

THE SIZZLE

KYRENE DE LA SIERRA PTO Newsletter

A Monthly Newsletter

August 2010

Welcome!

You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way! - Dr. Seuss

It's that time again!

The Sierra PTO extends a warm welcome back to all the parents and students for an exciting new school year. We have many new activities and events planned and injected some new life into our tried and true favorites.

Did you know that as a Sierra parent you are already a member of the PTO? There are no membership dues or long-term commitments. We look forward to catching up and meeting new faces at "Meet the Teacher" night where we will have sign-ups and debut our new paperless system that will keep everyone in the loop: "PTO Manager". This program will be accessible to you on campus and online to browse the many areas you can share your talents and support our school.

Of course, your PTO Board welcomes your questions, ideas and concerns. We welcome your ideas and look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,
Your 2010-2011 PTO Executive Board,
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Our first General PTO Meeting:

September 14th @ 8:30am,

Welcome Guest Speaker, Lynetter Groves. Certified Math Teacher and Owner of Mathnasium to learn new study methods to help our kids succeed in math all year long.

On the Agenda:

-Meet our New Student Advisor, Dana Westermann

-Share ideas and goals for the new year.

** Join us for lunch after the meeting!*

2010-2011 GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE 8:30AM

SEPTEMBER 14TH

OCTOBER 19TH

NOVEMBER 9TH

DECEMBER 14TH

JANUARY 11TH

FEBRUARY 8TH

MARCH 8TH

APRIL 12TH

MAY 10TH

SAVE THE DATE



Meet the Teacher:

August 5th: 5:30-7:00

* Please, stop by the PTO Table to register for "PTO Manager" and join our paperless effort to create our student directory and sign up to volunteer.

Curriculum Night:

August 18th: K-2nd 6:00-7:30 pm

August 19th: 3rd-5th 6:00-7:30

Fall Fundraiser: Students will be bringing home "Cherrydale" packets featuring high-quality products and cookie dough.

August 19th-September 3rd

PTO Chairperson Red Folder Social

August 24th 6:30-8:30

Family Fun Night:

September 24th: 5:30-8:00pm

PTO WEBSITE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We'd love to find someone who could help us create and manage a PTO Website!

Interested in learning more?

Contact Liz Dudley lizdudley@mac.com



Sierra 2010-2011

"LIGHTING OUR WAY TO SUCCESS"



Sierra PTO is going green!

Sign-up to volunteer when you pick-up your teacher assignments at Meet the Teacher or at home online.

PTO MANAGER

Here is how to do it today!

1. Login:

www.sierra.ptomanager.com

2. Click on the "New User for a School" and register.

Step 1: Enter your complete data (we will use this to establish the Student Directory)

Step 2: Click "Volunteer Interests" and select what interests you.

Step 3: Click on "New Students" and enter all data fields.

Step 4: Repeat for any additional students in your family.

PTO Tip of the Month:

My LunchMoney.com is a great way to keep track of your child's account balance and make deposits online.



Open Chair Positions

Sign-up solo or with a friend. Stop by the PTO Table at Meet the Teacher for more information or simply give a board member a call. Our contact information is on the front page.



Auction: We are looking for a new team to lead a parent-only evening auction in the month of February.

Family Picnic: This relaxed event takes place near the end of the school year under the Ramada during our Gallery Night.

Hospitality Committee: Love to cook and adore our teachers? We need one more Chairperson to lead this important monthly luncheon for our teachers and staff.



Popcorn and PJ Family Movie Night: Help us host a movie night on the big screen!



School Spirit Club Chair: Lead a group of student volunteers to promote school spirit by running regular meetings and team building experiences.



Parents... we have a new face at Sierra!

Dana Westermann, Student Advisor

Sierra is proud to announce that Dana Westermann has accepted the full-time job of Student Advisor at Kyrene de la Sierra. She began teaching in the Kyrene School District in 2000 at Aprende Middle School. At Aprende she taught Algebra and Pre-algebra to 7th and 8th grade students and also was the Math Interventionist for several years. Most recently Dana comes to us from Kyrene de las Lomas where she was the Title One teacher to 4th and 5th graders. Dana grew up in St. Louis, Missouri and went to college at a small Liberal Arts school outside of Kansas City called William Jewell, from which she earned her elementary teaching degree. She also had the great opportunity to work in the primary schools outside of London for several months before graduation. It was there that she gained a love for teaching and for travel. After graduating she moved to Houston, Texas where her career in teaching began. In between teaching in Houston and teaching in Phoenix, Dana had the great opportunity to move to Cairo, Egypt. She taught in the American School for two years. After living in the deserts of Egypt and loving the climate, she knew that Phoenix would be her next home and moved to Arizona in 2000. In 2002 her first son was born. While she took some time off to be a mom, she also earned her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Technology. Dana and her husband have 2 wonderful boys ages 4 and 8. Her oldest son will begin 3rd grade at Sierra this year and is very excited about making the transition from Lomas. Dana is thrilled to join the family at Sierra and is looking forward to meeting the outstanding staff and amazing families that make up the Sierra community.

The Kyrene Resource Center



The Kyrene Family Resource Center(FRC) has a new look! Through the District's Portable Replacement Project(thank you voters for this override!), a new and improved Family Resource Center with more space and a better facility to serve our community is now open.

Donations are accepted on site from 10am to 2pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The KRFC is located at [Kyrene de los Ninos Elementary School](#) 1330 East Dava Dr., Tempe



If you need assistance you can drop in at the Resource Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2pm and 6:30 pm.

Questions? Call 480-783-4083



Kim Sabatini, our new chairperson, has held the Sierra spirit all summer to provide us newly designed T-Shirts, Women's scoop neck T-Shirts, Drawstring Bags and Water Bottle Holders. These items will be available for purchase at Meet the Teacher! If you have questions regarding your order, please contact Kim at travjunkya@aol.com or 480.264.8880. Get the Sierra spirit!!!

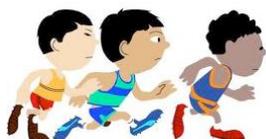
The bus rides and first days of school will be a breeze for new students and families. The PTO thanks **Julianne Player** for organizing parent volunteers to ride the bus and greet families on our first week back.

A big thanks goes out to **Melissa Pressman and Melissa Fenner** for getting the upcoming Family Fun night planned to be a spectacular night for all! Stayed tuned for details on this upcoming event on September 24th, 5:30-8:00pm.



Running Club Is Back By Popular Demand!

Check out the September Sizzle for complete details regarding this healthy opportunity for your child starting in October!



Keep Posted on all issues Kyrene!

As a community member or parent, you can stay up to date on what's happening at Sierra and our district by signing up for our E-newsletters at: <http://www.kyrene.org/ksdportal/list/index.htm>.

Retail Rebate Program

Sierra participates in a number of retail rebate programs. Information will come in your child's backpack on the many ways you can support our school by shopping local merchants and signing up or clipping labels to win our school instant cash rewards. Those funds are used to support all our teachers. Contact Kay Moroz with any questions: kay@spaadvisors.com

