

FEBRUARY 2026

PANTHER PRINTS

HERRERA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

IMPORTANT DATES

February 2- 1st Boys Basketball Game v. Whittier

February 3- 1st Girls Basketball Game v. Whittier;
Student Council Meeting

February 4- Kindergarten Round Up (2:00 pm)

February 5- Winter Art Showcase at Emerson
Court (4:00 pm)

February 6- 2nd Grade Field Trip to George
Washington Carver Museum

February 9- 5th Grade BizTown Field Trip

February 10- 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip to ASU
Gammage; Student Council Meeting

February 11- School Dance (5:00-7:00 pm)

February 12- 5-8 Grade Field Trip- Alice in
Wonderland Ballet

February 13- 5th & 6th Grade Drama Field Trip-
Chandler Center for the Arts

February 16- President's Day (No School)

February 23- Picture Day

February 24- Keogh Health Connection (4 pm)

February 25- Student of the Month (9:00 am)



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Herrera Community,

Welcome to February! As we move into the second half of the school year, I am so proud of the growth and heart our students continue to show every day. January was full of celebrations through the Fine Arts Awards, field experiences around Phoenix, and hands-on learning in all classrooms. We have an exciting month ahead filled with learning and community, and I thank you for your constant support in making our school a wonderful place to grow

Best,
Dr. Alicia Clynick

**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!



BASKETBALL SEASON!

Basketball season for our boys and girls club and competitive teams are underway! One of our areas of focus for our athletes is to make sure they are eligible to play due to both their behavior and academics. If you have an athlete at home, make sure you check in with them about their progress in school.

We look forward to bringing home trophies at the end of the season!



UPCOMING TESTING

AZELLA Testing continues throughout the month of February for our English Language Learners. Please ensure students are well-rested and have a nutritious dinner before taking the test!

If you have any questions about the assessment, reach out to our English Language Intervention, Ms. Alvarado, at ana.alvarado@phxschools.org

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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

February							02/26
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3 Cape Gooseberries 	4	5 Cara Cara Oranges 	6	7	
8	9	10 White Peach 	11	12 Asian Pear 	13	14	
15	16 No School	17 White Nectarine 	18	19 Lemon Plum 	20	21	
22	23	24 Baby Honeycrisp Apples 	25	26 Kumquats 	27	28	



HERRERA PARENTS

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Join us for our Kindergarten Round Up event this month to meet the kindergarten teachers and learn a bit more about what it means to be a student at Herrera.

DATE & TIME

Date: Wednesday February 4th
Time: 2:00pm
Location: Herrera Media Center

DOCUMENTS YOU NEED TO REGISTER YOUR STUDENT

Birth Certificate
Shot Records
Proof of address
ID
IEP documents (if the student has one)

MEET THE KINDER TEACHERS

Ms. Madrid & Mrs. Rubio

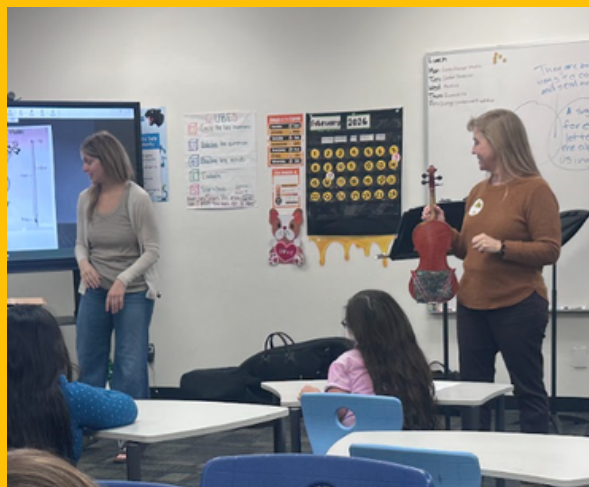
QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please reach out to our front office at (602)257-3885 or our Family and Community Engagement Specialist at adriana.ramirez@phxschools.org



MIND OVER MUSIC

THIS YEAR 3RD AND 5TH GRADE ARE PARTNERING WITH THE PHOENIX SYMPHONY TO TIE TOGETHER MUSIC, MATH, AND READING!



BLUE WATERMELON PROJECT

KINDERGARTEN HAS HAD AN EXCITING YEAR WITH BLUE WATERMELON PROJECT! THEY ARE ABLE TO GARDEN AND COOK WITH NEW INGREDIENTS EVERY MONTH TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT HEALTHY ITEMS THAT ARE NATIVE TO ARIZONA.



HERRERA ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL

Valentine's Grams



1 Stuffedie,
1 Soda,
1 Stamp,
1 ♥ Ball

\$5

Make your own bag

\$1
*each item (not stuffedie)

Every Gram comes with in a bag with a ♥ ball and a postcard!



3-13 FEBRUARY 7:45 AM

21ST CENTURY UPDATES

We are excited to continue with 21st Century programming this semester! We will also have tutoring for all students from 3:30–4:30, and enrichment classes taking place from 4:30–5:30. We are still accepting registrations, so 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/>

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Education doesn't have to stop when the school bell rings! Some of the most impactful learning happens right at the kitchen table or in the backyard. This month, we've put together a list of "fun learning" activities—simple, low-prep ways to spark curiosity, practice math, and build literacy skills while simply having fun together as a family.

Grades K-4: The "Sensory Scavenger Hunt"

- The Activity: Head to a local park or even the backyard. Ask the student to find three items that fit specific "feeling" or "sounding" words (e.g., "Find something crunchy, something velvety, and something rhythmic").

Grades 5-8: "Kitchen Chemistry Chronicles"

- The Activity: While helping make a snack or a simple meal, the student acts as a "Live Radio Host." They must narrate the process as if they are teaching an audience how to do it.

ATTENDANCE GOAL FOR THE SCHOOL: 95%

JANUARY ATTENDANCE RATE:

89%