

JANUARY 2025

HERRERA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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IMPORTANT DATES

December 21-January 6- No School

January 7- Students Return to Herrera

January 8- Full Day Schedule (No Wednesday Half Day)

January 20- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

January 21- Coffee with the Principal at 9:00am in the Media Center

January 22- Full Day Schedule (No Wednesday Half Day); 100th Day Celebration

January 24- District Spelling Bee

January 29- Student of the Month at 9:00am in the Media Center

Note from the Principal

Thank you all for your participation in all of our winter events in December! Our student performances in the K-4 Showcase as well as the Band and Orchestra Concert were memorable. Our annual posada event was also a unique and exciting experience, and I look forward to continuing this ongoing tradition in the future.

I want to give a special shout out to everyone that made these experiences possible, including our arts department, parent volunteers, and, of course, our amazing students! Everything you do is recognized and appreciated, and I look forward to being able to work together on new projects in the New Year.

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



Our Herrera Posada Event!



Upcoming Field Trip Experiences

January 7-9- 7th and 8th Grade Group A to Faith North for Mural Painting

January 22- 5th & 6th Grade Choir to the Musical Instrument Museum

January 30- 5th & 6th Grade Dance to Ballet Arizona

Ask your grade level teacher for more information!



Thank You to Our Partners!

On Friday, December 20th we hosted our annual Reindeer Run at Herrera. We want to give a special THANK YOU to all of our community partners at Sky Harbor Airport and around the Valley who contributed to donating prizes for our amazing students, and to Coach Munguia for helping organize this event. We had over 60 students that were able to receive awards today for their participation in the Run.

We look forward to other events to come in the future!

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 Basketball Club Cheer Intro to Band Club	Drama Club Basketball Cheer Practice	Crochet Club	Drama Club Basketball Cheer Tabletop Gaming Club	

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

87.0% on Thursday, December 19th
daily attendance

90.0% year to date
average daily attendance

Office Reminders

Our office staff are working hard to make sure our school runs smoothly. To be able to support, please help us with the following:

- When visiting the campus, it is crucial that you sign in at the front office and obtain a visitor badge if entering the school. They must be worn the entire time when in the building. *If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please reach out to our Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Specialist, Adriana Ramirez.*
- If your child is going to be absent, please call the front office to notify us so we can adjust your child's attendance for the day.
- Make sure you have an ID with you when picking up your child early as well as the reason for them leaving.

Thank you for all of your help!

Kindergarten Students at Our K-4 Showcase



December Student of the Month Recipients

