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## Family Update Volume 19

Dear Families,

This week we met with our Site Council to review our tax credit budget and made decisions to purchase new stop signs for our crosswalks that will light up. These will help with student safety by making the crosswalk supervisor visible in the early mornings. We reviewed our field trip budget, celebrated the success of the Creature Zoo and are looking forward to sending our fifth grade students to Biztown in May, 2nd Graders to Tom Chapin at the end of the month, 1st grade to the zoo and upgrading student prizes for our Cheer assemblies. All of this would not be possible without your tax credit donations. Please consider this dollar-to-dollar credit when filing your taxes <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>.

Next week 2nd grade will be having presentations from the Cherokee and Seminole Nations, we welcome two Watch DOGS Mr. Schaffer and Mr. O'Neal and close our School Quality Survey (please complete by Wednesday).

Kindergarten Orientation is being held on January 30th from 5:30-6:30 for our newest Colina Coyotes. This is a great opportunity to learn about Colina and what to expect for Kindergarten. As we welcome our future Coyotes we prepare to send off our 5th grade Coyotes to 6th grade. CMS Showcase is welcoming incoming 6th grade families to learn more about Centennial Middle School. Please click the fliers below for more information:

- [Kinder Orientation](#)
- [CMS Showcase](#)

### Important Information and Reminders:

- **PTO Members Wanted!** Our Colina PTO is looking for interest in 2024-2025 board members! Please email the Colina PTO at [kyrenedelacolnapt@gmail.com](mailto:kyrenedelacolnapt@gmail.com) if you are interested.
- **Kindergarten Orientation** to all new Kinder families will be held at Colina in our library on January 30th from 5:30-6:30. Please RSVP here to attend! <https://forms.gle/8CuHHauSKeW6cJQ38>
- **Kids Club Enrollment is here!** Enroll on our website for next year's Kid's Club spot! Contact Mona with any questions you may have [zyahyaei@kyrene.org](mailto:zyahyaei@kyrene.org)
- **The annual Kyrene School Quality Survey** for Families opened Wednesday, January 10th. Your voice is critical to your children's education, the future of Kyrene School District, and Kyrene de la Colina. That's why we need to hear from you! Share feedback on academic preparation, student support, safety and behavior, family involvement, and school leadership in Kyrene. The results will inform targeted action plans to make sure our schools are places where every student can thrive. Parents should check their email for an invitation

on January 10th, or visit [www.kyrene.org/parentsqs](http://www.kyrene.org/parentsqs) to take the survey. The survey is offered in English and Spanish. All responses are strictly confidential.

- **Ready for a day of play?** Please join us on Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Kyrene Centennial Middle School for Kyrene Community Education's signature PlayDay event. The lineup includes over 40 booths, activities, food trucks and musical performances to keep the entire family entertained. More information can be found at <https://www.kyrene.org/playday>.

### Upcoming Important Dates:

- January 30th- 2nd Grade Field Trip and Kindergarten Orientation 5:30-6:30pm
- February 2nd- Spirit Day- Dress like your teacher day!
- February 9th- Family Dance
- February 19th- President's Day No school
- February 26th- March 1st- Spring Book Fair
- March 4th-8th- Read Across America Week
- March 8th- Field Day and Lunch on the Lawn

Academically yours,

Emily Pieper, Principal

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