



July 2023

Dear Cielo Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are looking forward to an incredible year with our students and families! Our theme this year is *“Great Minds Grow Here”*. We believe that our students have tremendous potential to grow academically and socially.

Below are some important dates and details to help you and your child to be ready for the first day of school:

Meet the Teacher: Please join us on **Monday, July 17th** from 5:00-6:30pm for **Meet the Teacher Night**. This is the evening you will be able to meet your child’s teacher and see the classroom. The A Door and B Door will be open for families to enter. On the morning of the 17th, you will be able to view your child’s teacher assignment via ParentVUE, which will allow families to go straight to the teacher’s classroom.

PTO: Information regarding our amazing **Cielo PTO** will be available in the A Hallway. PTO plans many fun events through out the year that you will not want to miss. Drop by their table and see all the ways you can get involved and support Cielo. Families that **previously ordered school supply kits** from EPI will find these already delivered and on your child’s desk at Meet the Teacher.

Health Office: If you need to drop off any **medication for your child**, please be sure to take it to the health office and check it in with one of our office assistants that evening too.

The first day of school is Wednesday, July 19th: The playground gates will open each day at 7:00am. Cielo has two gates where students can enter our campus, either through the parent lot (west side of campus) or at the north gate on Knox Rd. The first bell rings at **7:25am** for students to get in line, and the tardy bell rings at **7:30am**. The gates will be locked at **7:25am** when the first bell rings.

On the first day of school parents can walk with their child onto the playground and help them find their line up location and teacher. Along with Cielo staff members, Playground Ambassadors (4th and 5th grade students) will be assisting students and families. Look for them in the blue vests. Once the bell rings, parents will exit the playground through the gates, as no adults are allowed in the building without first checking in at the office. Students will line up with their classmates and teachers will walk them into the building.

Welcome Wagon: On the first day of school our PTO is hosting a **“Welcome Wagon”** at 7:45am for parents who are new to Cielo. You will need to check in at the front office with a photo id and then proceed to the library. We hope to see many new parents there!

Arrival & Drop-off, students can be dropped off between 7:00am and 7:25am for morning recess. At 7:25am all school gates will close, and students will enter the building through the front office. Students will be marked tardy if arriving after 7:30am.

Curriculum Nights are Tuesday, August 1st for preschool through second grade; and Thursday, August 3rd for grades 3-5. Teachers will be sending out further information the first week of school on specific details and times.

Student safety is of the greatest importance at Cielo. Please join me for a Principal Coffee Chat on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:45am to learn more about the safety and security of our school. Please sign in at the front office with your photo identification.

Thank you for choosing Cielo as your child's school. The entire Cielo staff is committed to working collaboratively to meet the individual needs of each and every student who enters our school. We value the partnerships with have with parents and guardians and are eager to help your child learn, grow, and achieve.

Warmly,
Kristin Kingsland
Principal

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



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.



PICTURE DAY ...COMING SOON!

Kyrene del Cielo

Picture Day: July 27, 2023

Absentees: August 3, 2023

How to Dress: School Pics are a keepsake you'll treasure for years to come, so look and dress your best. Avoid highly reflective neon colors, and please use this flyer as a reminder to schedule haircuts so your student will be "camera ready" by picture day. For more information, and to view the current season background, visit us at: <https://www.schoolpicsonline.com>

What to Bring: Nothing but your smile! No money is needed on picture day!

Please Note: All students will be photographed for yearbook and school services.

About Us: Our School Pics Proof Program allows you to view several proofs of your child before you purchase

Ordering: Proofs and ordering information will be sent home with your child approximately 2 weeks after the absentee picture day. Proofs will include the access key to allow you to view portrait choices and order online.

If you have any questions, please email us at:

customerservice@schoolpicsaz.com





Bus Stops and Routes

Kyrene is proud to provide transportation for students in an environment that is safe, courteous, and on time. Be sure to review the [Bus Rules](#) and expectations as well as our video reviewing seat belt usage during the bus ride.

Note: Even if your child has ridden the bus in the past, please check the online [transportation portal](#) each year to verify eligibility and bus stop locations.

Kyrene Safety & Security

The safety of students, staff and visitors is the highest priority in Kyrene School District. Kyrene provides a safe environment for teaching and learning through continual training, secure facilities, and a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The EOP is reviewed and optimized annually by the District's Emergency Management Team, in partnership with local law enforcement. The EOP encompasses school drills, site security teams, digital threat monitoring, and security features to prevent access to school buildings.

The Safety & Security section of the Kyrene website, [Kyrene.org/safe](https://www.kyrene.org/safe), provides an overview of the infrastructure, personnel, operations, communications and partnerships that enhance campus security. Kyrene is constantly reviewing and testing our emergency operations to ensure they are current, consistent, and effective.

