

DECEMBER 2025

PANTHER PRINTS

HERRERA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

IMPORTANT DATES

December 1- BizTown Field Trip (8th Grade)

December 2- Student Council Meeting; Musical Rehearsal

December 3- Art Museum Field Trip (7th & 8th Grade Art Students)

December 4- Phoenix Zoo Field Trip (4th Grade); AZELLA Parent Meeting @ 9:00 am; K-4 Fine Arts Showcase @ 5:00 pm

December 5- Herrera Spelling Bee @ 9:00 am; First Friday Student Art Showcase

December 8- Diamondbacks Winter Classic Field Trip (Kindergarten & 1st Grade)

December 9- Musical Rehearsal

December 11- Choir Concert @ 5:00 pm

December 12- Last Day of 21st Century Programs; Winter Festival @ 5:00 pm; Ballet Arizona Field Trip (5th- 8th Grade Dance Students)

December 16- Band & Orchestra Concert @ 5:00 pm; Student Council Meeting; Keogh Health Connection @ 3:30 pm

December 17- December Student of the Month @ 9:00 am; TRIO Meeting @ 1:20 pm

December 18- Musical Rehearsal

December 19- Reindeer Run; End of 2nd Quarter



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Herrera Families,

I can't believe we're already in December! It's such a wonderful time of year to see the excitement building around school, and it makes me so proud to look back at all our students have accomplished this fall. A huge thank you for your ongoing support—we really couldn't do this without our amazing school families. I am looking forward to seeing all of our art showcases and performances across all grade levels this holiday season!

Warm Wishes,

Dr. Alicia Clynick

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**HERRERA ELEMENTARY
STUDENT COUNCIL**

**NEW HERRERA
T-SHIRTS**



\$20



AVAILABLE IN BOTH KIDS'

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATES

Our student council is selling Herrera shirts! If you are interested in purchasing one and showing school spirit, take a moment to fill out the order form in the QR code. Please only send cash!



WINTER FESTIVAL

This year Herrera will be combining multiple winter events into one celebration: the first annual Winter Festival!

This will combine our annual posada with a winter light parade (similar to our trunk or treat event) and crafts led by our Student Council.

Food such as posole, snacks, and soda will be sold, and candy canes will be given out as you walk around to see the winter lights on the cars,

More details will be shared on Class Dojo in the near future!

Date: December 12

Time: 5:00-6:30 pm



UPCOMING TESTING

There is a lot of important testing coming up for all grade levels beginning this month! Encourage your child to have a good night sleep and a nutritious dinner the night before testing, and remind them to do their best on the test!

December 8- iReady Math & ELA Begin
January & February- AZELLA
assessment for English Language
Learners

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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

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2 No FFVP This Week	3	4	5
8	9  Kumquats	10	11  Blood Orange	12
15	16  Red Pear	17	18  Pineapple	19
22	23 Winter Break	24	25	26
29	30 Winter Break	31		

21ST CENTURY UPDATES

We are excited to continue with 21st Century programming next semester! There will be some changes, including new clubs and tutoring starting for all grade levels. We will also have tutoring for all students from 3:30–4:30, and enrichment classes taking place from 4:30–5:30. Information will be shared separately on Class Dojo by our coordinators. In the meantime, take a moment to register your child for 21st Century in the QR code provided. All students will receive a meal at the start of their clubs!

Please remember that attendance is important! Students should be attending the clubs each scheduled day. If you have any questions please reach out to our coordinators: Denise Presuel-Gonzalez and Taylor Flower.



The Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Title IV-B afterschool program is funded by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the Arizona Department of Education. For more information visit: <http://www.azed.gov/21stcclc/>

Supporting Learning Over Winter Break

Learning over breaks is just as important! Here are some ways students can engage in learning between Quarters:

- **Read Together:** Encourage reading for pleasure—even just 15 minutes a day—or read aloud as a family.
- **Keep a Schedule:** Maintain a simple routine that includes consistent bedtimes and some daytime activity.
- **Focus on Real-World Math:** Involve your child in holiday cooking (measuring!) or calculating gift budgets.
- **Visit the Library or Museum:** Take a low-pressure educational trip to a local attraction.
- **Write Thank You Notes:** Practice writing skills by sending cards or thank-you notes for gifts

ATTENDANCE GOAL FOR THE SCHOOL: 95%

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE RATE:

90%