

Sierra Vista Vision

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“Where Children Come First”

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Sept. 7 - Labor Day
NO SCHOOL

Sept. 16 - Open House
6:30—8:00 PM

Sept. 17 - Picture Day

Sept. 22 - Family Science
Night Time TBA

Sept. 30 - Walk-A-Thon

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Attendance Press Option 5

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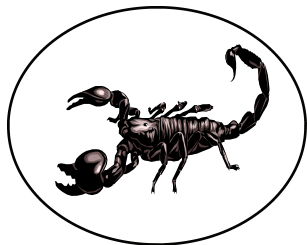
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Our Vision

Sierra Vista Elementary School is a learning community where a child's academic success, social well-being and physical safety are the basis for life-long learning.

From the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome Back! We have had an exciting and smooth start to our school year. As you may have noticed, we have some changes in our parking lot. Gates, signs and painted zones have been added for the safety of our students and community. Please take some time to review the procedures outlined below.

Parent Pick-up/Drop off – Enter through the center one-way gate and follow the arrows to the front of the little playground. Students are dropped off and picked up there. There is no parking allowed in this pick-up/drop-off lane. In addition, upon exiting, there is no left turn allowed. You must turn right to avoid oncoming traffic. Please do not go forward and make a U-turn in the middle of the street.

Crosswalks – Everybody needs to walk on the sidewalks and use the appropriate crosswalks on and off campus. This is for everyone's safety. It is not ok to cut through the cars to get to the other side of the parking lots and off campus. Please be good models of safety for our students by following these rules.

Parking Lot – The gates to the Parking lot are closed at approximately 3:00pm. After that time, you must find alternate parking. If you park in front of the school, we ask that you do not leave until the traffic has cleared. Daycare Vans use this parking lot to load and unload children. We want to ensure their safety.

Buses – Please do not park in the Bus Loading Zone. Also, do not walk your child between buses to get to your car. This is very unsafe and you will be asked to use the crosswalk. Just a few more reminders...

Students are not allowed on campus or in the building before 8:45am unless they are participating in Campfire or any other organized/supervised activity. There is no supervision before 8:45am.

Warning Bell rings at 8:55am. If students are not in class or in line by 9:00am, they are tardy and must come to the office to pick up a late pass.

Do not take children off the playground at any time. We have a late recess on Wednesday's and students are out until 12:55pm. There is a bell that rings for students to come in off the playground. Another bell rings at 1:00pm to dismiss all students.

Always, Always, Always, check in at the front office when visiting and/or picking up your child. We will not release children without a badge from the office. In addition, students will not be called from class during the last 30 minutes of school. If you must get your child early, please come before 3:20pm M, T, Th, and F and 12:30pm on Wednesday's.

We strive to keep everyone safe at all times! By working together, we can ensure a safe environment for our students and community. Thank you for following these guidelines.

Monica Garicasalas

Attendance

To report an absence or tardy, call 898-0272 and press option 5. Please leave the date, student's full legal name, teacher's name, and the reason for the absence. If no reason is given, the absence/tardy will be considered unexcused. You are responsible to contact the school for all absences and tardies by 9:00 a.m. You will need to call each day for an extended absence.

Sierra Vista ES Before School Fitness
Nutrition and Health Program

Dear Parents,

We, the Sierra Vista Physical Education Staff, School Nurse and Educational Assistant, will start a physical fitness, nutrition and health program before school on September 15. We will give students instruction in physical fitness, nutrition and health related subjects.

The program is available to all grade level boys and girls who do not have before school activities available to them. The staff does require that the students have commitment and desire to increase knowledge and understanding about each part of the program.

Children are required to participate in all aspects of the program if they decide to attend.

Please do not count on this program to be your child's primary source of morning care. There may be days when we have to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances. Please have a back-up plan.

The program will run on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:50 AM until 8:50 AM. It is not known how long the program will run. Parents will be notified in advance if the program is terminated.

Expectations:

Children must behave and follow directions of the teachers.

Any child who has difficulty following directions will be given a warning and a note will be sent home explaining the staff's concern to the parents. If a child displays chronic misbehavior, he or she will no longer be able to attend.



We ask the children to bring a desire to learn and a good work ethic. The program is an instructional program for serious participants. It is fun and the children will receive tremendous information and instruction in a variety of necessary life skills.

It is mandatory that children dress with t-shirts, shorts or warm-ups and tennis shoes with socks. Failure to do so will cause the child to be excluded from activity.

If not dressing out becomes a chronic problem the child will be dismissed from the program.

We are looking forward to having a phenomenal educational, fitness and fun filled time with your children!

*Coach Argano, Coach Wilhelm,
Nurse Leigh(Plante), Miss Sars(Artz)*

Attendance Policies

We would like to remind you of these policies concerning your child's attendance.

Tardies:

- Students arriving at school after the 9:00 a.m. bell are **tardy** and must go to the office to check in before going to their class. We ask that a **parent/guardian accompany the child to the office and check them in.** Teachers are instructed not to let a student enter the classroom without a tardy pass.

- Students arriving late or leaving school early for medical, health, or legal appointments must **provide documentation from the doctor.** You will have 3 days to provide this information or the tardy will be marked **unexcused**. Doctor's offices may fax a note to school at 898-1796 if necessary.

- Students with excessive tardies will be referred to the administration/counseling team for evaluation and possible intervention.

- Call the attendance line to record your student's late arrival plans.

Absences:

- **Call the attendance line at 898-0272 at ext. 5 to report your child's absence.** This is an automated line and can be used at anytime. Please follow the instructions and be sure to give the student's first and last legal name.

- **Absences must be reported by 9:00 a.m.** to the attendance line.

- Failure to report an absence will result in the absence being **unexcused**.

- You must call **each** day of an extended absence.

- Teachers are not responsible to report your child's absence. While they do appreciate early notice, it is your responsibility to contact the attendance clerk concerning an absence for your child.

- We do not request homework for students. Teachers will assign that when your child returns to school or you may directly contact the teacher via email for more information.

- APS does not recognize family vacations, or non-school sponsored activities or trips as an excused absence.

- *Parent Link*, an automated phone system will contact families by phone and/or email beginning at 10:00 a.m. and again at 5:00 p.m. to alert you to any absences recorded for your child that day.

Please see the district policy handbook, or the school website for more information concerning attendance policies.

