

HERRERA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

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AUGUST 2026



Important Dates

August 3- First Day of School

August 5- Early Release

August 12- Early Release

August 17- Picture Day

August 19- Early Release

August 26- Early Release

August 27- Student of the Month (9:00 am) & Coffee with the Principal (10:00 am)

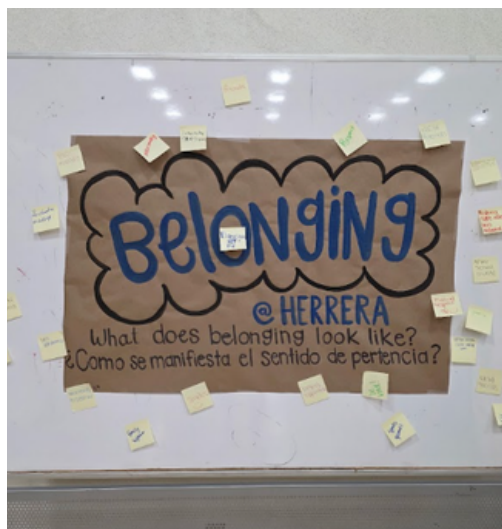
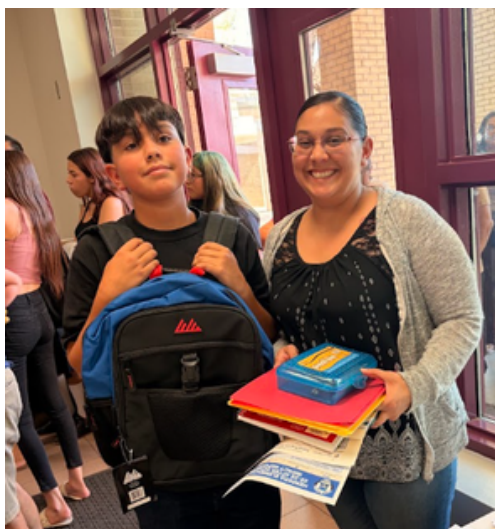
A Note from Dr. Clynick

Welcome back to Herrera School for the Arts for the 2026-2027 school year! Thank you to everyone that attending our Open House Night. It was great to see both new and returning students and families.

We are excited to embark on our new theme this year: Passport to Learning. As our students explore the new building, they will also grow in social learning, academics, and the arts. Check out Class Dojo for updates from both your teacher and as a whole school. We will have lots of upcoming events starting in September. I am looking forward to an amazing year!

Respectfully,

Dr. Alicia Clynick, *Principal*



What's Happening at Herrera This Month?

Clubs will be starting soon!

Stay tuned as we move into August and September for updates on the first sports seasons, 21st Century after school clubs, student council, and more! There will be programs available for all grade levels. More information will come soon from our After School Coordinator, Mr. Edgar Toledo

Attendance Matters

It is important that students are on time and present each day to be able to participate in our learning opportunities in the classroom. If students are going to be absent, please contact the front office before the start of the school day to provide the reason for the absence. We love to see all of our students in the classroom every day!

Coffee with the Principal

Our first Coffee with the Principal meeting will happen immediately after our Student of the Month celebration on August 27th. Student of the Month will take place 9:00-9:30 am, and will be communicated for students nominated by their teachers the week prior. This month's Coffee with the Principal will focus on upcoming events, academic testing, and general information for the school year. We hope to see you there!

Check out our Herrera Swag!

One of our Herrera fundraisers to support events such as water day, student field trips, and assemblies is through Student Council t-shirt sales. Check out our flyer for more information on how to buy one (or more) of your own!

**HERRERA ELEMENTARY
STUDENT COUNCIL**

**NEW HERRERA
T-SHIRTS**



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**AVAILABLE IN BOTH KIDS'
AND ADULT SIZES.**

SCAN THE QR TO START YOUR ORDER.

Send cash only, please, in an envelope with the student's name.

