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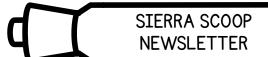
=Welcome=

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year at Sierra Elementary!

We are so excited you are a part of this amazing community. The following pages give an overview and inside look at what you need to know for this upcoming school year. We hope this helps you navigate the first few weeks of school and beyond.

Cheers to a great year, Sierra Sabertooths!

Ways to Stay Informed'



The weekly newsletter is emailed every Friday afternoon to all parents and families. If you don't receive it, please contact the front office. It's important to read, as it includes upcoming events, principal reminders, PTA news, and volunteer opportunities—all in one place.



Friday folders are the main source for updates from your child's teacher, flyers about events or clubs, recent student work, assessments, and other info like school pictures. The folder will come home in your child's backpack-please check it and return anything due by Monday!



The School Accountability Committee holds quarterly meetings to update the school community and gather feedback on priorities. Topics include the budget, new curriculum, CMAS results, and more. The committee is always seeking new members. Contact the principal for details: tennille.Foerster@jeffco.kl2.co.us





K-5th Grades:

- Soft start 7:35-7:45 am
- School day 7:45 am-2:35 pm

Breakfast:

- K-5th 7:20-7:35 am
- Pre-K 7:20-7:55 am

Note: There is no adult supervision outside including at the crosswalk - so children off before 7:35 am



Office:

7:05 am-3:15 pm

Preschool:

- AM Class: 8:00-II:00 am
- PM Class: II:45 am-2:45 pm
- Full Day: 8:00 am-2:30 pm

Lunch Times:

Preschool: II:20-II:50 am

Kindergarten: 10:45-11:05 am

lst Grade: II:05-II:25 am

2nd Grade: 11:30-11:50 am

3rd Grade: 11:50 am-12:10 pm

4th Grade: 12:10-12:30 pm

5th Grade: 12:30-12:50 pm

FREE BREAKFAST

Sierra offers optional breakfast in the cafeteria. If your student chooses to participate in breakfast, please walk them to the exterior cafeteria doors (kindergarten entrance) to enter the cafeteria. K-5th students will enter the cafeteria on their own, go immediately to the service line to retrieve their meal, and sit at a table to eat. Supervision will be provided (preschool students, see info below).

Students in K-5th grades

- Breakfast hours 7:20-7:35 am
- Students will be dismissed to their classrooms at 7:35 am (once their spots are clean).

Students in preschool

- Breakfast hours 7:20-7:55 am
- Preschool students must be accompanied by an adult/family member to remain with them during breakfast.
- At 7:55, adults and students will exit the cafeteria and go outside to their arrival door to sign students in for the day.

NO SCHOOL DAYS 25-26

8/22 8/25	Modified Contact Testing days (each student only attends for 2 hours, by appointment)	
9/1	Labor Day	
9/19	Teacher Staff Development	
10/10 10/13	Fall Break	
11/24 - 11/28	Thanksgiving Break	
12/5	Modified Contact Testing day (each student only attends for 2 hours, by appointment)	
12/22 - 1/6	Winter Break	
1/19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
2/13	Teacher Staff Development	
2/16	President's Day	
3/23 - 3/27	Spring Break	
3/30	Teacher Staff Development	
4/24	Teacher Staff Development	
5/I	Modified Contact Testing day (each student only attends for 2 hours, by appointment)	
5/25	Memorial Day	

8/I4 - Teacher Meet & Greet

8/19 & 8/20 - Kinder Camp

8/22 & 8/25 - Modified Contact Testing Days

8/28 - Back to School Night

Fall Semester

9/1 - Labor Day (No School)

9/II - Reflections Art Workshop #I

9/12 - ROAR Kickoff

9/12 - Sierra Fam Jam

9/15 - Reflections Art Workshop #2

9/19 - Teacher Staff Development (No School)

9/24 - Reflections Art Workshop #3

9/26 - 3rd-5th Field Day

9/30 - Picture Day

10/1 - Reflections Arts Submissions DUE

10/3 - Pirate ROAR Day

10/5 - Strides for Sierra 5k Fundraiser

10/10 - 10/13 Fall Break

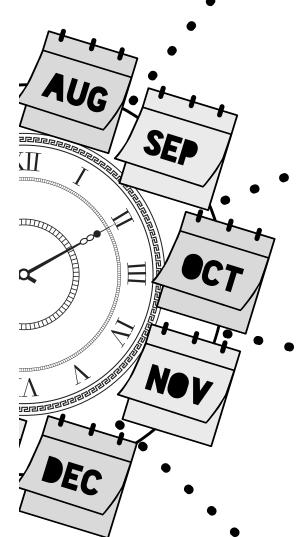
10/14 - 10/17 - Scholastic Book Fair

10/15 & 10/16 - Fall Conferences

10/24 - Reflections Celebration & Awards

10/31 - Monster Mash ROAR Day

10/31 - Halloween Parade & Class Parties



11/6 & 11/7 - Science Fair II/II - 4th Grade Musical

II/I2 - 3rd Grade Musical

II/I3 - Student Picture Retakes

II/I4 - Tropical ROAR Day

II/2I - Cartoon ROAR Day

11/24 - 11/28 - Thanksgiving Break

12/5 - Modified Contact Testing Day

12/11 - 2nd Grade Musical

12/16 - Sierra Singers Performance

12/19 - Harry Potter ROAR Day

12/22 - 1/6 - Winter Break

Spring Semester

1/16 - Western ROAR Day

1/19 - Martin Luther King Day (No School)

