



August 2026

Dear Shark Families,

Thank you for choosing Esperanza! Please read below for our weekly family update!

We love recognizing our amazing team! If a staff member has made a positive impact on your child or family, let us know! Your shoutout will be shared with them and may be featured in our weekly communications.

Staff Shoutout: <https://forms.gle/afLy2jZ3Biwsiwh99>

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Dear Esperanza Families,

Principal Message

Thank you for helping make our first FULL week of school a success! We truly appreciate your patience, flexibility, and partnership as we completed our first fire drill and rainy day schedule! Your support in following our arrival and dismissal expectations has made a tremendous difference in keeping our students safe and helping traffic flow more smoothly each day. We are down to clearing the cars from drive up lane by 2:30--- that's a huge success!

As we continue building an amazing school year together, we'd also love your help recognizing the incredible members of our Esperanza staff who make a positive impact on our students and families. When a staff member has gone above and beyond, we'd love to hear about it! **Please take a moment to complete our Staff Shout Out Google Form and share your appreciation.**

Each week we will feature some in our newsletter and celebrate these recognitions with our staff throughout the year. The link will be found at the top of my family updates each week and included in all our staff email signatures. We have already received positive feedback--- scroll below to see how fin-tastic our staff has been!

Thank you for your continued partnership and for being All Fins In for our students and staff. Together, we're creating a positive, supportive school community where everybody wins!

Mrs. Preper

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

This week we began our BOY assessment window. Students engaged in taking tests online and one-on-one with their teachers and other staff members. This data is used to help develop instructional plans for getting every child what they need! We also had our first rainy day and fire drill--- both went smoothly!

IMPORTANT DATES

July 27- August 7 BOY Assessment Window
August 7 Peter Piper Pizza
August 10-21 Kindness Challenge Fundraiser
August 27 Watch DOGS Kick-Off & Community Meeting

8/3-8/7

Monday

- Beginning of Year Assessments continue

Tuesday

Wednesday

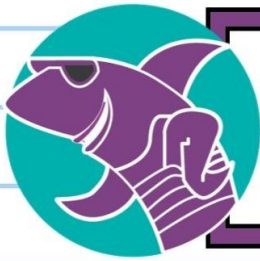
- Early Release at 12:15pm

Thursday

Friday

- Beginning of Year Assessments End
- Peter Piper Pizza "Pizza With the Principal" 4-8PM





INFORMATION

ESPERANZA

- School begins at 7:30 every day. **We will close Gate 1 after the first bell at 7:25.** At this time, we will begin to welcome students into the office to join their classrooms; students are not counted as late unless they arrive after 7:30.
- If you have **dismissal changes** during the day it is critical to email the teacher and/or call the front office to communicate these changes. This ensures our students are in the proper areas for dismissal and expedites dismissal routines.
- Students eating breakfast in the morning should walk into the cafeteria upon arrival. Parents, please note **breakfast times are from 7:00-7:25AM.** Please help us ensure they have enough time to eat by reminding them to head into the cafeteria and dropping them off at an adequate time.
- **Snack Drive** is beginning this week. Please see the flyer below to help our school fill our pantry! See flyer below for details on what specific snacks or ways you can help.
- **Esperanza is a Title I school** and we are so fortunate to benefit from the extra supports in place. Please scroll down to learn more!

KYRENE

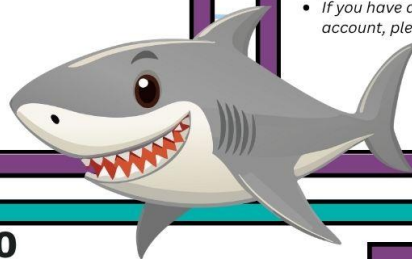
Welcome to the 2026-27 School Year! Each year, families are asked to review and acknowledge important information, including contact and emergency details, district policies, and survey preferences. This information is available in ParentVUE for your review. Thank you for logging in and taking the time to complete this process.

Annual address verification

- If you're prompted to complete a registration packet, don't worry — this does not mean your child has been un-enrolled or dropped from their school. Your child's enrollment is secure. This is a routine request, one-a-year.
- Arizona law requires school districts to verify each family's address every year. You'll meet this requirement by completing the Health, Emergency, and Address Information packet — or any other 2026-27 registration packet — in ParentVUE. Families who registered or updated their information this spring have already met this requirement.
- After midnight on July 23, families who haven't yet completed this step will see a notification when they log into ParentVUE and will be guided to Online Registration to finish the packet. Once it's done, you'll have full access to the rest of your ParentVUE account.

Using the mobile app?

- The ParentVUE and StudentVUE apps have a new version, and the older one is no longer supported. When you log in, you may be prompted to update — it takes less than a minute. After updating, you'll reconnect to Kyrene School District and then select **"Already Activated"** to get back into your existing account.
- If you have any questions or need help accessing your account, please don't hesitate to reach out.



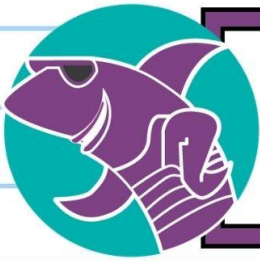
PTO

Join us Friday for Pizza with the Principal at Peter Piper Pizza from 4-8PM. We are looking forward to mingling with all our friends and enjoying some yummy pizza. Also, please scroll below to learn about ways to support our PTO and get involved!

Michelle Kay- President
Tarrah Bonner & Augusta Sloan- Co-Vice Presidents
Vanessa Morely- Secretary
Audrey Neville- Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 8/7 Peter Piper 4-8PM
- 8/10-8/21 Kindness Challenge
- 8/27 Watch Dogs Kick-Off and PTO Community Meeting



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Weekly Winners!



