

March 5, 2021

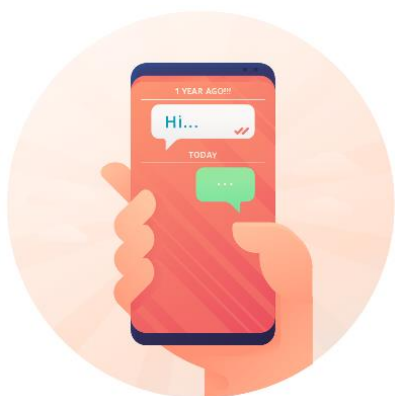
Message from the Principal

Dear Cerritos Families,

We are very excited to welcome back our In-Person learning students (students that are currently NOT in a flex class for their 3rd quarter placement) on Tuesday, March 16 to finish the 2020-2021 school year “Cerritos Strong”. Students should bring their best smile as this is also Spring Picture Day! School Pics will be using green screen technology, so students should avoid wearing green on picture day.

Transportation will resume on March 16th for students returning to campus. Please visit the [Kyrene Transportation Page](#) if you need to look up bus route information.

Please continue to monitor and track any signs of symptoms/illness over the break. If your child gets sick during the break, please plan to provide a negative COVID test result or keep your student out for 10 days following the onset of symptoms before returning to school. Please refer to the [Safe Return to School website](#) for more information.



We will post reminders on [Facebook](#) and send out text messages during the break. If you are not receiving our text messages, please text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.

Upcoming Events

March 1: PTO Zoom Meeting 3 p.m.

March 2: PTO Take out Tuesday at Modern Market

March 5: Early Release Day at 12:30 p.m.

March 8-12: No School Spring Break

March 15: No School Teacher Work Day, PTO Honey Baked Ham Event Begins

March 16: School Resumes & Spring Picture Day

March 23: Takeout Tuesday at MOD Pizza 10:30 am-10:00 pm

[View Full Calendar](#)

Join the Team! The PTO has two board positions available

PTO Has 2 Positions Available! PTO is accepting nominations for leadership roles for the 2021-2022 PTO Executive Board. Your help is needed as current members are moving on as their children move onto different schools. Click [here](#) to learn more, to nominate yourself or another parent at Cerritos.

- Development Coordinator: The Development Coordinator(s) manage and oversee the fundraising efforts of the PTO, including our main fundraiser in the Fall, Go Speedy Go. Other fundraising includes family dinner nights and corporate sponsorships.
- Historian: The Historian(s) photographs school events, oversees the creation of the school yearbook.

Spring Picture Day

Please mark your calendars for Spring Picture Day on **March 16, 2021**. This is the first day we return to school in person as well as the first day back after Spring Break. We will post reminders on [Facebook](#) and send out text reminders during the break. If you are not receiving our text messages, please text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587. **Flex students - mark your calendars because you are invited to come at 2:00 p.m. to take your photo.** Any student who was not photographed for the yearbook in November, will have an opportunity to take their photo with the yearbook backdrop. School Pics will be using green screen technology, so **students should avoid wearing green on picture day.**



QUICKLINKS

- [School Website](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Cerritos Brag Page](#)
- [Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [ParentVUE/StudentVUE](#)
- [PTO Information](#)

Cerritos Honey Baked Ham Event March 15-30

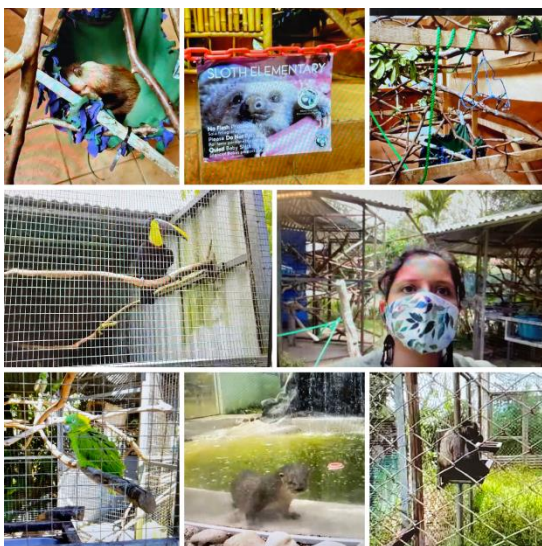
Between March 15 - March 30th, Honey Baked Ham is offering Cerritos preferred pricing & free delivery to our school for convenient pick up on Thurs. April 1st. Cerritos will earn 20% from every order placed on our dedicated website. Please see below for ordering instructions. Order now so you can spend less time in the kitchen and enjoy more time with family...all while supporting our school! It's a delicious Win/Win!