2/2 - 2/6 - Used Book Fair

2/5 - Spring Conferences

2/6 - Super Bowl ROAR Day

2/12 - Valentine's Class Parties

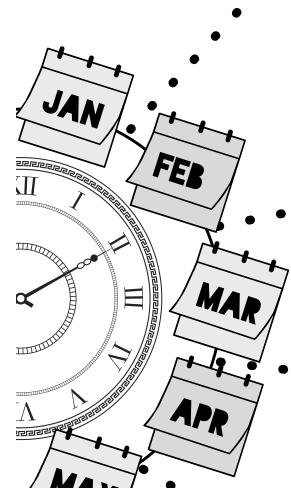
2/13 - Teacher Staff Development (No School)

2/16 - Presidents' Day (No School)

2/18 - Band/Orchestra Superstar Night

2/27 - Jump Rope ROAR Day

Readathon Fundraiser (Dates TBD)



• CMAS To

5/8 - K-2nd Field Day

5/13 - Sierra Talent Show

5/15 - Video Game ROAR Day

5/25 - Memorial Day (No School)

5/I - Modified Contact Testing Day

5/27 - Greatest Hits ROAR Day

5/27 - 5th Grade Continuation

5/28 - Kindergarten Graduation

5/28 - Last Day of School

3/2 - Read Across America

3/6 - Candy Land ROAR Day

3/20 - Outer Space ROAR Day

3/23 - 3/27 - Spring Break

3/30 - Teacher Staff Development (No School)

Staff Appreciation Week (Dates TBD)

4/3 - Superhero ROAR Day

4/24 - Teacher Staff Development (No School)

4/30 - Arts Night

4/30 - 5th Grade Musical

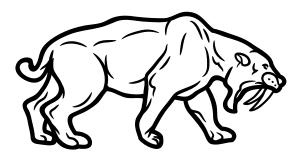
CMAS Testing (specific dates announced in March)

Chess Club begins (Dates TBD)

ROAR Days

What is a ROAR day?

Each month, our AMP team-Art, Music, and PE-celebrates ROAR behavior with a fun event in the aym. All three classes join together for dancing, singing, games, and themed activities. Each month has a unique theme, and students are encouraged to dress accordingly. This energetic celebration reinforces the values Sierra Sabertooths ROAR: Safe, 1025-2026 RO Respectful, and Responsible.



★Important Note:

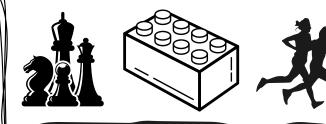
Costumes are not required. Instead, students can wear something simple like a graphic T-shirt that fits the theme. For example, on Outer Space Day, students could wear shirts with stars, planets, aliens, NASA logos, or Star Wars graphics, instead of dressing as astronauts or Darth Vader. If your child doesn't have theme-related clothing, there's no need to buy anything new. The focus is on creating joyful experiences and meaningful memories-not on what students wear.

R Odys & Themes Oct. 31 (Monster Mash) Nov. 14 (Tropical) Nov. 21 (Cartoon) Dec. 19 (Harry Potter) Jan. 16 (Western) Feb. 6 (Super Bowl Shuffle) Feb. 27 (Jump Rope) Mar. 6 (Candy Land) Mar. 20 (Outer Space) Apr. 3 (Superhero) May 15 (Video Game) May 27 (Greatest Hits)

After School Extracurriculars

Chess Club

Each year after Spring Break, students can sign up to join chess club in the library once a week after school. Here, students can practice and play against each other while learning skills like correct movements, opening plays, and how to checkmate. Keep an eye out for more information in the Spring!



Sierra Sprinters Running Club

Mondays and Wednesdays 2:35–3:15pm weather permitting. Join the largest club at Sierra, promoting friendship and an active, healthy lifestyle! The goal is to run 100 miles throughout the whole school year and all participants receive a charm necklace to track progress. Prizes are awarded at 25, 50, 75, and 100 miles, and milestones announced at lunch with your grade level. Registration is open! Students, family members, and staff are all welcome! \$15 per person to join.

