



October 2023

Dear Cielo Families,

"Fall Breeze and Autumn Leaves", October is such a fun month here at Cielo. Students and staff will be rested and relaxed from Fall Break and ready to begin the 2nd Quarter.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be on October 18th, 19th and 20th. All 3 days are early release days. They will be held via Zoom unless you specifically request an in-person conference with the teacher(s). Watch for a Sign-Up Genius in an email from the teachers on October 9th.

The annual **Scholastic Book Fair** will be the week of October 23rd - 27th. Students can go shopping for books during their lunch recess, and the Book Fair will stay open on Wednesday the 25th until 3:00pm if parents want to come shop with your child after school.

Pumpkinpalooza 2023 will be on Friday, October 27th. Presale tickets can be purchased on the PTO website until the 24th. After that wristbands can be purchased at the door. More info [HERE](#).

The PTO is asking for volunteers to make this event amazing! Please consider signing up:

- Adult volunteers: sign up [HERE](#) for a shift or to bring supplies
- Youth volunteers (middle school and HS aged): sign up [HERE](#) for a shift
- Trunk-or-Treat enthusiasts: sign up [HERE](#) to decorate a table* and hand out candy at the event!
- **Note: PTO will provide tables and canopies to be decorated at the event this year, we will NOT have decorated vehicles in the parking lot**

Halloween is Tuesday, October 31st and it is a school day. Students are not allowed to wear costumes to school and should not bring any Halloween props or toys. Thank you for your help with this.

Cielo is a school located in a residential area, where it is important that **we are good neighbors** to the nearby homeowners.

- Please do not park in front of driveways.
- Please do not make U-turns in front of the school
- Please use the main parent lot for all students being dropped-off and picked-up by car.
- The **north gate area** is meant to be used by neighborhood children walking, riding their bikes, or skateboarding to school. The north gate is **not** a vehicle drop off or pick up area for Cielo students.

Warmly,
Kristin Kingsland
Principal

"The mission at Kyrene del Cielo Elementary School is to inspire every child to learn, grow, and achieve."



Kyrene Positive Parenting - October Presentations

Oct. 25 - Narcan/Rise of Fentanyl

Description: Participants will learn about the rise in Fentanyl. Participants will also learn how to administer NARCAN to reverse an overdose.

Presenters: Joronda Montano

Date and Time:
October 25, 2023
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Location:
Centennial Middle School - MPR
13808 S. 36th St. Phoenix, AZ 85044

[Registration Link](#)



Important: Sign up for Text Messages

In the event of an emergency, text messages are the fastest and most effective way to communicate information to families. You must opt in to receive text communications! Text “Y” or “yes” to 67587 to begin receiving text messages from our school and Kyrene School District.

Families must OPT-IN to Text Message.

Wellness Wednesday *with* Native Health



HOSTED BY KYRENE NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 18, 2023
2:30 pm - 6:00 pm



Kyrene Family Resource Center
(West of Ninos Elementary School)
1330 E. Dava Dr. Tempe, AZ 85283

FREE

Flu vaccine
COVID vaccines & boosters
Fluoride varnish
Sports physicals (limited spots)



OPEN TO ALL KYRENE FAMILIES

For more information, call (480) 541-1133





SHARK ISLAND

Kyrene School District

After School Enrichment Program

STEAM + Reading = STREAM!

This **STREAMy** Shark Island brings The Bridge to Sharktooth Island, the first book in the Challenge Island series, to life! You and your STEAM Team will join book characters Daniel, Joy, Kimani, and Davinci on their Sharktooth Island adventures from bridge-building to pirate ship exploring to mixing up spectacular slime seas. You'll dive into the fascinating world of SHARKS and tackle an ocean full of shark-inspired challenges! This **FINTastic** Camp is perfect for fans of the Challenge Island, Magic Tree House and Magic School Bus book series!

