

Shark Sense

Sierra Lake Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter



Principal's Message:



Dear Shark Families,

Can you believe it is November already?!

Thanks to the many efforts of our staff and PTA we had a wonderful October, filled with events and activities to celebrate some very important dates. We celebrated and promoted National Stop Bullying Day, Unity Day, and Red Ribbon Week. Our amazing PTA put together the Harvest Festival, a great evening of fun for our community.

We are very excited to share with you that we've brought back Student Leadership! Twenty-four students from 4th and 5th grade went through a grueling process to become our Student Shark Leaders. We are very proud of them and look forward to seeing their growth this school year!

I wish you much joy and health as we enter this Holiday Season!

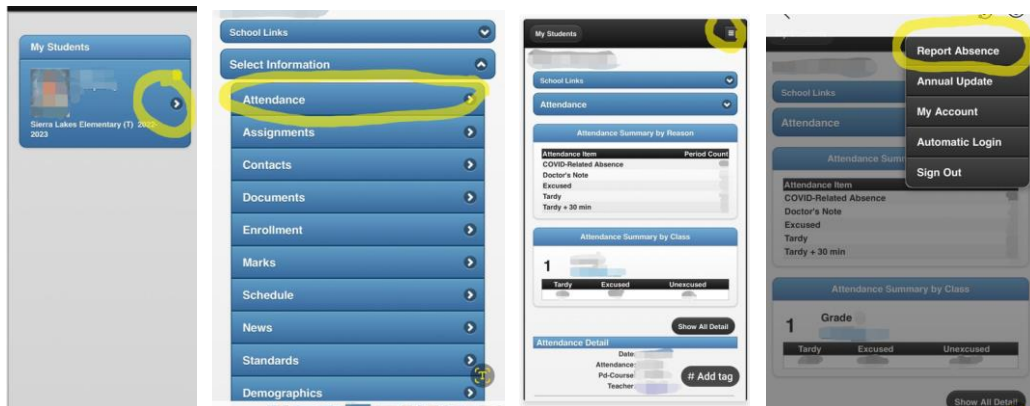
*Sincerely,
Ms. Talamantes*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/8... Election Day, Voting at Sierra Lakes
11/10... Community Meeting w/City Police
11/11... Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL
11/14-11/17... PTA, Turkey Gram Sales
11/18... PTA, Turkey Gram Delivery
11/21-11/25... Fall Break – NO SCHOOL
11/28... PTA, See's Candy - Start
11/30... PTA, Mod Pizza Fundraiser
12/2... Coffee with the Principal-Red Cross, Fire
12/7... See's Candy Fundraiser – End
12/9... Kinder Winter Performance
12/13... PTA, Paint Night
12/14... (VAPA) Readers Theater
12/15... See's Candy- Delivery
12/16... MINIMUM DAY -Dismissal at 11:50am
12/19-1/6... Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
1/9... Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL

Attendance: Report absences on Q-Parent Connection / Tardies

Sierra Lakes Elementary is the only school where parents can report absences via Q-Parent Connection (Not to be confused with Parent Square). If you know your student will be out and want to avoid forgetting to call the school, you have the option to report absences on Q-Parent Connection application on your phone application or computer. If you have any questions or need help logging on to your account please reach out to the office staff, we will be happy to help you. Please follow the yellow circles on your applications to report an absence.



We are seeing an increase in the number of students arriving late to school. Parents please be advised that students are expected to be in their seat at 7:45am. There is a 5 minute warning bell that rings at 7:40am notifying students they have 5 minutes to get to class. Our gates open at 7:15am. Please arrive early enough for your student to have time to eat breakfast if needed. We would like to remind you that gates will be closing at 7:45am promptly, regardless if student is getting off their car or walking towards the gate. Please have students enter through the office. We apologize beforehand for any inconvenience and ask that you please understand and support all classes starting on time without interruptions due to late arrivals.

The Sierra Lakes Elementary School morning schedule and procedures are as follows:

- 7:15am...The gates open to the quad and students either go to breakfast in the MPR or stand in line by grade level in the quad.
- 7:25am...A bell rings, prompting students to go to the playground before school starts or to their classes on inclement weather days.
- 7:40am...A bell rings and students line up on the playground, by classroom numbers and then teachers escort their students to the rooms.
- 7:45am...**The late bell rings and the gates close promptly.** Students arriving after the gate closes must report to the office to receive a tardy (late) pass to their classrooms.