Lego Club

Grades K-I: Mondays 2:35-4:05 pm
Grades 2-5: Tuesdays 2:35-4:05 pm
Let your imagination run wild with tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Build engineer-designed projects and use special pieces to create your own unique designs! Projects are rotated seasonally to ensure that both new and returning students can explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO® building system. This optional, registration-required club is presented by Play-Well TEKnologies (held at Sierra). Registration and fee information will go out in Sierra Scoop.

Spanish Club

Spanish Club is returning to Sierra for a second year. Spanish Club is an optional, registration-required activity to learn some basic Spanish with our fabulous guest Spanish teacher Sra. Alyssa. There is a fall and a spring session, and this year there may be leveled options. Keep an eye out in the Sierra Scoop for registration and fee information. Spaces go quickly!





Sierra Singers Choir:

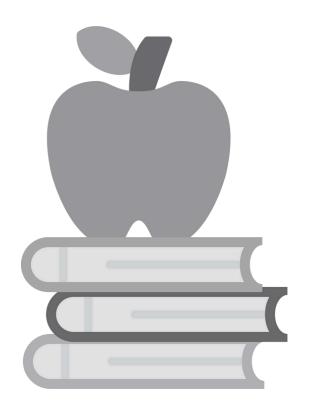
4th and 5th grade after school choir, offered during Fall Semester. For more information, visit the Sierra Music website: https://tinyurl.com/3xcpz4mv











Teacher Meet & Greet: Thursday, August 14

Come by the school to meet your teacher face to face and drop off school supplies. If you purchased a school supply kit in the spring it'll be waiting for you at school!

Kinder Camp: Tuesday, August 19 and Wednesday, August 20

The first two days of school for kindergartners are half days, where they will rotate in groups between each kindergarten teacher. This gives the teachers a chance to get to know the kids and get a sense of their skills before creating class lists. It also lets the kindergartners get to know the classrooms and their peers in a less intense setting.

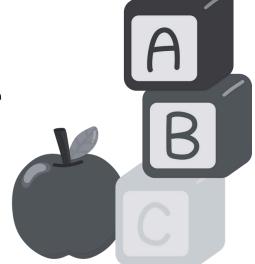
Modified Contact Days: Friday, August 22 and Monday, August 25

Sierra conducts individualized benchmark testing for students three times a year on Modified Contact Days. Students will attend a 2-hour session in the morning (8-10 am) or afternoon (12-2 pm) on one of the days for testing. This is not a full day of school, so there's no lunch provided or buses on those days. Teachers will send out a link to sign up for a slot as the testing approaches.

Back to School Night: Thursday, August 28

Meet your students' teachers and hear what they will be learning about this year. Teachers will provide a grade-level presentation with information about the teachers and what to expect throughout the year. Each grade will offer the presentation twice to accommodate families with multiple children at Sierra.

Labor Day (No School): Monday, September I

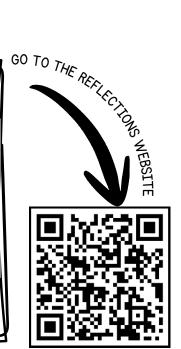


Reflections Arts Workshops:

Thursday, Sept. II; Monday, Sept. 15; Wednesday, Sept. 24



These three optional workshops, hosted by the Reflections Committee in the Art room after school, are offered to any students interested in entering the Reflections Arts Competition. The arts competition accepts entries in 6 categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Dance Choreography, Music Composition, Literature, and Film Production. Each year, the competition has an annual theme that can be difficult for students to interpret in their own way. While some students prefer to work at home on their entries (assisted by parents if needed), many students find themselves stuck. These workshops are a place for students to get focused time to explore the theme and create their art. Students may attend one, two, or all three of the workshops. A sign-up will be sent out the first week of September.





Sierra Fam Jam: Friday, September 12

Join the school community from 5-7pm on the Sierra playground to celebrate the end of the first full week of school. Kona Ice will be provided for all kids (one snow cone, free of charge). There will be food trucks, outdoor games, live music and more! Come hang out with old friends and meet some new ones!



Teacher Staff Development Day (No School): Friday, September 19



3rd-5th Grade Field Day: Friday, September 26

This is a fun family day and a great way to kick off the new school year! Students will learn how to work and play with their new classmates successfully. Please feel free to join your student's class as they travel from station to station. It's a great time in the sun and a good way to meet other parents. Kindergarten-2nd graders will have their Field Day in the spring.



Student/Class Photos: Tuesday, September 30

Individual and class photos will be taken on this day. A flyer with information regarding payment will be sent home in Friday Folders.



Reflections Arts Submissions Due: Wednesday, October 1

All submissions for the Reflections Arts Competition are due to the committee on this day. Families may drop the art and entry form off in the school office or at the designated drop-off point before or after school. Questions about early or late drop off can be emailed to the committee at reflections@sierraptaarvada.org.