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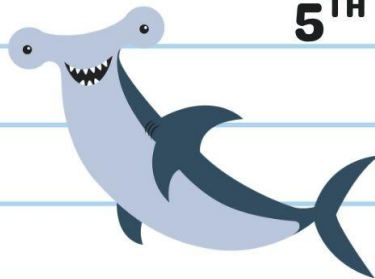
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4TH



5TH



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SHARK SHOUT OUT

Mrs. McClintock 5th Grade

Ms. McClintock has been so warm and welcoming to us since school started. She has checked in, sends consistent communication about classwork, and our daughter absolutely loves her class! We're so grateful for such a wonderful 5th grade team!

Jenny McDaniel 4th Grade

"Ms. McDaniel was so warm and kind, welcoming me to Esperanza and making me feel like I belonged!"

Dr. Manchester 5th Grade

"Mrs. Manchester immediately welcomed me warmly to Esperanza, introducing me to her team and making me feel like I belonged"



Title I Parent Right to Know

In continuing our efforts to keep you informed, we are notifying you that in accordance with the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teacher. Specifically, you may request the following:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria has been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.
- Information about any state or local policy regarding students' participation in required state assessments.

If you would like to receive this information, please contact your child's school. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Emily Pieper and she will be happy to assist you.

Nos complace informarle en conformidad con la ley *Cada Estudiante Tiene Éxito, 2015*, usted tiene el derecho de solicitar información sobre los títulos profesionales del maestro de su hijo. Específicamente, puede solicitar lo siguiente:

- Si el maestro ha cumplido los requisitos estatales y criterios de licenciatura para los niveles de estudios y áreas de asignaturas en las que el maestro proporciona instrucción.
- Si el maestro está enseñando bajo un certificado de enseñanza alternativa u otro estado provisional a través de que el requisito estatal o criterio de licenciatura han sido renunciados.
- El título de licenciatura del maestro y cualquier otro certificado de graduación o título que tiene el maestro, y el campo de la disciplina de la certificación o título
- Si el niño recibe servicios de un paraprofesional (un ayudante capacitado para ayudar a una persona profesional) y, si es así, sus títulos/certificaciones.

Si desea recibir esta información, por favor comuníquese con el director de la escuela

Kyrene de la Esperanza PTO NEWSLETTER

Parent Teacher Organization
August 2026

Hello Esperanza Families!

Welcome! We are so excited to get the school year started and for our families to become one amazing community. At the end of each month, we will send out a newsletter with all our fun upcoming events, news from around the school, and ways you can get involved. We have a lot planned for this year!

Important Dates

- 8/07/26: 4-8pm Peter Piper Pizza
Pizza with the Principal event
- 8/10/26: Kindness Fundraiser begins
(ends on 8/21)
- 8/27/26: 6:30pm WATCHDOG Kickoff (dinner provided)
7:00pm Community PTO meeting

Donations Needed

- Gift Cards
- Goldfish crackers
- Bottled water
- Bars: Made Good Granola Bites, Nature Valley, BelVita, Arrayoy Fig
- Applesauce pouches
- Pirates Booty/Smart Pop



ESPPTO

News

- Our PTO events calendar is coming soon! Get ready to have a full year of fun!
- Please join us at Peter Piper Pizza 🍕 on 8/7 for Pizza with Principal Pieper! Come eat, drink, play, and meet our amazing Principal, staff, PTO, and new community! 20% of sales made AT THE COUNTER will go back to the Esperanza PTO 🙌 (kiosk sales do NOT count towards our return). You can also order online with the QR code on the flyer. Families who attend will be entered in a raffle for a gift card! See you there!
- We'd love to see you at our WATCHDOG Kickoff party and PTO community meeting on 8/27! PTO will be providing Zzeeks pizza for all who attend – YUM! Look for the flyer coming home next week



Stay Connected

We are always happy to hear from you at Sharks@EsperanzaPTO.org and stop by our website at www.EsperanzaPTO.org

Follow Us!



@EsperanzaPTO

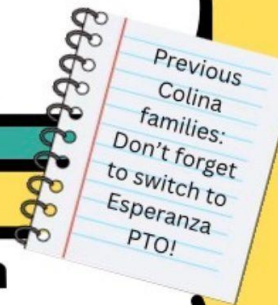
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TO SUPPORT ESPERANZA

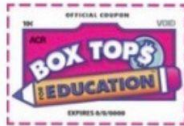
COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM



Link your shoppers card to
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and every purchase helps our school!



Box Tops 4 Education



Download the app and search for:
KYRENE DE LA ESPERANZA PTO
and scan your receipts to
earn money for our school!



Mabel's Labels

Need labels for lunchboxes, backpacks, water bottles, or jackets?

Go to their fundraising page and search for
KYRENE DE LA ESPERANZA PTO
and our school will get 20% back!



VOLUNTEER

with the PTO

- have your voice heard
- be more involved with your child's day to day school experience
- get to know admin & staff
- 1st dibs on volunteer opportunities
- &more!

Join Us!





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ESPERANZA
TITLE I

SNACK



DRIVE



Snack donations needed, for our Title I school pantry, to comply with new laws:

- Goldfish • Pirate's Booty
- applesauce/fruit pouches
- Skinny Pop • fruit leather
- granola bars:



Made Good/Nature
Valley/BelVita/Arrayoy

- water bottles



**DROP OFF IN
FRONT OFFICE**



**OR DONATE
VIA ZELLE
& PTO WILL
PURCHASE**

NEW ARIZONA HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT Ultra-Processed Food Restrictions – A.R.S. 15-242.01



Contact Us

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School Hours: 7:30 am - 2:15 pm

Early Dismissal Wednesday 12:15 pm

Office Hours: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

Wednesday: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm



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