Winter Enrollment

School	Date	Day	Time
Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary	10/23 - 11/27	Mon	2:20pm - 3:20pm
Kyrene de la Mirada Elementary	10/24 - 11/28	Tue	2:20pm - 3:20pm
Kyrene de los Ninos Elementary	10/25-12/6 (No Class 11/22)	Wed	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Kyrene Monte Vista Elementary	10/26-12/7 (No Class 11/23)	Thurs	2:20pm - 3:20pm
Kyrene del Cielo Elementary	10/27 - 12/15 (No class 11/10, 11/24)	Fri	2:20pm - 3:20pm

Program Information:
Challenge Island Chandler
Office
tcollins@challenge-island.com

**DON'T MISS OUT,
REGISTER
TODAY!**



<https://kyrene.ce.eleyo.com/enrichment>

Electronic Devices at School

Please read the information below from our Kyrene Family Handbook regarding students with electronic devices at school. We understand that many students bring cell phones to school and wear smart watches. We are

communicating and reminding the students that both cell phones and smart watches need to stay in their backpack during the school day. This school year we have seen an increase in students wearing smart watches and not using them appropriately during the school day, so we are trying to tighten up our procedures and follow the Kyrene School District policy.

Students and Electronic Devices

Many parents choose to have their child carry a cellular telephone or other electronic devices (such as an Apple watch or Fitbit) as a means of before and/or after school communication and for safety purposes. Electronic devices can be disruptive in an educational environment, but may also be used to enhance instruction. If parents have decided that it's necessary for a child to carry a cell phone or electronic device, parents and students must be aware of the following:

Kyrene School District [Policy 3-401](#) states that the District does not assume responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, personal property. If your child has a cell phone on campus or on the bus and it is damaged or stolen, we will not be able to utilize administrative time to investigate the incident, nor will the District be able to take any financial responsibility for the cell phone or cell phone charges.

Cellular phones must be turned off and kept in backpacks at all times on campus, except for prior to the ringing of the first bell for the start of the instructional day and after the ringing of the last bell for the end of the instructional day.

Traffic at North Gate/Back Gate on Knox Rd.

This message is to inform you that the North Gate/BackGate on our campus near Knox Rd. is intended for students who walk from the neighborhood or ride their bike. This was never intended to be a drop-off or pick-up area for vehicles. We have observed safety concerns with the number of vehicles that are using this area to drop-off and pick-up students.

If you drive your child/children to school, we ask you to please use the school drop-off/pick-up drive through lane in our west parking lot. You can enter this lane on Lakeshore Drive. Please look for the orange cones that mark the lane. We are a very large elementary school and the majority of our students are driven to and from school. This is one of the reasons we had the new construction completed to allow for a longer drive through lane to accommodate the amount of traffic and help the drop-off and pick-up procedures run smoothly.

Thank you for following our procedures and supporting the safety of our students.

Kyrene Dress Code Reminder.

We want to remind families that Kyrene School District made adjustments to dress code guidelines last year, and we recommend families review current procedures with your students. The guidelines can be found in the Governing Board Policy Manual online, under Procedure [5-302.A Student Attire - Student Dress](#).

The guidelines are also available in the Kyrene Family Handbook.



Dates to Remember:

October

- 13 - Jeremiah's on Campus
- 17 - PTO Board Meeting 2:30pm - 4:30pm
- 18 - Chipolte Restaurant Night
- 19-26 - Scholastic Book Fair (lunch time only)
- 27 - Pumpkinpalooza, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

November

- 7 - MOD Pizza Restaurant Night
- 16 - Coffee Chat with Principal Kingsland 7:45am - 8:15am
- 19 - Family Kickball Game, 12:30pm - 3:30pm in the fields
- 28 - PTO Board Meeting 2:30pm - 4:30pm

December

- 6 - On the Border Restaurant Night
- 12 - Polar Express, 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the MPR

January

- 9 - PTO Volunteer Information Night 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- 11 Panera Bread Restaurant Night
- 16 PTO Board Meeting 2:30pm - 4:30pm
- 26 - Family Dance, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

