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## Message from the Principal

Dear Cerritos Families,

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a wonderful start. We are so happy to have everyone back and to welcome new families to Cerritos. Children's voices and laughter have brought our school back to life and we are thrilled to be able to experience learning in person with our students.

At Cerritos we focus on Beginning with the End in Mind in Habit 2. This year our focus is data driven intervention for every student. Our teachers are utilizing beginning of the year data for English language arts and mathematics to monitor where students are starting and how we can best support learning. Teachers will formulate small groups or individual intervention practices that will focus on gaps in specific skill sets.

Our Cerritos leaders will be focusing on the 7 Habits of Happy Kids during the first weeks of school. Students will be establishing class procedures and reviewing CARES around the building, developing class mission statements, organizing leadership notebooks and learning the language of leadership. Be sure to ask your child about CARES and the 7 Habits so they can share their important work with you.

As we start the year, we will continue to utilize all mitigations strategies to keep our students safe and attending school in person. We encourage all students and staff to wear masks while inside our school building. We are hopeful we will have volunteers back in our school buildings soon and we can't wait to have your help again but for now we are not able to have volunteers in our classrooms with students. We look forward to getting Watch Dogs, classroom volunteers and makerspace buddies going again and to introduce some new opportunities in our STEM programs.

We are excited to begin a new school year filled with leadership, innovation and excellence for all.

Amy Gingell

Principal

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## PTO Information

Welcome back to school Roadrunners! The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is excited for the new school year! The first PTO Meeting is Wednesday, August 4th at 3pm. Please join us via Zoom by following this link and entering the Meeting ID. <https://zoom.us/j/2666062320>. Meeting ID: 266 606 2320. You can also use the following QR code for the latest information about the PTO including links to special events and how to get involved! (Just focus the camera of your smartphone on the QR code). We would love to have more volunteers and we are specifically looking for help to head up the Fall Book Fair and yearbook! Inquire with Erika Uram ([president@cerritospto.org](mailto:president@cerritospto.org)) or Bernie Sadauskas ([vicepresident@cerritospto.org](mailto:vicepresident@cerritospto.org)) if you would like more info on volunteer opportunities.

<https://linktr.ee/CerritosPTO>



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## IMPORTANT DATES:

August 4: Early release 12:15 pm (every Wednesday)

August 9: PTO Meeting 3:00 pm on Zoom

August 13: PTO Go Speedy Go Donation Drive begins

August 20: Fall Picture Day

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## DISTRICT FAMILY HANDBOOK

District Family Handbook Form Please remember to review, sign, and return the form indicating your understanding and agreement to the Kyrene District and School regulations and rules which can be found on the Kyrene website at [www.kyrene.org/familyhandbook](http://www.kyrene.org/familyhandbook) .

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## CURRICULUM NIGHTS

Cerritos will be hosting grade level curriculum nights in August. This evening is designed for parents to spend time learning about your child's grade level curriculum, homework, daily schedule, volunteer opportunities, contact information and classroom policies and procedures. Our curriculum nights will be held over zoom this year to provide access for all family to learn more about our Cerritos classrooms. The grade level zoom links will be sent out in a separate communication in the next week.

August 17 Kindergarten - 5:00-6:00 pm First Grade - 6:00 - 7:00 pm

August 19 Second Grade - 5:00-6:00 pm Third Grade - 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
August 24 4th Grade - 5:00-6:00 pm Fifth Grade - 6:00 - 7:00 pm

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## Afternoon Pick-up Procedures:

Mrs. Gingell has a few reminders about the Cerritos parking lot procedures:

<https://youtu.be/tOzHPCCG4lo>

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## Parent volunteer opportunities:

**Cerritos Site Council** - we need three parents that would like to serve on our site council. Our site council works with administration and teacher representatives to support the work of the school and provide an important parent voice in decision making. Site council members considers important issues, determines the use of tax credit donations and create an annual budget, and promote positive relations in the school community. Site council meets once every 1-2 months usually on Mondays from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

**Parent Superintendent Council** - Cerritos needs one PTO board member and one non-PTO parent to serve as representatives of Cerritos on this council. This council will meet with the superintendent and serve as a focus group that provides the district a variety of parent voices and input in district decision making. The first meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2021 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. Cerritos will submit your name and you will receive an invitation with more details prior to the first meeting. If you are interested in participating in either of these important groups, please send an email with your name, best phone number to reach you and a current email address by August 6, 2021.

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## Health Office News

Please contact Ms. Sickman at 480-541-2220 or [wsickman@kyrene.org](mailto:wsickman@kyrene.org) if you have any health questions or concerns. Some important reminders:

- Update any health conditions along with care plans as soon as possible. New paperwork needs to be filed each year.
  - **Please consider donating items to the Health Office. We need flip flops and elastic shorts of all sizes.**
  - *Please do not send medication with your child to school.* All medication needs to come through the health office.
  - Any crutches or wheelchairs require orders from a physician to be used on campus.
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## Meet the Teacher



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## 1st Day of School 7-29-2021



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