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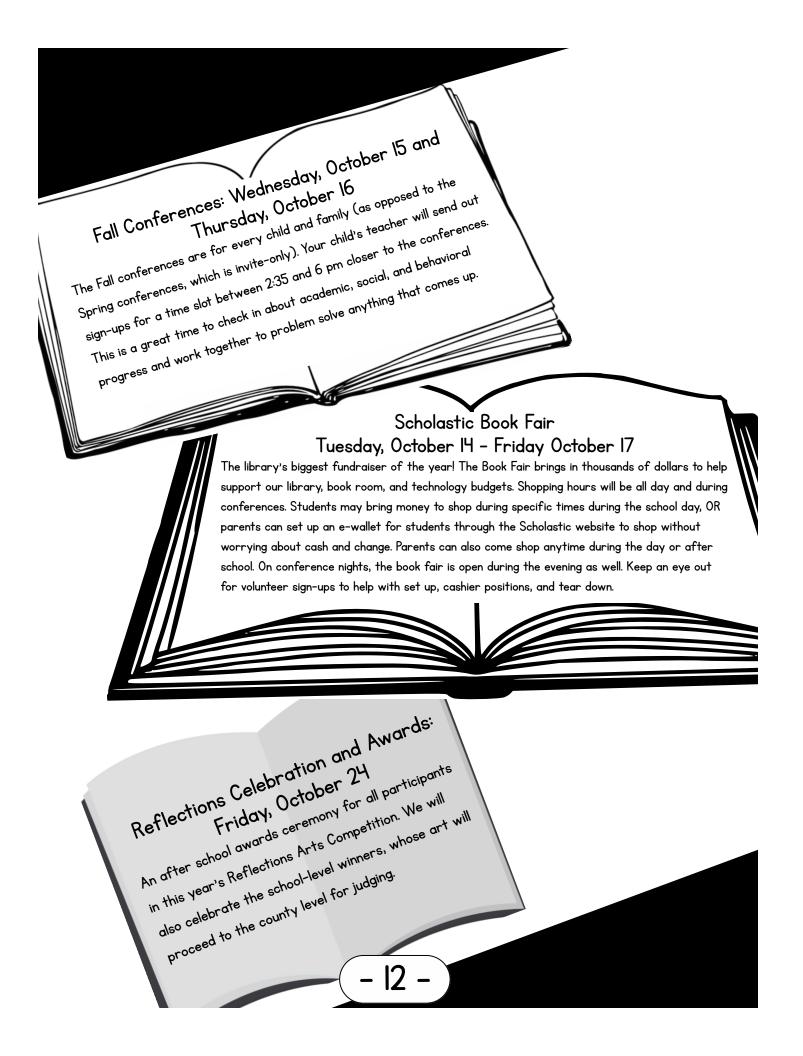


- Strides for Sierra Fundraiser: Sunday, October 5

Join us Sunday October 5th at 9:00 am for the Fourth Annual Strides for Sierra 5K run/walk fundraiser. Get your sweat on running or enjoy a leisurely stroll through the beautiful neighborhood surrounding Sierra Elementary! Don't want to do the full 5K? A IK fun run around the Sierra track starts at 10:00am. Afterwards, stay and enjoy the Race Village with vendors, food, drinks and activities for the kids all while supporting the Sierra Elementary PTA!



Fall Break: Friday, October 10 and Monday, October 13





Halloween Parade and Class Party: Friday, October 31

Both the parade and party will be in the afternoon, with the party following the parade. Class parties typically include food, crafts, games, and prizes. Parents are welcome to attend.

Parties are organized by room parents. If you'd like to be a room parent, contact the PTA Room Parent Coordinator at roomparent@sierraptaarvada.org.

More details will be sent via the Sierra Scoop or your classroom's room parents.

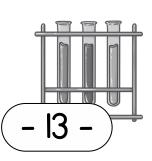
Science Fair: Thursday, November 6 and Friday, November 7

The Science Fair is optional for students in grades K-5. Students can work individually or in pairs, but all project work is done at home.

This is a fun opportunity to do science with your child and create a poster on a topic or experiment they enjoy. Entries can be experiments or demonstrations/simulations. Sierra's library has many science project books for inspiration, and the internet is another great resource.

Judging takes place during the school day, with volunteer judges reviewing posters and asking students about their experiments. Judging is divided into 3 age groups: K-I, 2-3, and 4-5. The top 3 winners in each category will receive prizes, while all participants get a T-shirt and Science Fair ribbon. Partner projects (max 2 students) are allowed, but must be within the same age group.









4th Grade Music Performance: Monday, November II

3rd Grade Music Performance: Tuesday, November 12

Student Picture Re-takes: Wednesday, November 13

Missed picture day or had a bad hair day? Just return your packet of pictures and your student can have their picture re-taken at no extra cost.

