

APRIL 2026

PANTHER PRINTS

HERRERA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

IMPORTANT DATES

April 13- Girls Football Game vs. Whittier (5:50 pm)

April 14- Boys Football Game vs. Shaw

April 15- Sports/ Team Pictures (9:00 am); *Early Release*

April 17- Girls Football Game vs. Garfield VI (4:50 pm)

April 20- Boys Football Game vs. Garfield VI (4:50pm)

April 21- Girls Football Game vs. Garfield VI (4:50 pm)

April 22- *Early Release*; Freeman Fine Arts Showcase (4:30-7:30 pm)

April 23- Boys Football Game vs. Lowell (4:50pm)

April 28- Keogh Health Connection (3:30 pm)

April 29- *Early Release*



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Herrera Community,

April marks a significant period of academic focus as our students dive into their final core units of the year. Our 3rd - 8th grade students and staff are working hard to ensure a successful testing season. We are incredibly proud of the dedication they continue to show in the classroom and appreciate your ongoing support in keeping them motivated.

Sincerely,

-Dr. Alicia Clynick

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REMINDER: TARDIES

If your child is tardy to school, a parent must come to the office to sign them in for the day, along with their reason for being late. Please keep in mind that tardies do count towards the student's attendance for a partial day absence. It is important our kids are here every day on time to maximize their learning!

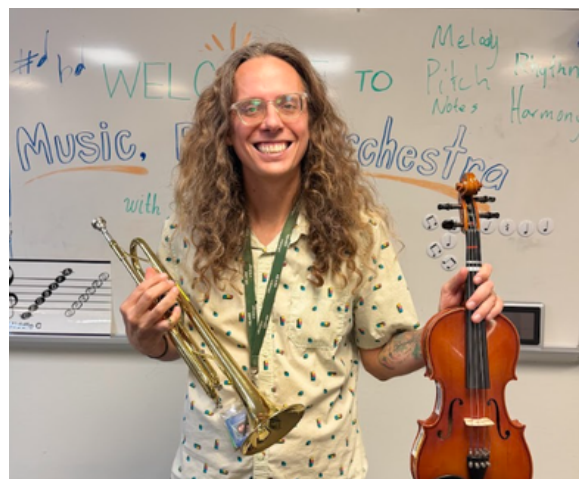
8TH GRADE PROMOTION

8th Grade Promotion is fast approaching! Letters will be sent home later this month with details on dress code, expectations for the ceremony, and other general information.

Date: Wednesday, May 20th

Time: 9:00 am

Doors will open at 8:45 am



8TH GRADE CAPSTONES

As we approach the end of the school year, we are excited to celebrate our 8th graders significant growth in the arts through their End of the Year Capstone Projects. These will be presented at Emerson Court on Wednesday, May 6th from 4:30-5:30 pm. Come join us to check out all of the hard work they have put in to their projects to end their 8th grade year!

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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.

FILLMORE PROPERTY

**HERRERA HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO POSSIBLY MOVE TO THE
FILLMORE PROPERTY (CURRENTLY ASU PREP).**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR FEEDBACK, SEND AN EMAIL TO
REIMAGINEPHOENIX1@PHXSCHOOLS.ORG
THE VOTE FOR THE MOVE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE GOVERNING
BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 16TH!**



21ST CENTURY UPDATES

We are excited to announce that Summer School will take place from June 1 to June 25, with registration beginning next week. We are still awaiting approval for the new schedule, but we can confirm that classes will be organized by grade bands. The program will include Math and ELA tutoring, as well as enrichment classes like art, technology and/or sports.



The yearbook is nearly complete, and pre-orders will begin soon.

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: Edgar Toledo 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

"Spring into Learning!" Education doesn't have to stop at the school gates. This week, we challenge our families to a Micro-Hike. Grab a magnifying glass and see what's happening in just one square foot of your backyard. You'll be surprised at the tiny world waking up for spring!

Nature & Science: The "Micro-Hike"

Instead of a long walk, have families explore just one square meter of grass or dirt.

The Activity: Lay a piece of string in a circle on the ground. Use a magnifying glass (or just get close!) to document everything inside: different types of sprouts, insects, or soil textures.

The Learning: Observation skills and biodiversity.

Quick Tip: Ask, "If you were an ant, what would be the hardest part of crossing this circle?"

ATTENDANCE GOAL FOR THE SCHOOL: 95%

MARCH ATTENDANCE RATE:

88.9%