

DECEMBER 2024

HERRERA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



PANTHER PRINTS



IMPORTANT DATES

December 2-6- Holiday Shop in the Family Room

December 2, 4:00-6:00pm- District Reimagine Charrette in the PAC

December 5 Kindergarten-4th Grade Fine Arts Showcase

December 11- Big Smiles Mobile Dentist

December 12- Band and Orchestra Concert

December 13- Peter Piper Pizza Night

December 17- Spelling Bee

December 18- Student of the Month

December 18-20- Parent/ Teacher Conferences

December 20- Reindeer Run

● Note from the Principal

We had a very eventful month of November, filled with our Turkey Trot, door decorating contests, and our Varsity volleyball team taking 1st place at the Phoenix-wide IDAC tournament. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to ensure our activities were successful!

While we have Winter Break coming up, we still have a lot of learning and fun opportunities for students throughout December. Please join us for the District Reimagine Charrette to provide your input and learn more about upcoming ideas for our school and district. We also would love to see everyone at our winter showcases and performances.

I look forward to another fantastic month at Herrera!



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



Writing our dreams in 1st grade



Upcoming Field Trip Experiences

December 3- 7th & 8th Grade
A Day- Cosanti Art Field Trip;
3rd Grade Science Center

December 10- Kindergarten &
1st Grade- Diamondbacks
Winter Classic

December 10- 7th & 8th Grade
B Day- Cosanti Art Field Trip

Ask your grade level teacher for more information!



Clubs and Activities

This year we have new and returning clubs on campus!

- Varsity Basketball- 6th-8th Grade
- Club Basketball- 5th-8th Grade
- Cheerleading- 4th-8th Grade
- Student Council- 3rd-8th Grade
- Tabletop Games Club- 5th-8th Grade
- Intro to Band- 3rd Grade
- Musical/ Theatre Club- All Ages
- Crochet Club- 4th-5th Grade
- Running Club- All Ages- Parents are welcome!

Sports/ Clubs Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before School 7:00-7:45 am					Running Club
After School 3:30-4:30 pm (Wednesday Clubs until 3:00 pm)	Basketball Student Council Cheer Intro to Band Club	Drama Club Basketball	Crochet Club	Drama Club Basketball Cheer Tabletop Gaming Club	

Are we hitting our attendance goal? Our goal: 95% daily attendance

88.2% on Friday, November 22nd
daily attendance

90.4% year to date
average daily attendance

Upcoming Testing

This month we will have iReady benchmark testing for our students. These assessments are used to track their growth and progress so far this year in English Language Arts and Mathematics. On testing days, help our students by ensuring they have a healthy dinner and a good night sleep the night before.

Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Our Quarter 2 Parent/ Teacher Conferences are coming up on December 18-20th! Throughout the first two weeks of the month, your child's teacher will be reaching out to schedule your conference to check in on your student's progress for Quarter 2.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher for details and their conference schedules.

Preschool Celebrating Native American Heritage



November Student of the Month Recipients

