

MAY 2026

PANTHER PRINTS

HERRERA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

IMPORTANT DATES

May 7- Muffins with Mom (7:15 am);
Band & Orchestra Concert (5:00 pm)

May 8- K-2 Mother's Day Performance
(9:00 am); Volunteers Celebration (9:30
am); Student Council Field Trip to Jake's
Unlimited.

May 12- Spring Choir Concert 5:00pm

May 13- 8th grade lunch in Cafeteria;
Herrera Across the Ages Event 4:00 pm

May 14- Spring Dance Showcase (5:30
pm)

May 15- Last Day of 21st Century Clubs;
Water/ Field Day

May 18- 8th Grade Field Trip to Jake's
Unlimited

May 19- Kindergarten Promotion (9:00
am); 8th Grade Promotion Practice

May 20- 8th Grade Promotion (9:00 am)

May 21- Staff vs. Student Basketball
Game; LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Herrera Community,

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the dedication and spirit you have all shown throughout this school year. It has been an honor to watch our students grow, and I am incredibly proud of the vibrant community we have built together. I wish you all a safe, restful summer filled with joy, and I look forward to the bright futures awaiting our students in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alicia Clynick



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

On behalf of the entire Herrera staff, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful families for your incredible generosity during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Your kind notes, thoughtful treats, and outpouring of support truly energized our staff. It is a joy to work in a community where our educators are so deeply valued and celebrated. Thank you for being such amazing partners in your children's education!

BIKE, WALK, AND ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY

We want to give a huge shout-out to Mrs. O'Neil for her fantastic leadership in organizing our Bike, Walk, and Roll to School Day!

It was wonderful to see so many students, staff members, and families starting their morning with such high energy and healthy habits. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the event a safe and successful celebration of our community spirit!



EARTH DAY

This April, our campus flourished with environmental spirit as we celebrated Earth Day! Our students took great pride in their surroundings by participating in campus-wide clean-up events, ensuring our school stays beautiful and litter-free.

Beyond the cleaning, our classrooms turned into creative studios where students transformed "trash" into treasure, crafting stunning artwork using recycled materials. These projects not only showcased their incredible imagination but also served as a powerful reminder of the importance of sustainability and reducing waste. Thank you to everyone who helped us honor our planet!

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WATER & FIELD DAY

Get ready to make a splash! On Friday, May 15th, we will be hosting our Water and Field Day festivities during your student's regularly scheduled Specials time. Students will rotate through a variety of outdoor games and water-based activities designed to celebrate their hard work this year. Please remember to send your child with a towel, a change of clothes, and plenty of sunscreen so they can stay comfortable and protected while enjoying the fun!

8TH GRADE PROMOTION

You are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the promotion of our 8th grade students at Herrera School for the Arts. This special event will take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 9:00 AM on our school campus in the Performing Arts Center.

Date: Wednesday, May 20th

Time: 9:00 am

Doors will open at 8:45 am

If you are the parent of an 8th grade, reach out to our front office or review the promotion letter sent home last month for more details.



KINDERGARTEN PROMOTION

We are thrilled to celebrate our youngest scholars at the Kindergarten Promotion ceremony! The event will take place on May 19 at 9:00 AM in the Performing Arts Center. Following the ceremony, please join us for a community potluck to celebrate our graduates' hard work and milestones. We look forward to seeing our families there for this special morning of pride and joy!

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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.

HERRERA ACROSS THE AGES EVENT

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, AT 4:00 PM AS WE HONOR THE HISTORY AND MEMORIES CREATED WITHIN THE WALLS OF OUR CURRENT HERRERA BUILDING. WE INVITE ALL CURRENT FAMILIES, STUDENTS, AND FORMER STAFF MEMBERS TO GATHER FOR HERRERA ACROSS THE AGES, A SPECIAL FAREWELL EVENT DEDICATED TO CELEBRATING OUR SHARED LEGACY BEFORE WE EMBARK ON A NEW CHAPTER.

AS WE PREPARE TO MOVE TO OUR BRAND-NEW CAMPUS AT 7TH ST AND FILLMORE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO RECONNECT WITH OLD FRIENDS, SHARE STORIES, AND SAY A FINAL GOODBYE TO THE PLACE WE'VE CALLED HOME. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING OUR PAST AS WE LOOK TOWARD AN EXCITING FUTURE!



21ST CENTURY UPDATES

We are excited to announce that Summer School will take place at Herrera from June 1 to June 25, with registration available on Class Dojo. There will be a lot of fun activities and classes, so make sure you join us.

As a quick reminder- the last day for clubs for the 2025-2026 school year is **May 15, 2026**. We will have celebrations all next week for any students that are enrolled in 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: 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/>



Summer Learning at Home

Just because there isn't any school doesn't mean we stop learning! Here are a few ideas to prepare you for next school year:

Summer Reading Challenge: Visit the local library to join their summer reading program or set a goal to read 15 minutes every night before bed.

Documentary Movie Nights: Pick a topic you're curious about—like dinosaurs, space, or the ocean—and watch a fun documentary, then share one new fact with your family.

Nature Journaling: Grab a notebook and head outside. Draw or write about the plants, birds, and insects you find in your neighborhood or at the park.

Average daily attendance rate

The average percentage of students present out of the total number of enrolled students YTD.

89%

SCHOOL GOAL IS 95%

Most recent daily attendance rate

The percentage of students present out of the total number of enrolled students on May 5, 2026

91% ↗ 2.6%

386 OF 424 STUDENTS