

NOVEMBER 2025

PANTHER PRINTS

HERRERA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

IMPORTANT DATES

October 29- Be Kind Dance Crew Field Trip (9:00-11:30 am); Student of the Month (9:00 am); Trunk or Treat (4:00-6:00 pm)

October 31- Costume Parade (9:00-9:30 am)

November 3- Picture Day Retakes (8:30-11:30 am)

November 4- Ballet Arizona Field Trip (9:30 am-12:00 pm); Student Council Meeting (3:15-4:15 pm)

November 6- Coffee with the Principal (9:00-10:00 am); Fall Art Showcase at Emerson Court (4:00-5:00 pm)

November 7- \$1 Pajama Day Fundraiser

November 8- Applebee's Pancake Fundraiser

November 11- Veterans Day (NO SCHOOL)

November 13- Musical Auditions (Alice in Wonderland)

November 18- 5th & 6th Grade Field Trip to Great Skate

November 19- Student of the Month (9:00 - 9:30 am)

November 20- Junior High Bioscience HS Field Trip

November 21- Turkey Trot

November 24-28- NO SCHOOL



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

As we move into November, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for our wonderful school community. This season reminds us of the importance of connection, kindness, and reflection. Our students continue to grow each day—academically, socially, and emotionally—and that growth is made possible through your partnership and support. Thank you for all you do to make our school a welcoming place for every child to learn and thrive.

Wishing you and your family a joyful and restful Thanksgiving season!

Warmly,
Dr. Alicia 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

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4  Forelle Pears	5	6  Gala Apple	7
10	11  Black Fig	12	13  Hidden Rose Apple	14
17	18  Asian pear	19	20  Green Dragon Apple	21
24	25 Thanksgiving Break	26	27 Thanksgiving Break	28

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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MORNING VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS!

We are excited to share that we have started recording our morning announcements each day! The principal and students will be organizing them and posting them to Class Dojo each morning. Check them out for daily updates on what is taking place on campus with field trips, celebrations, after school clubs, and more!

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. *As a special shout out- thank you to all of our amazing families who contributed to providing dinner to our staff during parent/ teacher conferences. You are appreciated!*

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

Thank you so much for all that you do!



CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOGO!

We are excited to share our new logo for Herrera School for the Arts, continuing with the panther mascot.

21ST CENTURY UPDATES

We are excited to continue with 21st Century for Quarter 2!

We currently still have space in the following after school clubs:

Words in Motion (5th - 8th grade) - Tuesdays

Science of Sports (5th - 8th grade) - Fridays

Beginner Dance (3rd - 4th grade) - Mondays



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 at Home

Helping your child succeed doesn't have to mean hours of homework — small daily habits make a big difference! Here are a few simple ways families can support learning at home:

★ **Keep a Routine**- Children thrive on consistency. Try to set regular times for homework, reading, and bedtime to help your child feel organized and confident.

📖 **Read Together Every Day**- Reading for just 15 minutes a day builds vocabulary and imagination. Take turns reading or talk about favorite parts of the story!

💬 **Talk About Their Day**- Ask open-ended questions like, "What was something interesting you learned today?" Showing interest helps your child feel valued and supported.

🍳 **Learn Through Life**- Cooking, shopping, and playing games are great ways to practice math, reading, and problem-solving. Learning happens everywhere!

❤️ **Encourage Effort**- Celebrate progress and perseverance. Remind your child that mistakes are part of learning and growth.

📞 **Stay Connected**- Keep in touch with your child's teacher. Working together ensures your child gets the best support both at school and at home.

ATTENDANCE GOAL FOR THE SCHOOL: 95%

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE RATE:

91%