

OCTOBER 2024

HERRERA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



# PANTHER PRINTS



## IMPORTANT DATES

- October 1-4: Scholastic Book Fair
- October 2-4: Parent/ Teacher Conferences; Early Release (1:20 Dismissal)
- October 4- Volleyball All Star Game at Herrera
- October 7-11- Fall Break (No School)
- October 14- Staff Professional Development (No School)
- 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

### 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!

*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!*



## 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



Your 6th - 8th grade boys are invited to

## MVP Fall Leadership Academy



Sunday, November 3rd, 1-6pm

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



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

### Sky Harbor Readings to Preschool-3rd Grade



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## 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.*



Herrera  
Elementary  
School



## HERRERA PARENTS

Family/Student/Teacher Conferences  
Next Week

We will also have Early Release at 1:20pm  
On:

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Friday, October 4, 2024



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### ● 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](mailto:adriana.ramirez@phxschools.org)