Thanksgiving Break: Monday, November 24 - Friday, November 28

Modified Contact Day: Friday, December 5

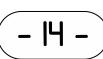
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2nd Grade Music Performance: Thursday, December II

Sierra Singers Performance: Tuesday, December 16

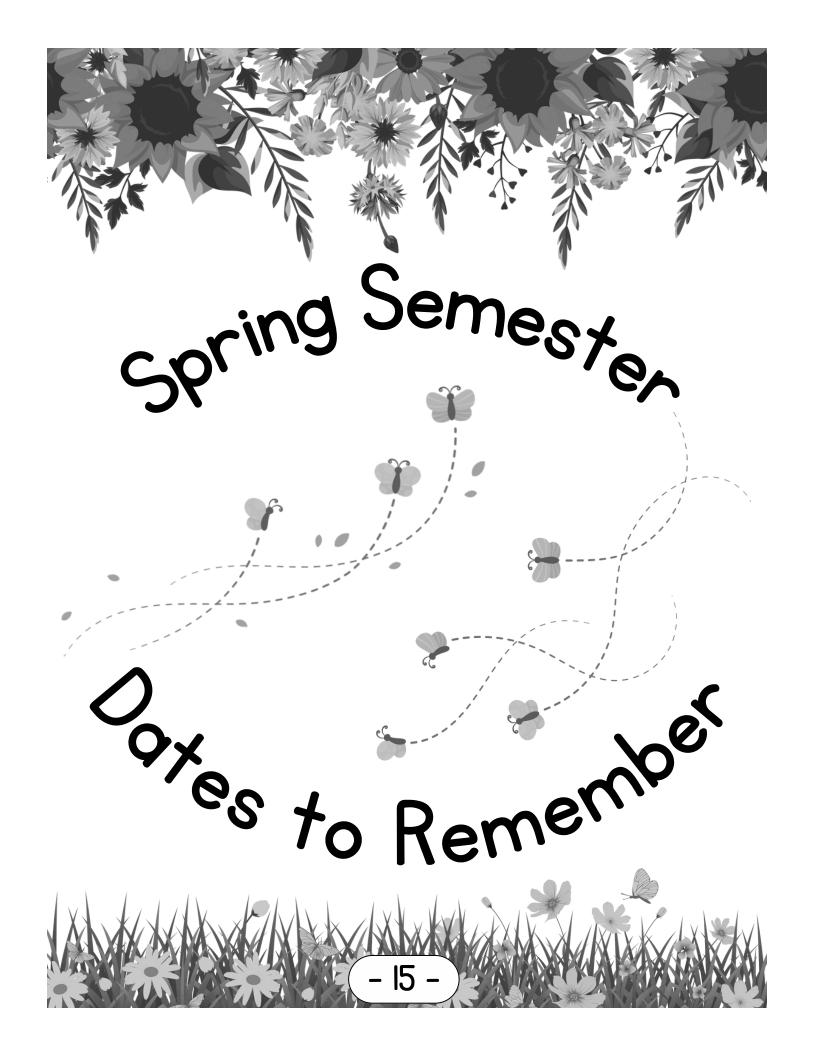
Winter Break: Monday, December 22 - Tuesday, January 6









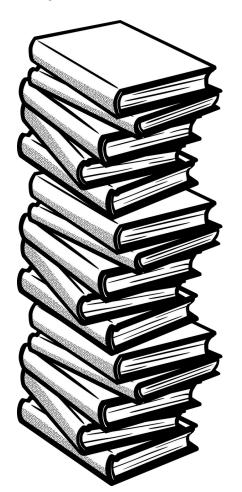




Martin Luther King Day (No School): Monday, January 19

Used Book Fair: Monday, February 2 - Friday, February 6

The Used Book Fair happens the week of Spring Conferences. Families are invited to donate used books to the library to be re-sold to the community. Families can donate any children's books in decent condition, which will then be sorted and sold (for \$2 or less). Not only is this a fundraiser for our library, but it's also a great way to get more books into the hands of our kids (and for you to clean out those shelves and closets)!



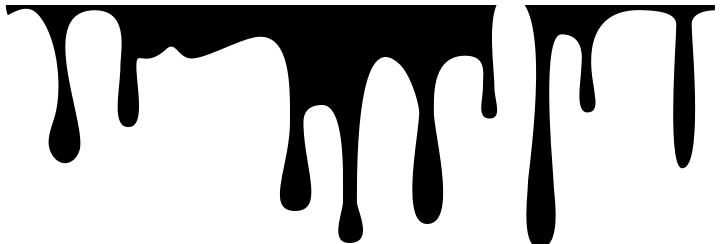
Spring Conferences: Thursday, February 5

These conferences have traditionally been invite-only, at your teacher's discretion. If you would like a conference but didn't receive an invite, you can reach out to your child's teacher and they will schedule one.