February

- 6 - Panda Express Restaurant Night
- 20 - PTO Board Meeting 2:30pm - 4:30pm
- 24 - Spring Carnival, 2:00pm - 5:00pm
- 28 - Rubio's Restaurant Night
- 29 - March 7 - Scholastic Book Fair (lunch time only)

March

- 26 - PTO Board Meeting 2:30pm - 4:30pm

April

- 2 - PTO Board Election Social 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- 11 - Raising Cane's Restaurant Night
- 16 - PTO Board Meeting 2:30pm - 4:30pm
- 29 - May 3 BOGO Scholastic Book Fair (lunch time only)

May

6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week
20 - Yearbook Party at Peter Piper Pizza
21 - PTO Board Meeting 2:30pm - 4:30pm
23 - Jeremiah's



Cielo Site Council
9-14-23 3:30-4:30 Staff Lounge

Meeting Purpose: The purpose of the Site Council is to responsibly monitor the account for tax credit donations and work collaboratively to make decisions regarding expenditure requests that will benefit all students.

Team Members Present: Kristin Kingsland, Beckie Minarcik, Lorraine ODonnell, Maureen Sousae, Cathy Larson, Jo Lyn Isais, Nancy Aguilar, Mark Hartman, Megan Newby, Meagan Sullivan, Anna Muldowney,

Item	Desired Outcome	Time	Actual Outcome/Next Steps
Welcome Introductions Agenda By-Laws (Kristin)	Team member Introductions Review agenda	3:30-3:40	Timekeeper: Larson Recorder: O'Donnell and Kingsland Introductions of all members Ask Ted Isais to be our community member or other members can ask friends/neighbors. Reviewed by-laws – Kristin will email a copy to all members. No questions
Budget Review (Lorraine)	Team members will have a shared understanding of the current budget	3:40-3:55	Lorraine explained the beginning 23-24 tax credit budget: -Beginning balance -current expenses and upcoming expenses -Shared 22-23 budget with all expenditures and ending balance -October 1 st the final budget will be posted then share at next Site Council meeting -Open it up for discussion: -We chose to budget equitable amount of money for each grade level and Bus expenses -What if a grade level has 5 teachers instead of 4 – amount stays the same, teachers can ask Site Council for additional funds if needed. -Parent donations: parents can donate additional money. It goes in 526 auxiliary <u>account</u> . -Funding for field trips typically does not fall short. -People can designate their tax credit donations for specific thing's but we prefer a general donation. -There is \$400 designated for Music and \$400 for the Art room. Also \$886.32 for the Garden and \$1869.68 for Discover Room. - <u>PearDeck</u> licenses \$149.99 each teacher -Other subscriptions we pay for yearly. - <u>PAR's</u> for teachers for No Place for Hate (NPFH) and Student Council (STUCO) and Jr Coach Leaders -No longer have <u>Discoverosity</u> Zone. The room is back in our hands and -- PTO has offered to help manage it. Money can be moved back into -- General Fund if PTO does not use it
Field Trips (Lorraine)	Team members will determine the affordable allotment to be provided to all grade levels for field	3:55-4:05	Total of \$17,000 (<u>\$2500</u> for each grade level covers entry fees and bus expenses) PS/\$1000.00 K-4/\$2500.00 5/\$3500.00 At times parents will be asked to pay a portion of fees
	trips for the school year		
Other Extra Curricular Activities & possible expenses (Kristin)	Assemblies? Plays? Events? Playground Equip?	4:05-4:30	Arizona Opera Cont. paying for playground equipment. Jungle Jill More items for Art Child's Play Puppet Theater Phoenix Symphony Author Visits Ask the staff for ideas and rank them by interest
Other Future Agenda			Email By-laws Budget & expenses Discuss and prioritize extracurricular activities How to <u>make revisions to</u> by-laws



Student Attendance

We know from research and experience that regular attendance and being on time to school are two factors that help shape a child's attitude and performance at school. These are also lifelong habits that are important for your child. Therefore, we consider school attendance a very important factor in your children's academic success. Please review the following procedures for school attendance.

