



August 2026

Thank you for choosing Esperanza! Please read below for our weekly family update! We will also post our family updates in ClassDojo weekly.

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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Principal Pieper's Message



Dear Shark Families,

We loved seeing our Watch DOGS last night! Thank you to all of those who were able to attend and to our TOP DOGS, Mr. Sparkes for hosting. If you were unable to attend, we have included the link in our Quick Links and here: [Watch DOGS Sign Up](#) We can't wait to see you here!

Our final total raised for our Kindness Challenge was \$29,538.00 which we were able to deposit a check for \$19,300.00! That's INCREDIBLE! With this money we are able to provide each teacher at our school Esperanza Bucks of \$150.00 for items in their classroom. Additionally, we are able to start working on school projects and other ways to help out. Thank you for your support.

Huge shout out to our PTO for feeding the Watch DOGS last night, popping the popcorn for every child today as their reward and engaging our community at our first Community PTO meeting.

Michelle, Vanessa, Tarrah, Augusta and Sayshia we think you are FIN-tastic!

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

Week Highlights:

This week we celebrated our Watch DOGS, finished the week with popcorn parties, started Shark Strummers and Mallet Band auditions. We are swimming into September and hoping for better weather soon!

Upcoming Important Dates:

9/2-9/4 3rd-5th Grade SEL Survey

9/7 No School Labor Day

9/7-9/11 Book Fair

9/9-9/11 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Weekly Events 8/31-9/4



Monday

Chess Club
(2:20-3:20)

Crafting Club
(2:20-3:20)

Tuesday

Flag Football
(2:20-3:20)

Wednesday

Early Release

Young Rembrandts
(12:20-1:20)

Thursday

Friday

3rd Grade Ironwood Library Presentation

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

Kinder and 1st



2nd



3rd



4th



5th



Staff Shoutouts!

Front office staff

"Thank you to the front office staff for always being so welcoming and willing to help with anything! Their positive attitude helps make Esperanza feel like a warm and supportive place!"

Fin-tastic News

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are right around the corner. Please look out for sign-up information. Please work with your child's teacher to sign up for conferences September 9-11th.
- **Site Council Parent Representatives needed!** We are currently in need of two parents to join our Site Council team to help manage our tax credit budget and improve our school. Please email epieper@kyrene.org if you are interested in signing up. This committee meets each month for about 45 minutes via Zoom.
- **3rd-5th Grade** students will be taking our annual fall social-emotional learning survey. The online survey will take place from September 2nd through September 9th. It will be completed at school and should not take more than 20-30 minutes to complete.

Kyrene School District Information

- **YOU Can Make a Difference in a Student's Life**
Kyrene School District partners with [Purposity](#), an online application that allows us to share specific student needs with our generous community. Whether it is an outfit for a child who has outgrown her clothes, or household items for a family that lost everything in a fire, lending a helping hand to Kyrene families has never been easier. All donations and contributions go directly to the student or family. Kyrene has already helped hundreds of students and families from every single Kyrene school thanks to our community's incredible generosity. Download the app from [Apple](#) or [Google Play](#), enter your zip code and make a difference in seconds!



PTO Spotlight

Esperanza's Parent Teacher Organization is a formal group of parents/guardians, teachers, and school administration who work together to support students, staff, and enrich the school!



Important Dates:

9/02 12-10PM Bahama Bucks Fundraiser

9/09-11 Book Fair and P/T Conferences

9/21 11am-9pm Nello's Family Dinner Night

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

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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

**PORTRAIT
OF A
KYRENE KID**



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