



August 2026

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/afLy2jZ3Biwh99>

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Principal Pieper's Message



Dear Shark Families,

Thank you for a VERY successful first week of our Kindness Challenge! I have been hearing students talk about the ways they have been showing acts of kindness at home, school and the community. Please continue to spread random acts of kindness and share your child's link to raise money--- we are currently around \$14,000.00 raised. Nice work!

Curriculum night is Wednesday from 5-6PM. We will offer **two sessions** for all families, allowing families with more than one student to attend multiple sessions. This is a great opportunity to learn

more about the content your child will be focusing on this year, classroom routines and expectations, and ask any questions you may have. We encourage this event to be **adult-only** so you can fully engage in the presentation and conversation.

We are looking for **one parent representative** and **1-2 community members** to serve on our Esperanza Site Council for the 2026-27 school year. Site Council is an important opportunity to partner with our school, share ideas, provide input, and help support the continued growth and success of our Esperanza community as it pertains to our tax credit budget. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to the school office. We would love to have you join us!

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!

Academically yours,

Mrs. Pieper

Weekly Highlights:

This week we wrapped up our beginning of year assessments and began settling in to instructional routines and content. Thank you for joining us on Friday at Peter Piper Pizza to kick off the year! We played games, shared laughs and chomped on some yummy pizza! Thank you PTO for your support!

Upcoming Important Dates:

8/19 Curriculum Night 5-6PM
(two sessions)

8/27 Watch DOGS Kick-Off &
Community Meeting

Week of 8/17-8/22



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
No School- Staff Development Day	Flag Football 2:20-3:20	Early Release Young Rembrandts 12:20-1:20 Curriculum Night <u>Session 1</u> 5:00-5:30 <u>Session 2</u> 5:30-6:00		Last Day of Kindness Challenge!

S. H. A. R. K. Weekly Winners

2nd

3rd

Kinder & 1st



4th

5th



Staff Shoutouts!

Ms. Sammon, 3rd Grade Teacher

"Ms. Sammon is so inclusive and makes my daughter in her class excited to go to school each day! She has made the transition to the school easy and positive for all her students."

Ms. Hess, Gifted Resource Teacher

"Ms. Hess's classes have been so incredible already this year! Our kids come home so excited about what they got to create or build that day and love telling all of their family members all about the engaging lessons they are doing! It's been such a joy to watch and we absolutely love all her updates and photos!"

Fin-tastic News

- **Snack Drive** continues this week! Thank you for all the donations so far! See flyer below for details on what specific snacks or ways you can help.
 - Families, please remember these important attendance and arrival procedures:
 - **Reporting an Absence:** Please call the Esperanza attendance line at **480-541-2801** whenever your child will be absent. Do not report absences only to your child's teacher, as the office must receive the attendance notification.
 - **Late Arrivals:** Students arriving **after 7:30 AM** must be signed in by a parent/guardian in the front office. Please do not send students in alone when arriving late to school.
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Kyrene School District Information

- 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 Spotlight

This week we are kicked off our Kindness Challenge and are marking each state as we go! We appreciate your support and continue to encourage you to reach our goal of \$22,000.00!

Michelle Kay- President

Tarrah Bonner & Augusta Sloan- Co-Vice Presidents

Vanessa Morely- Secretary

Audrey Neville- Treasurer

Upcoming Important Dates:

8/10-8/21 Kindness Challenge

8/27 Watch Dogs Kick-Off and
PTO Community Meeting

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



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!



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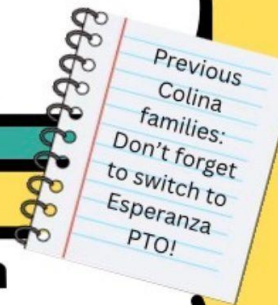
Easy Ways

TO SUPPORT ESPERANZA

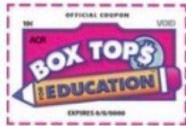
COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM



Link your shoppers card to
KYRENE DE LA ESPERANZA PTO
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!





KYRENE DE LA
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

DON'T MISS YOUR STOP. BECOME A BUS MONITOR.

Help keep students safe, supported, and ready to learn!



Split Shifts Monday-Friday
Summers Off



Medical, Dental, Vision
Arizona State Retirement

APPLY TODAY



Contact Us

Kyrene de la Esperanza

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Attendance: 480-541-2801

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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OF A
KYRENE KID** 

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COMMUNICATOR • CRITICAL THINKER • PROBLEM SOLVER • COLLABORATOR**

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