



BEARS' BULLETIN

Sierra Bonita School News

Sept. 2019

Hello Parents!

We extend a warm welcome to students, parents, and families of Sierra Bonita Elementary, Home of the Bears. We look forward to working with each member of our school community to achieve our school mission statement:

In partnership with parents and community, our mission at Sierra Bonita Elementary is to create high levels of learning for every student, celebrate individual differences and abilities, and inspire responsible citizenship and lifelong success.

During this upcoming school-year it is our commitment each day to emphasize our theme “I Was Here, and Left My Mark” with our students. As parents, “I Was Here, and Left My Mark” stands for the great work you do to help your child learn and we appreciate all you do for students and our school. Thank you for your support for Sierra Bonita Elementary!

School Picture Day

Picture day is coming up on September 13th, so be ready to put on your best smile!

School Carnival Fundraiser

We invite all Sierra Bonita families to attend our school carnival that will be held on **Monday, September 9, from 5-8PM. Wristbands, Tickets, and Meal Cards will be on sale in the front office beginning September 4th and will continue through Carnival Night.** Each person with a wristband will be able to enjoy unlimited rides and games (food not included). Tickets may be used for rides, games, and to purchase food. Food will include Pizza, Popcorn, Cookies, Drinks, and Candy. The money the school receives from our fundraiser will be used to purchase technology to further educational offerings for students. Thank you – We hope to see you at our carnival! In case of inclement weather, bounce houses and games will be moved indoors.

PTA News:

If you have not had a chance to sign up for PTA and to help in the classroom please contact a member of the PTA board.

Mon Sep 9 - PTA meeting at 9:15. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mon Sep 16 to Fri Sep 20 - Book Fair

School Community Council Elections

Nominations and voting are completed and we would like to welcome Shannon Rogers, Emily Bastian, Jessica Hicks and David Smith to our Council. First SCC meeting will be held on September 24th at 11:40 am.

Student Education Plan (SEP) Conferences and Sign-Ups

We are excited to share that we will be using Sign-Up Genius, an online tool for creating and managing group sign up lists, to sign up for our September 19th and November 21st SEP conferences. ***(Our March 5th Student Led Conferences will be according to a different schedule).***

On Friday, September 6th, a message will be sent to your email from the school through Parentlink that will provide a link and information on how to sign up using Sign-Up Genius. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 801-798-4480. Thank you!

Pick-Up Zone & Parking

We appreciate the efforts of all parents and staff members in providing for the safety of students in our drop-off and pick-up zones. Please help us to ensure that all students are accompanied by an adult when crossing through the pick-up zone. Also, thank you for reserving our handicapped parking spaces for those who have need for these parking stalls. We remind you to please park in a parking stall if you need to leave your vehicles to come inside the school. This allows the flow of the drop-off and pick-up areas to be maintained and keeps vehicles moving forward and not needing to back up! We have great appreciation for everyone's efforts to increase safety in our parking lots and drop off and pick-up zones before and after school.

Note: By law, bus zones cannot be used as drop off and pick up zones even if there are no buses present!

School Checkout Procedures

Please follow the following procedures when you need to check a student out from school before the end-of-school bell rings. *First*, share with an office secretary that an early checkout is necessary, *second*, fill out information and sign name on the checkout sheet located in the office area, and *third*, wait in the office area until your student arrives in the office. Thank you.

End of School Day Checkout

We ask for your help in reducing the number of interruptions classes could experience at the end of the school day due to students being checked out early. Our teachers are instructing right up to the end of each day, and it is increasingly difficult for them and the class when students are checked out early. Unless it is an emergency, we ask that students not be checked out during the last 15 minutes of the day. This practice helped last year and will continue to help teachers and students to make the most of every minute of the day.

As we wrap up the first two weeks of school we have allowed parents to be in the halls at the end of the day to help their students with navigating the halls and getting familiar with the school. As students have had time to adjust, we ask that parents wait outside the school or in the front foyer for their students. This not only reduces congestion but is a safety concern. If you feel you need to be in the hall waiting for your student, please check in at the office and obtain a sticker so that we are aware of who is in the halls. These stickers are available in the office and must be worn by visitors within our school. Thanks for helping in keeping our school safe.

Students Walking, Riding Bicycles/Scooters & Crosswalks

We have many students who are walking and riding bicycles/scooters to school each day. We have provided training for students to use sidewalks and to follow the instructions of adult supervisors and our crossing guards. We have instructed students to use the crosswalk in front of the school when crossing 1800 East. Faculty members will serve as crossing guards at this crosswalk. We ask that all parents please instruct their children on these and other safety measures to better ensure that students safely make their way to and from school each day.

Spirit Day

We have school spirit at Sierra Bonita, and have designated each Friday as our School Spirit Day. We have nice school shirts and encourage children to wear their school shirts (this year's and past years' shirts) or school colors (blue and maroon) on Fridays. We have a lot to be proud of at Sierra Bonita and want to do all we can to build school pride.

Calendar of Events for September

Thursday, September 5.....Hearing Screenings for K, 1st, 3rd, 6th
Monday, September 9.....School Carnival (5-8 p.m)
Monday, September 9.....PTA Meeting (9:15)
Monday, September 17..... Constitution Day
Monday, September 16School Dismisses at NOON
Monday September 16-20.....Bookfair (Before and After School)
Thursday, September 19th.....SEP Conferences
Tuesday, September 24School Community Council Meeting (11:40-12:40)

Dear Parents,

We are excited to continue our before school choir this year to all children, 1st-6th. The Junior Choir will be for 1st-3rd grade on Wednesday mornings, 8:15-8:55. The Show Choir will be for 4th-6th grade on Thursday mornings, 8:00-8:55. They will both be held in the gym/Bear's Den.

Choir will begin on September 11th with the Junior Choir, and September 12th with the Show Choir. There will be a charge of \$25.00, payable at the office. This fee will pay for the entire year.

Our Christmas Program is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 9th, at 7:00 p.m. Choir will resume on January 8th/9th with a choir performance tentatively scheduled for March 30th.

We will need your email address to relay any choir information. If you do not have an email address, please make note of it on the email address line.

We look forward to serving your children! Marilyn Paice, Amy Staheli, and Erika Medina

Child's Name: _____

Child's Teacher's name/grade: _____

Email address: _____