HERRERA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PANTHER PRINTS



October 4- Volleyball All Star Game at

October 7-11- Fall Break (No School)

October 14- Staff Professional Development (No School)

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October 18- Peter Piper Pizza Night

October 21- Coffee with the Principal/ PTO @ 4 pm

October 30- Student of the Month; Trunk or Treat @ 5-7 pm

October 31- Costume Parade

Don't have Class Dojo for school updates or ParentVue on Synergy to view your student's grades? Reach out to your child's teacher or the front office for support!

Note from the Principal

Thank you all for your participation in the many different activities we had for our students throughout September. It is exciting to see involvement in events such as Donuts with Dads, Student of the Month, and our Coffee with the Principal meetings. In October we have field trips, fundraisers, and opportunities to meet with your students' classroom teachers.

If you are interested in volunteering this year, our Family and Community Engagement Specialist, Adriana Ramirez, could use your support! We are looking for parents and guardians for events such as our Trunk or Treat on October 30th, sponsoring a dinner during parent/ teacher conferences, and more!





School Goals for the 2024-2025 School Year

Every year our school site identifies areas to focus on for improving and growing our campus community and academics. This year, we will be focusing on:

- Increasing our Mathematics proficiency scores on the state assessments by 5%, moving from 21% to 26%.
- Increase our Reclassification rates for our English Language Learners.
- Grow our Arts and Electives into programs that compete with local Arts schools, and tying this learning into academics.
- Strengthen partnerships and communication between staff, students, families, and community members



Donuts with Dad Event



Upcoming Field Trip Experiences

October 1: 3rd Grade- Mother Nature's Farm

October 22: 4th Grade- Mother Nature's Farm

October 23: 5th/6th Grade Art Students- ASU Art Museum

October 25- 2nd Grade Drama Field Trip

Ask your grade level teacher for more information!



Clubs and Activities

This year we have new and returning clubs on campus!

Volleyball Team- 7th/ 8th Grade
Club Volleyball- 5th-6th Grade
Cheerleading- 5th-8th Grade
Student Council- 3rd-8th Grade
Tabletop Games Club- 5th-8th Grade
Intro to Orchestra (coming soon)- 3rd & 4th Grade
Musical/ Theatre Club- All Ages
Running Club- All Ages

Soccer tryouts will take place after fall break!

Bullying vs. Conflict

WHAT IS NOT BULLYING? Adults must realize that not every unkind thing a child does constitutes bullying. For example:

- Being left out is not always bullying. It's natural for kids to have a select group of friends. Although they should be kind towards everyone, it's unrealistic to expect them to be close friends with every child they know, and be invited to every function or event.
- Experiencing conflict is not bullying. Learning to deal with conflict is a normal part of growing up. The key is for children to learn how to solve their problems peacefully and respectfully.
- Not playing fair is not bullying. Wanting a game to be played a certain way is not bullying. Children understand the concept of sharing, and should take turns being in charge of the game.

When observing the unkind behaviors your child experiences, be sure to label them correctly. This will help you know how to handle the situation appropriately so that your child can learn and grow from it.

Bullying may occur when a student or group of students engages in any form of behavior that includes such acts as intimidation and/or harassment that:

- has the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm or damage to property,
- is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that the action, behavior, or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive environment,
- occurs when there is a real or perceived imbalance of power or strength, or
- may constitute a violation of law

Band Performance at the Governing Board Meeting



enter, Sky Harbor Readings to Preschool-3rd Grade



MVP
Fall Leadership Academy

Your 6th - 8th grade boys are invited to

Sunday, November 3rd, 1-6pm

Kroc Center, 1375 E. Broadway Rd. Phoenix, AZ



A FREE DAY OF LESSONS IN honesty, integrity, and moral character

September School Partnerships

We want to give a special thank you to all of our amazing partners that have contributed to our student learning and overall well-being this past month!

- YMCA
- Sky Harbor Airport
- Arizona Diamondbacks
- Arizona Cardinals
- Friendly House (TRIO Program)
- MVP Foundation
- Teach for America
- Health Corps
- Southwest Behavioral Health



SPIRIT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 4

Monday: Pajama Day

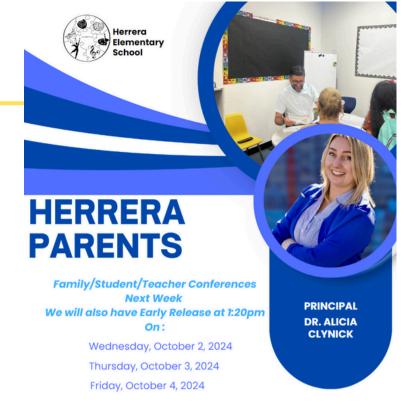
Tuesday: Teacher/ Student Swap

Wednesday: Sports Day

Thursday: Twin Day

Friday: School Spirit!

All outfits must still be school appropriate. Please see our handbook on our website with questions.







PTO UPDATES

Our Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) is looking for volunteers to help out around campus! We have the following opportunities coming up that could use support:

- Dinner for staff at parent/ teacher conferences on Thursday
- Trunk or Treat- sign up for a parking space to decorate your car and hand out candy, or assist with snack and drink sales
- Partnering with teachers for support in the classroom

If you are interested, reach out to Adriana Ramirez at adriana.ramirez@phxschools.org