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Q1 Student Days: 47

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Q2 Student Days: 44

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Q3 Student Days: 46

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Q4 Student Days: 43

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Total Student Days: 180
Total Returning/New Teacher Days: 190/194

■ DATES TO REMEMBER
■ HOLIDAYS & BREAKS - NO SCHOOL
■ TEACHER & STAFF DAYS - NO SCHOOL

■ 2 Hour Early Release Days

JULY

- 4 Fourth of July
- 6 New Teachers Report
- 12 All Teachers Report
- 19 First Day/Start of Q1
- 26 *Wed. Early Release*

AUGUST

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 *Wed. Early Release*
- 25 *Fri. Early Release*

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day
- 6, 13, 20 *Wed. Early Release*
- 22 End of Q1
- 25-29 Fall Break

OCTOBER

- 2-6 Fall Break
- 9 Teacher Plan
- 10 Staff Development
- 11 Start of Q2
- 11, 25 *Wed. Early Release*
- 18, 19, 20 *Conferences-Early Release*

NOVEMBER

- 1, 8, 15, 29 *Wed. Early Release*
- 10 Veterans Day Observed
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- 6, 13 *Wed. Early Release*
- 15 End of Q2
- 18-29 Winter Break

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Teacher Plan
- 3 Start of Q3
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 *Wed. Early Release*
- 15 Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY

- 7, 14, 21 *Wed. Early Release*
- 19 Presidents' Day
- 28, 29 *Conferences-Early Release*

MARCH

- 1 *Conferences-Early Release*
- 6, 27 *Wed. Early Release*
- 8 End of Q3
- 11-22 Spring Break
- 25 Teacher Plan
- 26 Start of Q4

APRIL

- 3, 10, 17, 24 *Wed. Early Release*
- 19 *Fri. Early Release*

MAY

- 1, 8, 15 *Wed. Early Release*
- 23 *Last Day-Early Release*
- 24 Teacher Plan
- 27 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 19 Juneteenth



Dates to Remember:

- July 19 - Welcome Wagon 7:45am - 8:45am / check in at the Cielo Office with your ID
- July 26 - WatchDOG Dad Night, 6:00pm - 8:00pm in the MPR
- August 5 - Back to School Pool Party, 5:30pm-7:30pm @ Desert Oasis Pool
- August 8 - PTO Volunteer Information Night, 6:00pm - 7:30pm @ School
- September 14-22 - Boosterthon Fundraiser
- October 27 - Pumpkinpalooza, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- November 19 - Family Kickball Game, 12:30pm - 3:30pm in the fields
- December 12 - Polar Express, 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the MPR
- January 26 - Family Dance, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- February 24 - Spring Carnival, 2:00pm - 5:00pm



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 ParenVue 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.



Dear Kyrene Families,

Kyrene School District is excited and preparing for the 2023-2024 school year. The application portal for free and reduced lunch will open July 1, 2023. As a reminder, a new meal application is required every year to determine eligibility for the current school year. This message provides some key dates and important information pertaining to our Food Service program for the upcoming school year.

Key Dates:

- **July 1**- Online Application portal opens! [Apply](#) for free or reduced lunch for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **July 19**- First day of school
- **August 30**- Eligibility from 2022-2023 school year **EXPIRES!** Please [submit a new application](#) for the new school year starting July 1, 2023.

Exciting News!

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to partner with the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).

What does this mean for your family?

If your student(s) receives Medicaid or resides in a household with another child who receives Medicaid and has family income as measured by the Medicaid Program, your student(s) **may** be eligible to receive meals for free or at a reduced price.

Important Update for 2023-2024 School Year

Students who have completed a federal meal application and have been designated as reduced-priced eligible will be provided free breakfast and lunch meals through June 30, 2024 through Arizona Department of Education funds, or until the funds are exhausted.

Important take-aways and links:

- A new meal application is required every year to determine eligibility for the current school year.
- Meal Prices will remain the same, please click [meal prices](#) on our website for information.
- To submit your 2023-2024 household meal application, please click [here](#) starting July 1.
- Meal Account payments may be made online by clicking [make a school lunch payment](#) .
- Lunch balances may be viewed by visiting [Linq Connect](#) .
- Household meal applications for the 2023-2024 school year will not be accepted prior to July 1, 2023.
- Your household may be eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), please visit [GetInternet.gov](#) to check eligibility.

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 Al-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.



Quick Links

[School Website](#)

[Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)

[2023-24 Calendar](#)

[2024-25 Calendar](#)

[2025-26 Calendar](#)

[ParentVue](#)

[PTO](#)

Upcoming Events

2023-24

July 19: First Day of School

Sept 4: Labor Day, No School

Sept 25 - Oct 6: Fall Break, No School

Oct 9: Teacher Plan 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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Attendance: 480-541-2401

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