For any questions, contact Mr. Toledo
e.toledo@phxschools.org



Morning & Afternoon Procedures

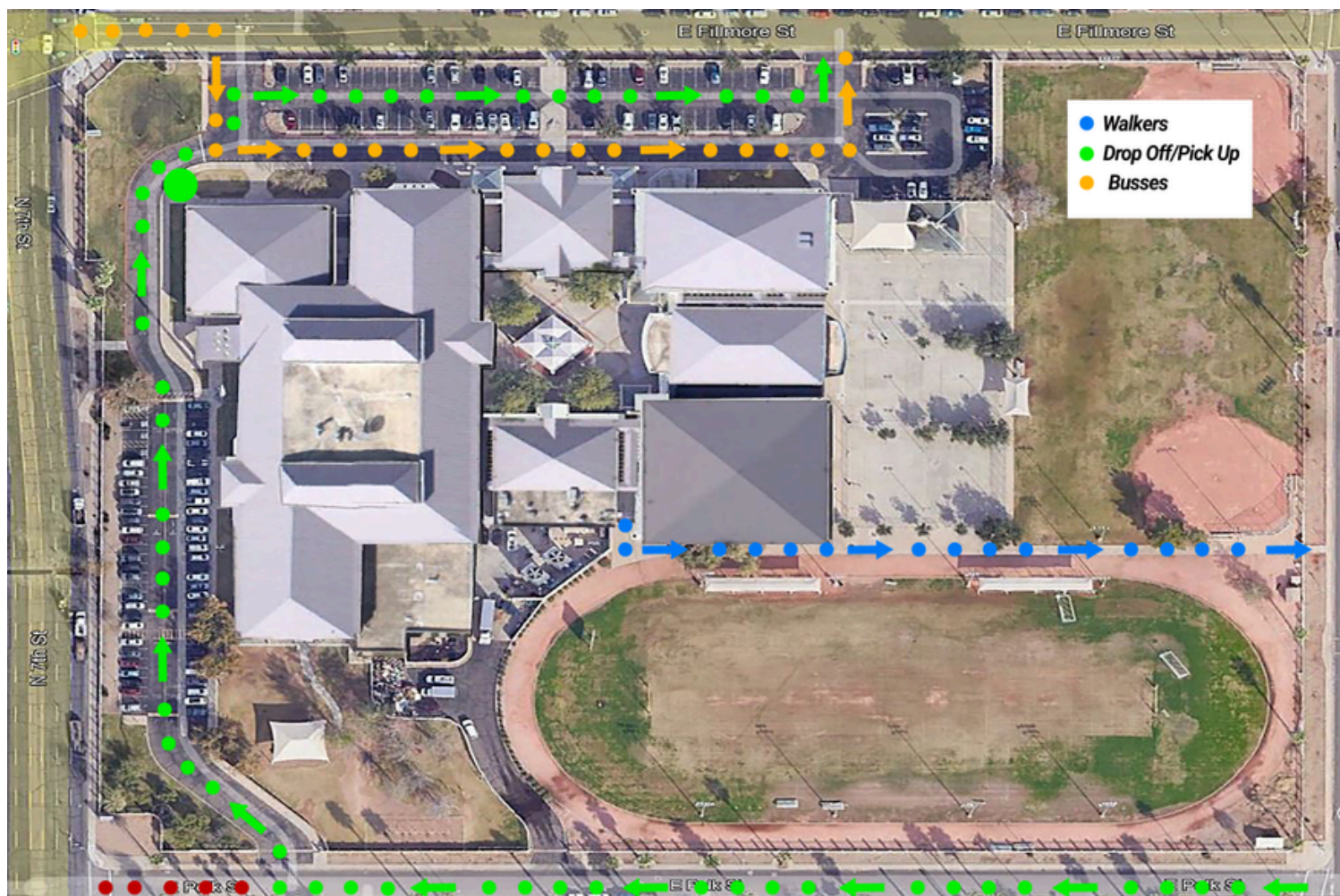
With a new building comes new procedures in the morning and afternoon! Check out the map below for locations for parent drop off and pick up as well as where buses will be when arriving at the school site.

If you are picking up your student, please go through the line starting on Polk through our 7th Street parking lot. Please do not park near the walker gate as this will slow down traffic.

For any questions regarding buses- make sure you download the Bus Right app to check out routes and bus stops. You can also reach out directly to the district's transportation department with questions.

Now that we have a School Safety Officer (SSO) on campus, they will also be supporting with arrival and dismissal procedures to ensure safety of all students.

Remember that we are all learning together! If you have any questions or feedback please feel free to reach out to our front office.



New Laws About Food

Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, Arizona has a new law that changes which foods and beverages may be sold or served to students during the school day. These requirements apply to all public schools in Arizona. As a result, some items that were previously allowed on campus during the school day—including birthday treats such as cupcakes shared with classmates—are no longer allowed.

Phoenix Elementary School District #1 is required to follow the USDA Smart Snacks standards and the Arizona Healthy Schools Act, which establish nutrition guidelines for foods and beverages available to students during the school day.

Can I bring cupcakes or other birthday treats for my child's class?

No. Birthday treats or other foods intended to be shared with classmates during the school day must comply with the Arizona Healthy Schools Act. Traditional treats like cupcakes, cookies, donuts, and candy generally do not meet these requirements and may not be served to the class. Families may still pack food from home for their own child to eat.

Contact Child Nutrition Department with any questions: Child.Nutrition@phxschools.org



Upcoming Testing

This month all students will have testing in English Language Arts and Mathematics so make sure our teachers know exactly what each child's strengths and areas of focus are for this school year. It is very important that students are at school so that they can complete the assessments with their class. If you have any questions, please reach out to our new Assistant Principal, Ms. Ana Alvarado.

Meet our new administration!

This year we are excited to have three administrators:

Dr. Alicia Clynick- Principal

Ms. Ana Alvarado- Assistant Principal

Ms. Carley Catherine- Dean of Students

Dr. Clynick is returning for her third year as principal at Herrera School for the Arts! Ms. Alvarado is also continuing as a staff member previously at Herrera as our English Language Interventionist. Miss C is new to our campus, but was already a part of Phoenix Elementary School District #1 at Edison Elementary.

We are excited to have a team that can support with social, academic, and artistic needs at Herrera. If you would like to meet the new team, join us at our Curriculum Night in September or at Coffee with the Principal on August 27th!