Valentine's Day Party: Thursday, February 12

This year's Valentine's Day party will happen in the afternoon. Typically, class parties involve food, crafts, games, and prizes for the kids. Parents are always welcome to attend. Parties are organized by classroom room parents. If you are interested in being a room parent, please contact the PTA Room Parent Coordinator – roomparent@sierraptaarvada.org. More information on specific needs and details will be sent via the Sierra Scoop and/or your classroom's room parent.





Teacher Staff Development Day (No School): Friday, February 13

President's Day (No School): Monday, February 16

Band/Orchestra Superstar Night: Tuesday, February 18

Read Across America Day: Monday, March 2
For this national event, the Sierra library coordinates local leaders to come read books to all grade levels.

Spring Break: Monday, March 23 - Monday, March 27

Teacher Staff Development Day (No School): Monday, March 30

Teacher Staff Development Day (No School): Friday, April 24

Arts Night: Thursday, April 30

Come by to see all of the artwork that the students have created throughout the year and enjoy a community night on the school playground.

5th Grade Music Performance: Thursday, April 30



Modified Contact Testing Day: Friday, May I

Sierra conducts individualized benchmark testing for students 3 times a year on Modified Contact Days. Students will attend a 2-hour session in either the morning (8-10 am) or afternoon (12-2 pm) for testing. This is not a full day of school, so there's no lunch provided or buses those days. Teachers will send out a link to sign up for a slot as the testing approaches.

Talent Show: Wednesday, May 13

Sierra's student council puts on this optional talent show. Any student can audition, although this audition is more of a formality so that the director(s) can see the acts and arrange an order for the show. Any student who auditions has a place in the talent show. After two after-school rehearsals, the show is on!

K-2nd Grade Field Day: Friday, May 8

Everyone looks forward to this funfilled day of games, activities, and
friendly competition. We have amazing
5th grade leaders who will be running
the stations. Please feel free to join
your student's class as they travel
from station to station. It's a great
day in the sun and a good way to meet
other parents.

Memorial Day (No School): Monday, May 25

5th Grade Continuation: Wednesday, May 27

This is the 5th graders' last day of school.

Kinder Graduation: Thursday, May 28

After graduation, all Kinder students are dismissed.

Last Day of School: Thursday, May 28

This day is early release.

Happy Summer!

Spring Events Dates TBD

Be on the lookout!

The Readathon

The Readathon is Sierra's biggest fundraiser, raising most of the PTA's budget to support committees, gifts, events, and grants throughout the year. It's both a fundraising campaign and reading competition. Prizes are given for various levels of fundraising and reading minutes, as well as for group efforts like classroom and grade totals. It may be complicated at first, but the main idea is for kids to read as much as possible and reach out to family and friends for donations to earn prizes.

Staff Appreciation Week

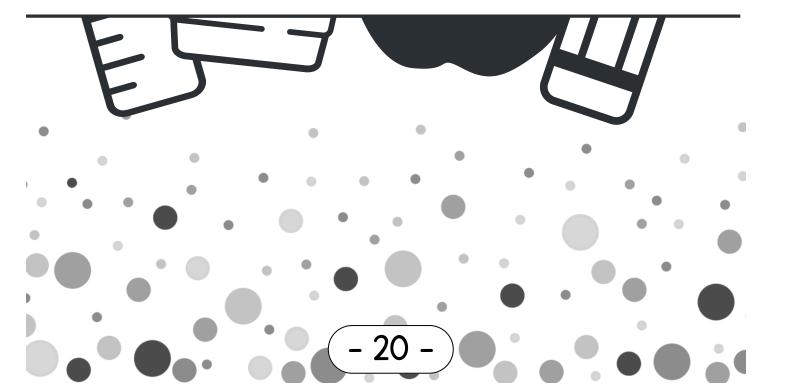
This is our annual week to celebrate and spoil all of the staff members at Sierra. This week typically happens in February or March before spring break, and is distinct from the National Teacher Appreciation Week in May. During this week, PTA members and parents work together to provide meals, unique gifts, treats, and decorations to help all of our staff members feel appreciated for all of the work that they do.

CMAS testing

This state-mandated testing happens annually for 3rd-5th graders in the spring. Specific testing dates for each grade are announced closer to the testing window. Students are tested in English language arts, math, social studies (4th grade only), and science (5th grade only). This testing is used to help determine big-picture academic goals for the following year, and to create targeted strategies for teaching and learning.



All about the Sierra PTA



Join the PTA

Become a Member Today!

The Sierra PTA is proud to support all the wonderful students, teachers, and staff here at Sierra Elementary. We promote student academics and self-esteem through a variety of programs, and work to meet school needs with both volunteer and financial support. What the Sierra PTA has achieved over the years wouldn't be possible without the support of our community.

The PTA is led by a board of 10 committed parents volunteering their time to make the school community a better place. Please know that as a member, your involvement in the PTA can be as little or as much as you want it to be. There is no expectation to volunteer a set amount of (or any) time, but we greatly appreciate any involvement that you are willing to provide.