Absences

Parents must call the attendance line at 480-541-2401 (24 hour message machine) when your child is absent. We can no longer accept email notifications from parents or messages from teachers. This information must be conveyed via a phone call to our front office staff or a recorded message left on our attendance line. If the school does not hear from you or cannot get in touch with you, your child will be marked unexcused truant until our attendance clerk has made contact with you. For your child's safety, it is important for the school to be notified of an absence. You may check your child's absences and tardies through your ParentVue account.

Have You Moved?

If you have moved, please log in to ParentVue and update your new information. You will also need to upload your new utility bill/lease/mortgage agreement. We also will need families to sign a new State of Arizona Residence form that is located in the front office. We appreciate your assistance with this.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..

They will miss 20 DAYS a year.

They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.

When a student misses 4 days a month..

They will miss 40 DAYS a year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.



Breakfast: Breakfast is served in the cafeteria from 7:00-7:20. The kitchen closes at 7:20. Please get your child here early enough if they are getting breakfast.

Gates: When the first bell rings at 7:25, students should be getting in line. The gates will close promptly at 7:27. Students who arrive after 7:30 will be marked tardy.

Parking Lot: Please drive slowly in our parking lot and drop-off lane. Also, students should not be dropped off in the parking lot. **Safety is our #1 priority!!!**

National School Lunch Program

The National School Lunch Program is a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Through this program, eligible students may be offered free or reduced-price meals. We also participate in the School Breakfast Program at all schools. Meal payments may be made online, as this program operates in all of the schools in the Kyrene School District. Meal application information is distributed and made available to every student in the district at the beginning of the school year. Application information will remain confidential and will be used only to determine eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. Applications are also available at all school offices or by clicking on the meal application links.

Please visit [Linq Connect](#) to submit an online meal application to our district. You may turn in paper meal applications to any school office. We strongly encourage all families to apply. The free, reduced-price, and paid meal information is used to qualify the school district for other student qualifications and funding. You will receive an eligibility letter via email once your application has been processed that includes the status of your student(s) meal eligibility. If you have a concern regarding the decision of your meal application, please email kbs@kyrene.org.

Payment Options

- **Online** (Please visit [In-Touch](#) to pay using your credit or debit card).
- **Check** (Please make checks payable to Kyrene School District, checks are accepted at all school sites).
- **Cash** (Please send cash in a sealed envelope labeled for the student. Cash is accepted at all school sites).

Online Lunch Payment Instructions

We offer an optional online payment option via [In-Touch](#) to submit meal account payments. Choose meal account to apply money to your student(s) meal accounts. Payments will be applied to your students meal account at 6:50 AM, 9:35 AM, 11:05 AM, 12:05 PM and at night at 11:35PM daily to update the meal account balance. Balances can be checked at any time by visiting linqconnect.com. Negative balance notices will be emailed weekly to parents during the school year. Meal account balance notices are sent on Friday to notify you of the current amount as your student(s) may/or may not spend money to purchase 2nd meals or A-l-a-Carte items.

An account needs to be created to view your child's meal balance at linqconnect.com. Linq Connect/Titan IT support is available by dialing 1-844-467-4700 (Option 2 Option 1 for assistance).