* Students who are in the MPR eating breakfast will be given a tardy pass after the 7:45am bell rings. A note is written on the tardy pass that directs the teacher NOT to mark this student late when completing the daily attendance.

PBIS

The week of October 23rd SHARKs had the opportunity to shop at our PBIS Online Store. Purchases will be delivered the first week on November. We hope to have an in person store open the first and third Thursday and Friday of every month during the student's recess portion of their lunch. We welcome approved parent volunteers to help oversee our leadership teams run the store. If you are interested, please reach out to Mrs. Maria Rivas. at: (909) 318-3651, via Parent Square or email at: rivame@fusd.net. Let's celebrate our students for being the best SHARKs they can be! SHARK (Safe, Honest, Accountable, Respectful, Kind).

These Months...

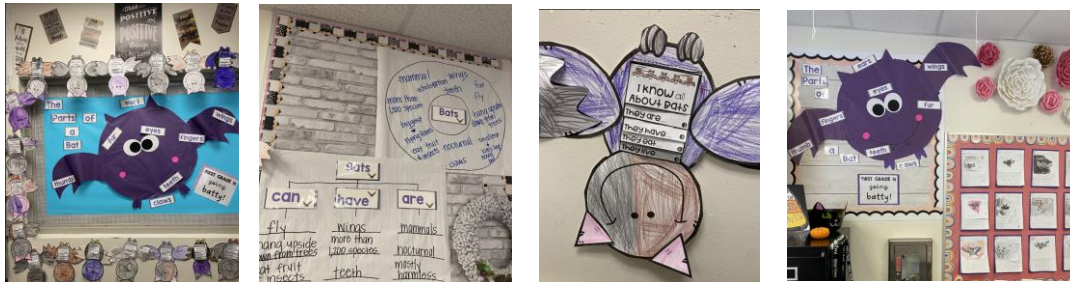
Kindergarten

The kindergarten team is working on a thankful unit for the month of November. We are thankful for each other and for our community workers. We will be inviting the Fontana Police and Fire Departments to come and visit the students.

We continue to work on learning letter names and sounds, well as make, read, and write words. In math, we are learning to compose and decompose numbers 4-10. We're happy for the full day schedule so that we can incorporate more social studies and science lessons to the daily schedule.

The students enjoyed the Red Ribbon themed days and the Halloween Parade. We'd like to thank the parent volunteers who have given us their valuable time.

First Grade We have been exploring different animals and their structures for our informational writing in 1st grade. While writing across the curriculum, first graders are working hard to incorporate Thinking Maps (Circle, Tree, and Flee) when diving into a topic of any subject matter.

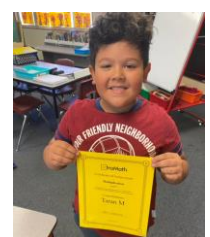


Second Grade

The second graders celebrated Fall's arrival with an art project where they created colorful Autumn trees. In Language Arts, they are reading texts related to animal discoveries while focusing on the plot or main topic and key details of the texts. In writing, they are working on both narrative and informative writing. The second graders will be writing their own imaginative narrative in the coming weeks. They will also be learning how to write a well-written informative paragraph in preparation for an animal research project they will be doing in the coming months. In math, the second graders are learning about place value and two-digit addition and subtraction. They continue to master their fact fluency and earn certificates! Lastly, the second graders are excited to explore how we understand and describe the land and water on Earth in Science!



using these sounds to



Third Grade:

Reading: We are in Unit 2 of the Wonders reading. In November, we will move from fiction (realistic, historical, etc.) into informational text to learn how to identify the main idea and details of a text.

Math: Third grade is learning how to find the answer to multiplication and division problems using different strategies.

Writing: The focus in October was on narrative writing, but we will begin introducing informational writing in November.

Social Studies: Third graders are looking at the geography of California and where people live in this state.

