

MARCH 2025

HERRERA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS



# PANTHER PRINTS



## IMPORTANT DATES

March 3-7- Scholastic Book Fair; Read Across America Week Spirit Week

March 5-7- Parent/ Teacher Conferences

March 5- Instrumental Honor Festival

March 10-14- Spring Break (No School)

March 17- Teacher Work Day (No School)

March 19- Full Day Wednesday

March 24- Coffee with the Principal in the Media Center @ 9:00 am

March 26- March Student of the Month

March 27-28- Spring Musical Performances

### ● Note from the Principal

Thank you to all of our parents and community members for another successful month at Herrera! From our Valentine's Dance to our arts auditions for 4th-7th grade students, it has been a busy month of February. I want to give a special shout out to all of our volunteers that have contributed to making all of these events run smoothly. If you are interested in getting involved, reach out to our Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Specialist, Ms. Adriana Ramirez, for information on how you can join in on the fun!

Following Spring Break, we will be heading into our last Quarter of the 2024-2025 school year. Stay tuned for more information on testing as well as our promotion ceremonies for preschool, kindergarten, and 8th grade!

*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 AZELLA Super Heroes!**



### Upcoming March Field Trip Experiences

March 3- 3rd Grade Phoenix Zoo

March 4- 7th & 8th Grade Choir Musical Instrument Museum

March 28- 4th Grade Wildlife World Zoo

*Ask your grade level teacher for more information!*



### Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Parent/ Teacher Conferences will be taking place March 5-7. Meeting with your child's teacher is an opportunity to learn about their progress socially and academically as they move forward into the next Quarter. If you haven't already, take a moment to reach out to your student's teacher on Class Dojo. Our schedule for next week is:

March 5- 1:45-3:30 pm

March 6- 1:45-6:30 pm

March 7- 1:45-3:30 pm

*Check with your teacher individually to see what is available in their schedule. Reach out to our front office with any questions!*

## Sports/ Clubs Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Before School</b> 7:00-7:45 am					Running Club
<b>After School</b> 3:30-4:30 pm (Wednesday Clubs until 3:00 pm)	Musical Tech Rehearsal  Cheer  Intro to Band Club	Musical Tech Rehearsal  Cheer	Crochet Club	Musical Tech Rehearsal  Cheer  Tabletop Gaming Club	Musical Tech Rehearsal  Cheer

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

**87.9%** on Thursday, February 27th  
daily attendance

**89.1%** 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!

### Upcoming Grant Opportunity

*Herrera School for the Arts is working with a team to apply for the 21st CCLC Grant. Through this opportunity, our school will be able to provide tutoring, enrichment, and arts classes from 3:30-6:00 pm after school as well as be able to host summer school programs. This also includes workshops and volunteer collaboration with families and the community. We will share more information as we move throughout the process!*



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## Preparing for Testing

As we move farther into the second half of the year, there are many important assessments for students in all grade levels. Keep the following months in mind for important testing dates:

- March- AzSci for 5th and 8th Grade
- April- AASA in Math and Reading (3rd-8th Grade)
- May- iReady Benchmark Assessments (All Grades)

*It is important that students are here and healthy as we prepare for testing!*

## March 3-7

### Read Across America SPIRIT WEEK

**Monday**

**Wear GREEN**



**Tuesday:**

**TWIN DAY**



**Wednesday**

**Wear mismatched socks,  
shirts backwards or inside out**



**Thursday**

**Wear stripes**



**Friday**

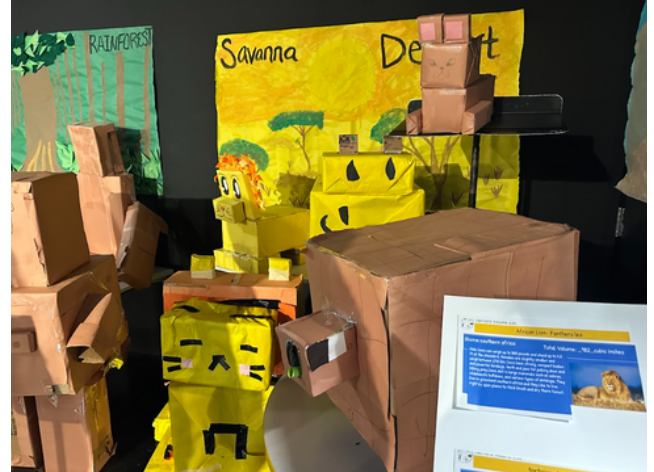
**Wear pajamas**



**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**



**STORY TIME WITH SKY HARBOR**



**5TH GRADE GEOMETRY ZOO**