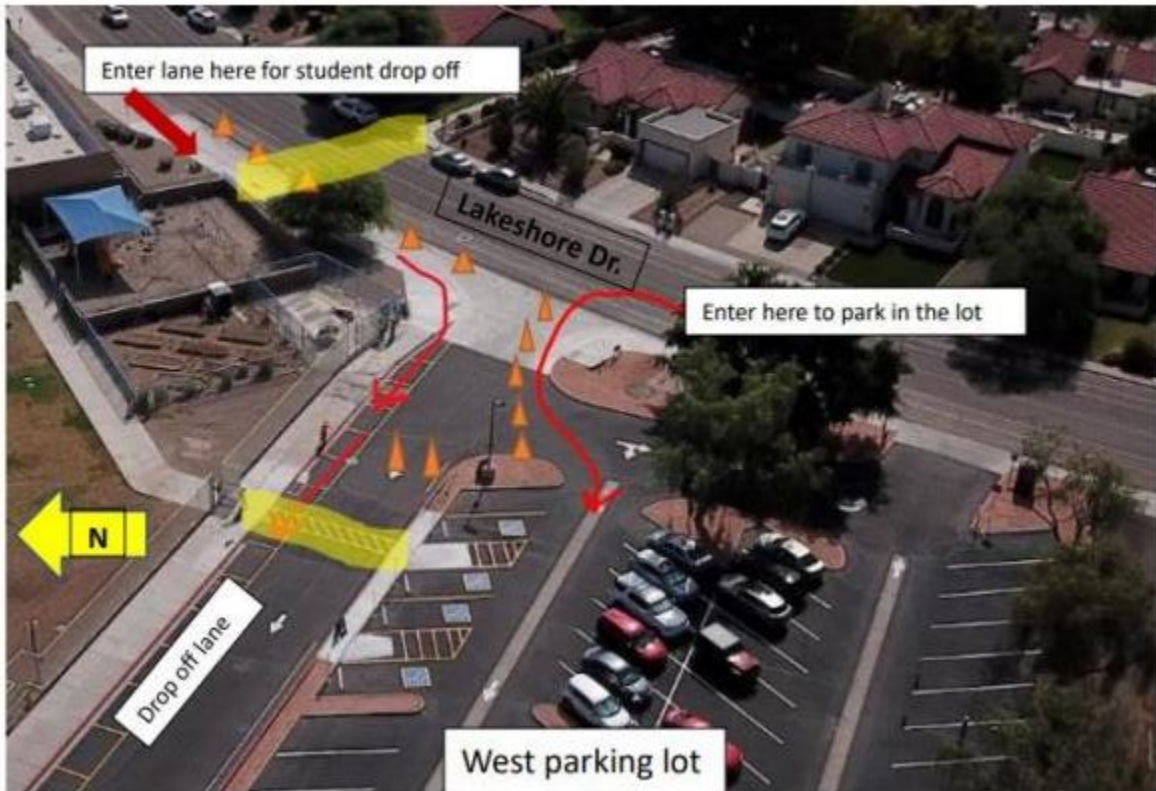
Contact Maribel Olivas-Smith, NSLP Specialist, for meal account issues by phone at 480-541-1350 or email at kbs@kyrene.org.