K-3rd Science Enrichment, Mr. Navarro:

Hello, FUSD Community! TK-3 enrichment is moving at full STEAM. Our full day Kindergarteners have now joined in on our STEAM lessons. This month we will be exploring the topics of habitats, rocks, robots to the power of a spring! As always, we will continue to enrich our students with hands-on early numeracy lessons. Make sure to read Mr. Navarro's S.T.E.A.M.-tastic Newsletter for more information on what's in store for each grade!

Fourth Grade:

Fourth graders have continued to be busy! To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, some classes researched influential Hispanic leaders and created a brief report. In Math, students have been working on multiplying 2-digit by 1-digit numbers. In Language Arts students have been focusing on Informational Writing and developing their skills in identifying main ideas and details.

Fifth Grade:

In fifth grade Science, students created a lava lamp. The students carried out the science investigation to observe structure and properties of matter, chemical reactions, cause and effect and scale proportion and quantity. Students work together in groups to reflect on their observations. They also logged their data in their Twig Science workbooks. Finally, they wrote impressive lap reports on their investigation and results. Collaborative hands-on projects allow the students to discover, engage and learn on a deeper level! We love Science!



Fourth & Fifth Grade Science Enrichment, Mr. Jordan:

In 4/5 Science enrichment, we've been studying the transfer of energy and the properties of matter.



Fifth Grade Instrumental Music, Ms. King:

After learning how to put together, hold, and care for their instrument, the string class is now learning how to put their left-hand fingers on the fingerboard to make the notes G, F#, E. This can be found on page 6 in their music book.

After learning how to put together, hold, blow into and care for their instrument, the woodwind class is now learning the first three notes on page 4 in their music book.

After learning how to put together, hold, blow into, and care for their instrument the brass class is now learning the first three notes on page 4 in their music book.



Counselor's Corner

Dear Sierra Lakes Families,

My name is Rossana Huerta, I am your new School Counselor. I am very excited to be a part of Sierra Lakes Elementary School! I have a passion for supporting students in my community to achieve their personal and academic goals. Regardless of where students are academically, socially, and emotionally, each student can reach success.

I have a strong belief that mental health and a positive mindset are essential to students' wellbeing and success. Students with a healthy mentality: learn better, perform better, are more creative, build healthier relationships, and better cope with difficult times. Through classroom lessons, small groups, and individual counseling, I will provide students with the tools and skills needed to thrive.

I also believe that developing strong relationships with students, parents, and the community is crucial. To make a positive impact on students' lives, it requires the work of more than one person!

A bit about myself; I come from a middle school in Ontario-Montclair School District. I love to travel and try different types of food. I enjoy outdoor activities like hiking, jogging, and taking long walks. For self-care, I like to go to the gymnasium, meditate, read, and watch horror and action movies on Netflix.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. You may also request assistance online by going to our school website and clicking on the "Counseling" section. I look forward to working with all of you!

Go Sharks!



PTA – Parent Teacher Association:

Huge shout out to our PTA!!! These last three months of the calendar year are the busiest for them and we appreciate all they do. In October they had the Kids are First Fundraiser, a book fair, Red Ribbon Week and the Harvest Festival keeping them busy. What a blast all that was. In November they will be helping 5th grade with their special designed t-shirts, selling turkeygrams and having See's Candy and MOD Pizza fundraisers. There is no stopping our PTA!

If you have any questions or would like to join our PTA, please use the following information:



- **Email:** PTA4SLE@gmail.com
- **Instagram:** [sierralakespta](#)
- **Facebook:** [Sierra Lakes Elementary PTA](#)

[JOIN PTA HERE](#)

Volunteer of the Month:

We want to recognize two of our most dedicated volunteers at Sierra Lakes and acknowledge the big difference they make at our school while serving endless hours on PTA to make Sierra Lakes Elementary more enjoyable for our kids. It is with great appreciation that we name Mrs. Shelly Navarrete and Mrs. Arlene Chavez, Volunteer of the months for October and November. Thank you both for your service.



October
Volunteer of the Month



November
Volunteer of the Month



Lost and Found:



Parents please ask your students to check the lost and found for missing sweaters, jackets, lunch bags and any other item they are missing. Items in lost and found will be donated during winter break.