- Orders may be placed March 15-30, 2021
- All orders must be placed online: <https://epp.honeybaked.com/2519>
- Enter code: **EVRP7D**
- Payment is due at time of order.
- Pick-up at Cerritos on Thursday, April 1st, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- PTO will be set up in front of the school for distribution.

Another options is the Cerritos Honey Baked Ham E-Gift Card Fundraiser March 15 - March 30th. E-Gift Cards can be ordered and paid for online and sent to any recipient. Order online at https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/kyrene_de_los_cerritos_pto/buy/ecards

Take Out Tuesday - MOD Pizza

Our next Take out Tuesday is **March 23, 2021**, 10:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. at MOD Pizza, 4025 E. Chandler Blvd. Cerritos will earn 20% from our sales ALL DAY! Take-out, delivery & pick up orders will earn funds for our school. Place your orders at: <https://orders.modpizza.com> Use Promo code: GR158675C Click [here](#) for event flyer.



Virtual Field Trip to Costa Rica!

Yesterday, Ms. Diapoulis' 5th grade class went on a very special virtual field trip to Toucan Rescue Ranch in COSTA RICA! Ms. D's aunt is the founder/owner and set up a special trip so the kids could meet all the animals. The kids learned so much about toucans, otters, spider monkeys, parrots, and sloths.

<https://toucanrescueranch.org/>

Next PTO Meeting

Next PTO Meeting is Monday, April 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Planning for next school year is underway and your thoughts, ideas and input is needed! Log-on to learn how you can help in the success of our school! Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/2666062320> Meeting ID: 266 606 232

Deadline Approaching for 5th Grade Love Notes

The 5th Grade Love Notes Deadline is March 12, 2021! Love notes are available to purchase during the yearbook ordering process. 5th grade parents can add this for \$8 which includes text and photos. When ordering online, in addition to a yearbook order, click on “recognition ad” to purchase your “love note.” To order your Cerritos Yearbook, click [here](#)

Information Coming Soon about State Testing

You may know that the United States Department of Education (USDOE) has recently released their decision regarding state assessment requirements. Students will be participating in state testing this year to provide families and schools information about learning progress.

At this time, the testing window includes dates between March 22 and May 14. Please look for communication after Spring Break regarding specific testing schedules.



March 16 - Return to School Information

Please Be Proactive® and Begin With the End in Mind® and prepare the night before students return. Wash and prepare masks because face coverings are required at all times on the Cerritos campus. Pack a return to school bag with the following items:

- All supplies for learning including curriculum materials. If you have any outstanding curriculum materials from quarter 1 and quarter 2, please pack those items as well.
- A pencil box/pouch for their writing and coloring supplies.
- District-issued laptops and charging cords. Note: All students who participated in On-Site Supervision will transfer their district issued laptop, charging cord, curriculum materials, and

supplies to their classroom at the end of the day on Friday, March 5 so they are ready for their return on Tuesday, March 16.

- Water bottle, snack and lunch. Note: Students may bring their own lunch, but hot lunch is available for FREE for all students until the end of the school year!

Morning Arrival

- Students may arrive on campus any time between 7:10 - 7:25 a.m. Learning begins at 7:30 a.m. Any student arriving after 7:30 a.m. will need to have a parent sign the tardy log in the front office.
- Parents, please use the large parking lot we share with Altadena for drop off in the morning.
- Breakfast is available for FREE for ALL students. There will be a cart by each entrance with grab-and-go breakfast bags.
- Kindergarten, 2nd-grade and 3rd grade students will enter through the Courtyard Gate. 1st-grade, 4th grade and 5th grade students will enter through the CA (Main Hallway) doors. Staff will be available to help our youngest learners get to their classrooms safely.

Afternoon Dismissal

- Please prepare a sign for your car window that has the child's name, grade and teacher. This will greatly help the duty staff calling names on the radio.
- If you plan to park and walk up to greet your child, please wait in the designated grass area near the courtyard/preschool playground.
- K-2 grade will begin afternoon dismissal at 1:35 p.m. Teachers will walk their classes outside and line up in their designated area.
- Grades 3-5 will begin dismissal at 1:40 p.m. and will remain in the classroom until their name is called over the radio.
- We appreciate your "pick-up patience" as we work to get all of our students dismissed safely.

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School Hours: 7:30 am – 1:45 pm
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