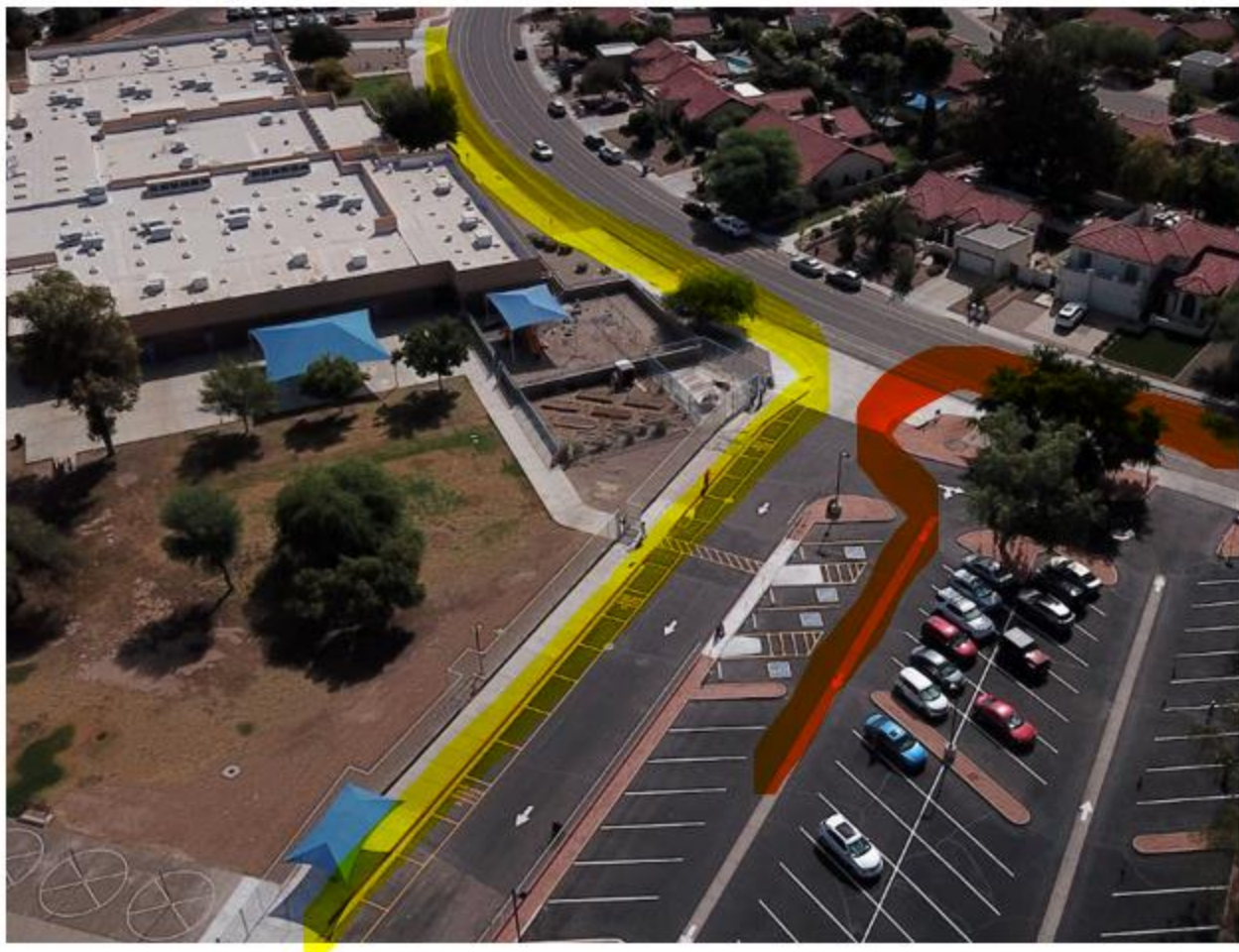
Unpaid Meal Policy

- [Unpaid Meal policy](#)

SMART SNACKS: Please contact the SFE office by calling 480-541-1660 or by email for information regarding Smart Snacks and the current list of items.

Email: foodservice@kyrene.org.





Quick Links

[School Website](#)

[Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)

[2023-24 Calendar](#)

[2024-25 Calendar](#)

[2025-26 Calendar](#)

[ParentVue](#)

[PTO](#)

Upcoming Events

2023-24

Oct 9: Teacher Pan Day, No School

Oct 10: Staff Development Day, No School

Oct 11: School Resumes

Nov 10: Veteran's Day, No School

Nov 22-24: Thanksgiving Break, No School

Dec 18 - Jan 1: Winter Break, No School

Jan 2: Teacher Plan Day, No School

Jan 3: School Resumes

Jan 15: MLK Day, No School

Feb 19: President's Day, No School

Mar 11-22: Spring Break, No School

Mar 25: Teacher Plan, No School

Mar 26: School Resumes

May 22: **NO Early Release**

May 23: Last Day of School - **Early Release Day**

STAY CONNECTED!



Kyrene School District and your child's school want to keep you informed of important news and events.

Kyrene may send text messages in the event of an emergency or for other critical communications, but families must sign up to receive text communications. Text **"Y" or "yes" to 67587** to begin receiving text messages from both your child's school and Kyrene School District.



All families are automatically enrolled to receive **email** and **phone calls**.
No sign up required!



ONLINE PAYMENTS

CONVENIENT AND FAST!

- Purchase an item
- Pay an athletic or activity fee
- Pay for a lost or damaged library book
- Make a tax credit donation



Kyrene Online Payment Center

Click here to access the [Payment Center](#)

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School Hours: 7:30am – 2:15 pm
Every Wednesday at 12:15 pm

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm
Every Wednesday at 1:30 pm