By joining the PTA every year, your membership dues help us provide grants to teachers, supplies and curriculum to our students, and funding for amazing community events.

• Individual member fee: \$10

• Family member fee: \$18

• Sponsor a teacher: \$10

Join today at: https://sierraelementary.givebacks.com/shop







PTA Website

The PTA website is a one-stop-shop for information about what the PTA does, meeting minutes and the budget, as well as information for different committees. This is also where you can find staff favorites' lists.

www.sierraptaarvada.org





PTA Meetings

The PTA holds four general meetings a year in the school library. We share updates from the school library and board members, vote on committees and board members member financial matters, and address member to attend, but only financial matters welcome to attend, but only concerns. All are welcome to attend, but only pTA members may vote.

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PTA Meetings:

Wednesday, September 17

Wednesday, November 13

Thursday, April 23

Thursday, April 23

What does the PTA do?

Sierra Family Directory

In an effort to make it easier to communicate with other families at Sierra, we are compiling an optional family directory. Please go to the link below to add your contact information. The directory will be shared with other families who also opted into the directory.

If you choose to participate, please submit your contact information here: https://forms.gle/6wBRdAhs75KokN926





Sierra Cares Sierra Cares is a committee that provides practical support and help to Sierra community members going through a hardship. For example (not limited to), student loss of a parent, parent loss of a child, caregiver injured in an accident, loss of family home or job, etc. We offer many forms of help: meal trains, organized playdates, dog walking, highlighting GoFund Me pages (on the Sierra Cares web page and in Sierra PTA Facebook group), school pick-up/drop-off, etc. If you or someone you know in the Sierra Community is going through a hard time, we are here to help (this is anonymous). Please visit the Sierra Cares website for more information and/or to nominate a recipient: https://www.sierraptaarvada.org/sierra-cares





Community Events

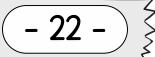
The Sierra PTA puts on numerous events throughout the year to strengthen the Sierra community, the first one being the Sierra Fam Jam on Friday, Sept. 12. Please keep an eye out for additional dates for restaurant nights, skate nights, morning coffee trucks and a holiday canned food drive!

Reflections Art Competition

This is Jeffco's annual arts competition where students preschool to 5th grade interpret the annual theme in any of the 6 arts categories. Judges from the local community choose winners from each category who will go on to compete on the regional level. Visit the Reflections page on the PTA website to get more information on this years' theme and updates on the competition: https://www.sierraptaarvada.org/reflections-art-contest







PTA Committees

The PTA has a number of committees to support students, parents, and staff throughout the 25-26 school year. Want to join a committee or get more information?

E-mail committees@sierraptaarvada.org



Advocacy

 This committee monitors legislative changes to Colorado education, Jeffco education, or the PTA and updates the PTA as needed.

Crossing Guards

 Coordinates crossing guards for each morning and afternoon of school days for the entire year.

Lost & Found

 Organizes lost and found items throughout the year and advertises them to families when it gets overwhelming.

Staff Appreciation

Coordinates the weekly snacks donated to the staff lounges.

Milk Caps for Moola

 Collects Longmont Dairy milk caps from school and returns them to Longmont Dairy (via local pick up) for reimbursement.

Sierra Dudes Club

 Organizes social events for dudes (anyone - not just dads!) throughout the year. Called upon to support school events and projects throughout the year.

Library Support

 Helps get volunteers and support for all Library needs: weekly shelving of books, help with book fairs, organization of spaces, etc.

GT+

 A committee supporting anyone interested in Gifted and Talented (GT) issues. The + includes areas beyond formal GT programs—talent pool students, advanced learners, potential GT, 2E (Twice–Exceptional), and more.

Mascot Coordinator

 Coordinates when the mascot costume is needed and finds volunteers to wear it at events.

Sierra Sprinters Run Club

 Organizes the twice-weekly run club on the playground, including tracking student mileage and distributing awards.

Yearbook

 Solicits pictures for the yearbook throughout the year, organizes the ordering and completion of the yearbook annually.

Bulletin Boards

 *New committee for 2025-2026. This committee artistically supports staff and teachers in creating bulletin boards for a variety of needs and topics as requested.

Field Day Popsicles - (Fall and Spring)

 Coordinates the purchase, organization, and distribution of popsicles for the end of each field day.

Strides for Sierra 5K Fundraiser

 This team oversees all aspects of the fundraiser: setting a day, coordinating race logistics, getting sponsors, providing race packets, and acquiring race wear for the day.

Conference Dinners (Fall and Spring)

• Coordinates the PTA-provided staff dinners for each night of conferences.

Reflections

 Organizes, supports, and coordinates all entries to the annual Arts competition.

Science Fair

 Assists with Science fair planning, preparation, organization, and judging.

