



September 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 are looking forward to welcoming you to campus for **Student Conferences and our Book Fair!**

Student conferences are an important opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, celebrate their growth, review their progress, and discuss ways we can continue working together to support their success. We value our partnership with you and appreciate the time you are taking to be part of these important conversations.

Don't forget to visit the Book Fair! While you are on campus for conferences, stop by and explore a great selection of books with your family. It is a fun way to build excitement around reading while supporting our school.

Please read below about our Tardy Campaign starting this week! Thank you for being an important part of our Esperanza community. When our students, families, and staff are **ALL FINS IN, EVERYBODY WINS!**

Academically yours,

Mrs. Pieper

Week Highlights:

This week we took our first math growth monitoring assessment to see our progress thus far. 3rd grade had a visit from the library and enjoyed some rain! Bahama bucks was a special treat as we waved goodbye to summer.

Upcoming Important Dates:

9/7-9/11 Book Fair

9/9-9/11 Parent/Teacher Conferences

9/21 Nello's Family Dinner Night

Weekly Events 9/8-9/11



Monday

Labor Day No School

Tuesday

Flag Football (2:20-3:20)

Book Fair Open 2:15-3PM

Wednesday

Early Release

Young Rembrandts (12:20-1:20)

Book Fair Open 12:15-7PM

Thursday

Early Release for Parent/Teacher Conferences

Book Fair Open 12:15-7PM

Friday

Early Release for Parent/Teacher Conferences

Book Fair Open 12:15-1:00PM

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

Kinder and 1st



2nd



3rd



4th

5th

Staff Shoutouts!



All Staff

"I think it's awesome to see all the staff and teachers taking a very active role in afterschool pickup. When I pick up my son after school, we see all the Kyrene staff and teachers outside smiling and helping everyone get picked up, cross the streets, and make sure kids are where they need to be. It makes me feel good as a parent to see all the friendly faces. Thank you teachers and staff for your support and kindness shown everyday! We parents appreciate it! "

Jessica Wendt, Resource Teacher

"Jessica is a such a wonderful addition to the Kyrene family! She is working so hard to make a safe and happy learning environment for her students. She cares so much about all of the students she services and it shows in their love and respect for her. She is working tirelessly and we all appreciate her!"

All Fins In & On Time

We are launching our **ALL FINS IN & ON TIME** Tardy Campaign, and we need your help!

During the month of August, Esperanza recorded **866 student's arriving after 7:30**, with **325 students arriving after 7:45 a.m.** We know mornings can be busy, but these numbers represent a significant amount of missed learning and connection time for our Sharks.

Being on time matters! Our school day begins at **7:30 a.m.**, and those first minutes of the day help set students up for success. When students arrive on time, they are able to:

- Settle in and begin the day feeling prepared rather than rushed.
- Participate in important morning routines and **social-emotional learning (SEL)** with their classmates.
- Connect with their teacher and peers and strengthen their sense of belonging.
- Be ready when academic instruction begins without missing directions or learning time.

Our September Challenge: Let's work together to significantly reduce our tardies! We encourage families to build in a few extra minutes each morning and make arriving **before 7:30 a.m.** the goal.

We'll be celebrating our progress throughout the month and recognizing our Sharks for being

ALL FINS IN & ON TIME!

Fin-tastic News

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are right around the corner. 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 ONE more parent 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.
- **Water Bottle Donations** are appreciated for our health office. If you are able, please donate to the front office.
- **We're hiring!** If you or someone you know would like to join our team, we have the following positions vacant: apply [today!](#)
 - Lunch/Crossing
 - CCB Instructional Assistant
 - Resource Instructional Assistant
- **Cubbies Cheer Clinic** is this week at Mountain Pointe. Please see the flyer attached for details.

Join

MPHS
Spiritline

CUBBIES CLINIC

September 9th & 10th 4-5:30pm

\$50 includes a t-shirt and bow
for game day
Ages 3-13



Performance during halftime on 9/11

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!

[VOLUNTEER](#) at the book fair next week!



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

Kyrene de la Esperanza PTO NEWSLETTER

Parent Teacher Organization
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PTO Celebrations

WOW! Thank you to all families who participated in our Kindness Fundraising!! We raised \$19,300 for our school!! That money will do amazing things for our students and staff this year!!

Our Pizza with the Principal event at Peter Piper Pizza was also a HUGE success! We received a donation of \$1,399.82!! The White family was our lucky winner of the \$50 gift card drawing for families, and Ms. Knight was our lucky winner of the \$50 gift card for staff! Congrats to all, and thank you for attending!

Thank you to all who attended our Watch DOGS Kickoff and PTO Community meeting- we had an incredible turnout and are looking forward to seeing all the dads/male role models around campus this year!

Important Dates

- 9/2/26: Bahama Bucks fundraiser 12-10pm
- 9/7/26: No school- Labor Day
- 9/8-9/11: Book Fair in the Library
- 9/9 -9/11: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 9/21: Nello's dinner night 11 am-9 pm
- 9/28: Fall break starts
- 10/13: Kids return to school
- 10/16: KTR fundraiser 1-8 pm
- 10/23: Trunk or Treat Fall Festival 6-8pm

Donations Needed

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



Thank you to everyone who has donated already!

News

- The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Esperanza!
 - Book Fair open:
 - 9/8: 2:15- 3:00pm
 - 9/9: 12:15- 7:00 pm
 - 9/10: 12:15- 7:00 pm
 - 9/11: 12:15-1:00 pm
 - Volunteers needed for the book fair- please see the flyer to sign up
- Our Trunk or Treat Fall Festival is right around the corner! Sign up to participate in the trunk line-up coming soon. Also be on the lookout for the Esperanza candy monsters, Fred and Lydia, arriving in the front office for our candy donation competition!
- Have you thought about joining the PTO, but aren't sure if you want the full commitment of being a board member?? We want YOU! The PTO is looking for a parent/guardian from each grade level to be a PTO advisory member. Interested?

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Kyrene School District Information

- **ESS Parent Training.** Join us for an IEP Training provided by Encircle Families. Learn about the special education process and the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Register here: [IEP Training with Encircle Families](#)
 - Oct 19, 2026
 - 5:30-7:30 pm
 - District Office



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



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Early Dismissal Wednesday 12:15 pm

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