

October is such a special time at our school—we see students thriving in their classrooms, building friendships, and enjoying the fun traditions of fall. The energy around campus is wonderful as routines are established and students are diving deeper into their learning. We are especially grateful for the many ways you support your children and our school, whether by attending events, volunteering, or simply encouraging learning at home. This partnership makes a big difference in creating a safe, caring, and joyful environment for all. As we look ahead, we're excited for the opportunities this month will bring to learn, grow, and celebrate together. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community!

With Gratitude,
Dr. Clynick

HERRERA MISSION AND VISION

MISSION - HERRERA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS WILL NURTURE CREATIVE POTENTIAL IN STUDENTS BY PROVIDING A RIGOROUS ARTISTIC EDUCATION, FOSTERING A PASSION FOR THE ARTS, AND DEVELOPING CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS ACROSS VARIOUS DISCIPLINES, WHILE PREPARING THEM FOR FUTURE ARTISTIC PURSUITS AND ENRICHING THEIR LIVES THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION.

VISION- TO BE A LEADING INSTITUTION IN THE ARTS, CULTIVATING INNOVATIVE ARTISTS AND CRITICAL THINKERS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATIVE AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY.

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES PROGRAM

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2  Cara Cara Oranges	3
6	7	8	9	10
Fall Break				
13	14  Granny Smith Apple	15	16  Seckel Pear	17
20	21  Pink Lady Apple	22	23  Rambutan	24
27	28  Fuji Apple	29	30  Blood Orange	31

This year we are excited to share that we have started the Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Program at Herrera! Every Tuesday and Thursday students get to sample one new healthy food item during class, as well as learn a bit about where it comes from.

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UPCOMING VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS!

After fall break our morning announcements will be recorded as a video with important information that is shared with students each day. This will be posted every morning on Class Dojo for all families to view to stay updated with what is happening on campus each day.

VOLUNTEERING AT HERRERA

We are grateful for all of our amazing volunteers at Herrera! This year we have a lot of exciting events and activities happening, and we would love parent and community member support. This month, we had some amazing parents support with our kindergarten garden, the Scholastic Book Fair, and our Student of the Month celebrations.

Volunteer Hours: 8:15 am- 3:15 pm- must check in at the front office

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, take a moment to connect with Ms. Ramirez, our FACE Specialist, at adriana.ramirez@phxschools.org

We appreciate you!



DIAMONDBACKS READ YOUR WAY TO THE BALLPARK CHALLENGE!

This year we are partnering with the Arizona Diamondbacks to encourage student reading both at school and at home. Classes at Herrera have set personal and class-wide goals to reach prizes- with the "home run" prize being two free tickets to a Diamondbacks game in the 2026 season!

Take time at home to read with your child or provide them with a chance to talk about their books. We want our students to be excited about reading!

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CAREGIVER CONFERENCES

In October, we have our caregiver conferences for parents/ guardians to meet with your child's teacher to learn about their growth academically and socially. Teachers will be sharing information on past and upcoming assessments, current grades, and updates on student learning.

Keep a look out for sign-ups from your child's teacher(s) following Fall Break! Teachers are also available on Class Dojo if you have any questions prior to conferences beginning.

We look forward to seeing you there!

ATTENDANCE GOAL FOR THE SCHOOL: 95%

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE RATE:

91%

Thank you to our community partners

**THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS HELPED OUT THIS MONTH ON
CAMPUS. WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

**SKY HARBOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
BLUE WATERMELONG PROJECT
MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM
ARIZONA HERITAGE CENTER
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS
PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY
PHOENIX SYMPHONY
PHOENIX RISING
BALLET ARIZONA
APS**