Kyrene de la Esperanza

SHARK BYTES

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,

It's hard to believe we are already wrapping up our **first quarter together as one Esperanza!** What an incredible start to our new journey. This quarter has been filled with learning, connection, celebrations, and new traditions as we continue building our school community with **All Fins In!**

Throughout the quarter, there have been so many moments that brought our Sharks and families together. From our **Family Dinner Nights** and **Book Fair** to **Parent-Teacher Conferences**, we are grateful for the many opportunities we've had to connect with our families and strengthen our school community.

Our students also showed what it means to lead with kindness through our **Kindness Challenge**, spreading positivity and reminding us that even small acts can make a big difference.

As we finish the quarter, we have even more to celebrate:

Shark Assemblies – Celebrating our **SWAG Award, Beat the Bell, and Super Shark Award** recipients and recognizing the many ways our students shine.

Proud Principal Lunch – Recognizing students for their hard work, character, and positive contributions to our school.

Most importantly, this quarter has been about **bringing two communities together and becoming one Esperanza**. Thank you to our families, staff, PTO, and students for your support, flexibility, participation, and school spirit. Every event, celebration, conference, and act of kindness has helped us build the culture and community we envisioned for our Sharks.

We have accomplished so much in our first quarter, and we are just getting started!

It takes all of us working together to make Esperanza such a special place. Thank you for being **ALL FINS IN—because when we are all fins in, everybody wins!**

Happy Fall Break,

Mrs. Pieper

Week Highlights:

We had a blast at our first ever SHARK Assemblies on Monday. Students were recognized and celebrated for their hard work. On Wednesday I was able to sit with Proud Principal luncheon winners and get to know each student better. Friday we wrapped up the week by paying tribute to Dolly Parton! What a fun week we had!

Upcoming Important Dates:

9/28-10/13 Fall Break

10/12 No School Teacher Work Day

10/13 Quarter 2 First Day Back!

Weekly Events 10/12-10-16

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School Teacher Work Day	Mallet Band (2:20-3:20)	Early Release Young Rembrandts (12:20-1:20)	Shark Strummers	PTO KTR Fundraiser Mallet Band (2:20-3:20)

PROUD PRINCIPAL LUNCH













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Quarter 1 Winners!







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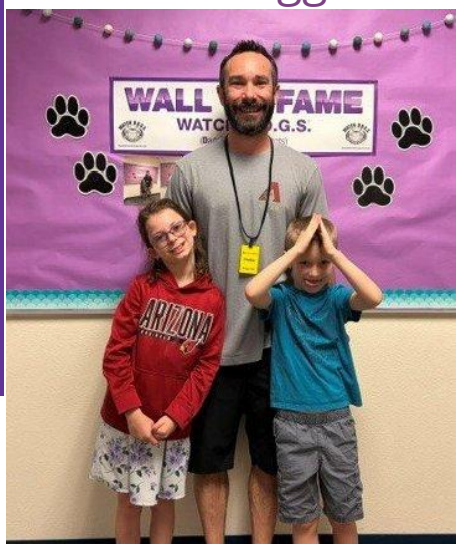


Watch D.O.G.S.

Mr. Byus



Mr. Skaggs



All Fins In & On Time

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: We have the results...

August Tardies: 866 (237 students)

September Tardies: 564 (212 students)

We reduced our amount of tardies by 302!! Way to go families for being ALL FINS IN and ON TIME!

Fin-tastic News

- **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

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:

10/16 KTR Fundraiser

10/23 Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival

2026-2027 KYRENE DE LA ESPERANZA PTO EVENT CALENDAR

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
7/17 3-3:45pm **Kindergarten Ice Cream Social** 7/20 5-6:30pm Meet the Teacher **7/22** **First Day of School**	**8/7 4-8pm** **Pizza with the Principal! Peter Piper Pizza Family Dinner Night** 8/10-8/21 Kindness Fundraiser **8/27 6:30-7:30pm** **Watch D.O.G.S & PTO Community Meetings**	**9/2 12-10pm** **Bahama Bucks Fundraiser** 9/9-9/11 Book Fair & Parent Teacher Conferences **9/21 11am-9pm** **Nello's Family Dinner Night** 9/28 FALL BREAK STARTS
OCTOBER	**NOVEMBER**	**DECEMBER**
9/28-10/9 **FALL BREAK** **(KIDS RETURN ON THE 13TH)** 10/16 1-8 pm KTR Fundraiser **10/20** **Picture Day** 10/23 6-8pm Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival	**11/13 6:45am** **Ruby Bridges Walk to School event** 11/13 6:30pm Movie on the Lawn & Food Truck Night **11/17** **Thanksgiving Lunch on the Lawn** 11/23 4-8pm Chipotle Family Dinner Night **11/24** **Turkey Trot**	**12/4 6-7:30pm** **Family Holiday Bingo Night** 12/7-12/11 Polar Pals Gift Shop @ school **12/16 8:30am-10:30pm** **Panda Express Family Dinner Night** 12/21 WINTER BREAK STARTS
JANUARY	**FEBRUARY**	**MARCH**
12/21-1/4 **WINTER BREAK** **(KIDS RETURN ON THE 5TH)** 1/13 10:30am-10:30pm Zzeek's Family Dinner Night **1/28 12:30-11pm** **BJ's Family Diner Night**	**2/3-2/5** **Book Fair & Parent Teacher Conferences** 2/10 12:30-10pm MOD Pizza Family Dinner Night **2/12 6-8pm** **Family Dance**	**Read-a-thon Fundraiser** 3/4 3-7pm Raising Cane's Family Dinner Night **3/8-3/19** **SPRING BREAK** **(KIDS RETURN ON THE 23rd)**
APRIL	**MAY**	**JUNE**
4/7 4-8pm Sonic Family Dinner Night **4/22 6:45am** **Bike/Walk to School/ Earth Day Event**	**5/3-5/7** **Teacher Appreciation Week** TBD PTO Community Meeting **5/12 12:30-10pm** **Stella's Ice Cream Family Night** 5/20 4-8pm Peter Piper Pizza Family Dinner Night & Yearbook Signing Party! **5/26** **Last Day of School!**	**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!** '27-'28 school year starts on July 21st

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





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