Readathon Fundraiser

 This team plans and executes the school's largest fundraiser: picking a theme, decorating the school, tracking progress, planning prizes and celebratory events.

5th Grade Continuation

• Works with the 5th grade team to coordinate the continuation celebration for 5th graders in May.

Kindergarten Graduation

 Works with the Kindergarten team to coordinate, set up, and host the celebration for Kindergarten graduation in May.

Volunteering Opportunities Sierra doesn't require volunteer hours, but the PTA and school thrive

Sierra doesn't require volunteer hours, but the PTA and school thrive because of the volunteers who contribute each year! There are many ways to support our students—what level of involvement suits you best?

PTA Board Member

The most time- and commitment-intensive role is becoming a PTA board member. There are 7 positions available at the Spring Board meeting - anyone can apply, and we encourage co-chairs to share the workload and bring diverse perspectives to discussions. The board meets monthly with the principal to address current needs, run committees, and recruit volunteers. The primary role of the PTA is fundraising, allocating, and distributing funds throughout the year.

Committee Chair

Time: 常含含分分 Commitment: 含含含含 If you're ready for a bigger commitment, consider volunteering as a committee chair. Some committees are easy to manage, while others need more planning and teamwork. Anyone can take on this role, whether you're organized, enthusiastic, or just plain curious. Co-chairs are welcome, so you can share the role with a friend. The Vice President(s) of Committees will provide all the details and support you throughout the process!

Recurring Volunteer

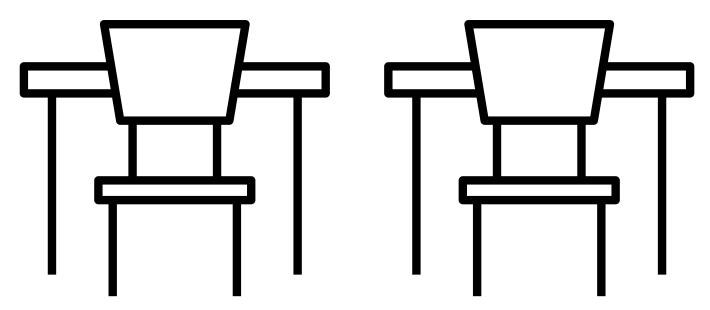
Time:食食公公公 Commitment:食食公公公 Effort:食食公公公 Some parents volunteer for recurring activities or committees. Here are a few that need ongoing support:

- Crossing Guards (slots available every day, AM and PM)
- Library Shelving (weekly)
- Fundraisers
- Sierra Sprinters Run Club (after school, Mon and Wed)
- Short-term events: Reflections, Science Fair, etc.

Dip-In Volunteer

Time: 会公公公 Commitment: 会公公公 Effort:会公公公 Most parents opt for "Dip-In" volunteering, signing up for onetime tasks like chaperoning a field trip, organizing the used book fair, or helping at events. These opportunities are posted throughout the school year in the Sierra Scoop.

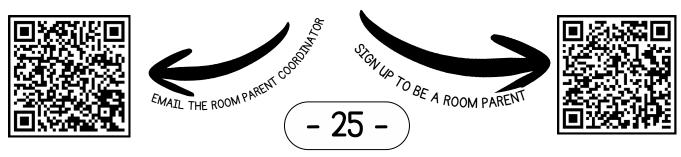
Room Parents all you need to know



What does a Room Parent do?

Each classroom has a room parent-often 2-3 working together! They plan and coordinate supplies for Halloween and Valentine's Day parties. The PTA provides a party budget, so expenses are reimbursed. Duties include organizing games, crafts, food, and requesting donations of food and party supplies if needed. It's an easy, fun role-and Dollar Tree is your friend!

How do I volunteer to be a room parent?



Fundraisers





The PTA runs two major fundraisers each year, and supports smaller ways to help donate throughout the year. Our current fundraisers are the Strides for Sierra 5k in the fall, and the Readathon in the Spring. These two fundraisers bring in all the money the PTA needs to fund committees, purchase technology for the school, provide grants for continuing education for staff, and host our many community events throughout the year.



There are also some everyday ways that you can raise money for the PTA and Sierra. Milk Caps for Moola is a program from Longmont Dairy where Sierra can earn 5 cents for every Longmont Dairy milk cap that you bring into school to be recycled. Save your milk caps and drop them in the collection box in Sierra's front entry.



The King Soopers Community Reward program lets you contribute to Sierra PTA every time you buy groceries. Once you link your Shopper's Card to Sierra Elementary, King Soopers will give a percentage of every dollar you spend to the Sierra PTA. The PTA also sponsors a few restaurant nights each year, where a portion of that night's proceeds from the restaurant go to the Sierra PTA.



All PTA funds are used to benefit Sierra students and the school community, as soon as possible. The budget is transparent and always available on the PTA website. Additionally, the budget and allocations of money is reported on at every PTA general meeting.







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