

September 2024

# Panther Prints

Herrera Elementary School

## Welcome Panther Families and Community!

### IMPORTANT DATES

September 2- Labor Day  
(No School)

September 4- Full Day  
Wednesday

September 5-6-  
Cheerleading Tryouts

September 9- Coffee  
with the Principal & PTO  
Meeting (4 pm)

September 10- 1st  
Volleyball Game

September 12-  
Curriculum/ Title I  
Night

September 20- Donuts  
with Dad (7 am)

September 24- Fall  
Picture Day

September 25- Student  
of the Month

### A Note from the Principal

We are off to a strong start this school year! It has been great to meet many of our parents and community members over the past month of school. I greatly appreciate everyone that was able to attend and contribute to our first Coffee with the Principal event, and for those that were invited to celebrate our August Student of the Month award recipients.

This past four weeks we have spent time setting our positive norms and values as a school site and getting to know our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system for recognizing positive behaviors of students and celebrating through opportunities such as raffles for prizes, lunches with the principal, and joining us for our PBIS kick-off assembly. Our 7th and 8th graders were able to spend a day with the Arizona Diamondbacks to learn about healthy living and the importance of staying physically active.

In September, I am looking forward to introducing our new opportunities to have volunteers on campus and for our Curriculum and Title I night. For this event, we invite all families and students to join us in learning about the learning taking place in classrooms across Herrera.

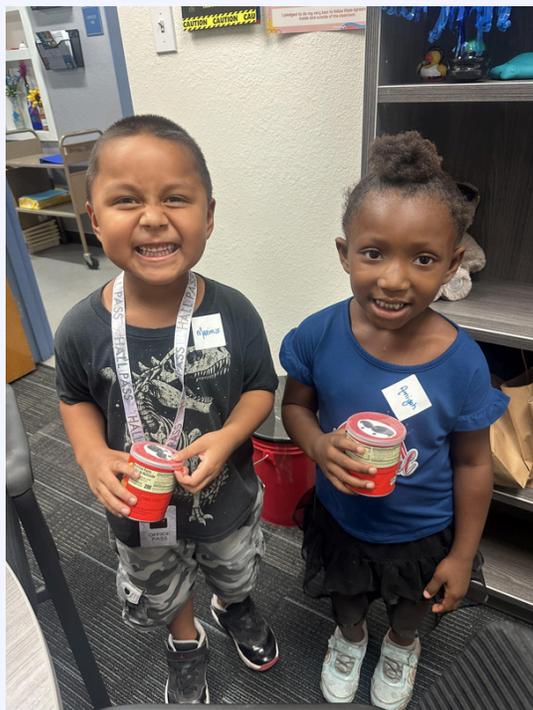
I look forward to being able to continue celebrating our collaboration as one united Herrera family and ensuring a productive and safe learning environment for all students.

-Dr. Alicia Clynick, Principal



## Testing Updates from Dr. Rosado

Way to go Panthers! Our i-Ready Diagnostic testing window will close on August 30th. Our students did a great job completing both Reading and Math assessments. We will end this week with make-ups of both Reading and Math. Our students completed 75% of all Reading tests and 92% of all Math tests. Thank you, parents, for the joint effort on attendance and testing support at home. Our kindergarteners will begin their assessments September 9th through September 13th. All data will be used by our educators to create instructional strategies that will support the needs of ALL students.



## Curriculum & Title I Night

Our Title I and Curriculum Night will be on Thursday, September 12th from 4:00-5:30.

We will have two presentations in classrooms, with a video presentation from Dr. Clynick about Title I and an opportunity to learn more about what happens in the your students' classrooms.

Presentation #1: 4:15 pm  
Presentation #2: 5:00 pm

Also, take a moment to stop by the cafeteria to meet with our electives teachers from band, choir, music, dance, theater, PE, and art.



# A Note from Our Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Specialist

*Adriana Ramirez*

Hi! My name is Adriana Ramirez,  
I'm the Family and Community Engagement Specialist  
at Herrera Elementary School.

I work with and support:

- Parent Volunteers.
- Teachers
- Help Translate and Interpret.
- Prepare School Announcement flyers.
- Organize Workshops
- Direct Classes for parents.
- Post School Announcements on Classdojo.
- Organize monthly Student of the Month ceremonies.
- On site AHCCCS (third party org) will be coming soon.

*~If you need any help with resources and have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me.*

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## Drop Off and Pick Up Time Reminders

### Drop Off Times and Procedures

- 7:30- Bus Drop Off
- 7:45- Gates Open & Breakfast Begins
- 8:10- Students line up to go to class
- 8:15- School Begins! Students that are late must go to the front office
- 8:15-8:30- Breakfast is available for students to bring to class
- 8:30- Final late bell rings and students will be marked tardy

### Dismissal Reminders

- Students are dismissed at 3:15 pm on full days and 1:20 pm on half days.
- If you are picking your student up in a car, please ensure you pull all the way forward in the pick up area. We appreciate your assistance with making sure the process runs smoothly!

# **Panther Values:** **Unity** **Respect** **Adaptability** **Communication**

As we move into September, we have many activities and clubs starting for students.

This month, we will be recognizing our new student council members and officers for the 2024-2025 school year. Students had the opportunity to run for positions to represent their classes and peers.

Sports are also starting, with Varsity Volleyball and Club Volleyball practicing and preparing for their first games of the school year.

Cheerleading is coming back to Herrera this year! Any students that are interested in being a part of the team will have a chance to try out and bring the energy on September 5th and 6th.

More clubs will be coming soon, including our Musical Theatre club and several others!

## *Congratulations to the 24-25 Panther Volleyball team*

*Madylin Chavez 8th  
Unique Perez 8th  
Izabelle Alderete 8th  
Sofia Martinez 8th  
Alexa Ruiz 8th  
Gladys Castro 8th  
Moises Munoz 8th  
Lacey Henderson 8th  
Iszabella Manuel 7th  
Esvalynn Barrios 7th  
Yuliette Aguilar Hernandez 7th  
Jayden Plascencia 7th  
Cruzito Quintana 7th  
Monica Martinez 6th*

## **Student Activities at Herrera!**

